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**Quilts for Kids**

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## **President's Message**

By Jessie Keymel



Our museum has a small collection of military uniforms representing various branches of the service: Army Air Corps, Army, and Merchant Marine from the Vietnam era, in addition to other artifacts from veterans and their families. We have recently accepted a Korean War era Navy uniform from Mary Jane Devlin that belonged to her husband, Arnold. Mary Jane has also given us a copy of his discharge papers and a log sheet noting where he served from April 1947 until April 1952 and a photo of her husband in uniform. Thank you, Mary Jane and Arnold, for your service to our community and country.

Our small collection is a constant reminder to all of us to remember that Walworth men and women have played an important part in the history of our country.

**Arnold Devlin**

## **Meet Nancy's Great-Grandparents!**

By Dorothy French



Can you imagine the surprise Mrs. Leighton (Nancy) Bel had when she saw this photo in our May newsletter? Nancy identified the elderly couple as Grandpa and Grandma Dinse, her great-grandparents.

Nancy has provided us with this additional information: William and Ella Dinse were photographed standing next to the cobblestone house at 4625 Lewis Road (property currently owned by WHS members Ron and Juanita Matteson). William and Ella's daughter, Ruth, married Stephen Swadling; the Swadlings purchased the cobblestone house on April 2, 1931. Ruth and Stephen's daughter, Bernice, married Clifford Nortier; Nancy is one of their children. The mystery is solved.

**William and Ella Dinse**

## **Charlie Pembroke's Movies to DVD**

By Bob Mogray

One of the projects we have been working on is using a recent \$600 grant from the Hoffman Foundation to transfer many of Charlie Pembroke's 8 mm movies that pertain to the people and town of Walworth into a DVD format. There are many more movies than can be converted but, because a committee reviewed these movies for quality and content a few years ago, it was easy to select some of the best ones. Already a first installment of movies has been converted. A second group of films has been sent for conversion and should be finished by the time this newsletter is published. This will account for about 95% of the ones that will be converted. The last ones will be finished by mid-August. Once that is accomplished, we hope to show them at a future WHS meeting.

## May 17 Meeting - Quilts for Kids By Bob Mogray

Lots of things were going on at the annual May meeting of the WHS held at the new Lodge at Ginegaw Park. This is a great place to hold a meeting with plenty of room and a great atmosphere. As expected, this meeting was very well attended. Following a pot-luck meal, WHS president Jessie Keymel called everyone to order for a short business meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were read as was the treasurer's report. The next business of the evening was the election of officers. Becky Appleman and Gene Bavis were re-elected for 3-year terms as board members; president Jessie Keymel, vice president Bob Mogray, and secretary Judy McMillan were re-elected to one-year terms.

The main part of the evening consisted of the WHS presentation of its yearly Community Service Award - this year to the group known as Quilts for Kids. This is a very deserving group of dedicated people. Founders Kim Valone and Linda Saxton were present to accept this award for their group. Several other members of the group were also in attendance, as well as members of the Zion West Walworth United Methodist Church which sponsors this ministry.

The idea for Quilts for Kids came to Kim Valone in 2004 when she read an article in Family Circle magazine about how children in other countries were having operations to repair cleft palates. Because these countries were so poor, the kids were sent home wrapped in plastic or newspapers. Kim knew how much better it would be for these children if they could have quilts and blankets instead. So, with little or no quilting experience, she decided to make quilts for these kids and to work with Rotoplast International to ship and distribute the quilts to foreign hospitals.

Linda Saxton has been a friend of Kim's for many years and had some quilting experience. She was looking for a service project and readily joined Kim with her quilting. Soon there were others. Currently there are about a dozen core members in her group of quilters. They not only make quilts but also place settings, table runners, and some custom work in order to fund their project. These quilts and blankets go not only to cleft palate surgery patients but also to some burn victims. Their main passion, however, is still making the quilts for kids, hence the name. To date, they have made over 450 quilts of all sizes, colors, and patterns and have sent them to hospitals in South America, Africa, and Asia.

At the meeting on May 17, Kim and Linda presented a slide show of their quilts and showed photos of some of the children after operations, wrapped in the quilts made by the group. Kim told the history of the group as well. Kim Valone and Linda Saxton, as well as some of the Quilts for Kids members, are shown in the photo below.

One item that came out at the meeting was that for most of these poor families in other countries the quilt these kids bring home from the hospital is the only blanket they have in their homes. Many times these blankets are washed in a river and hung outdoors to dry. Kim, Linda, and their Quilts for Kids group deserve everyone's respect for performing this valuable service. They are very dedicated to their cause and work very hard at it. They depend on material (100% cotton with bright colors) and money donated to them to continue their work. So, please feel free to donate cloth or money to the group if you have a little extra of either. They can be reached at the following numbers:

**Kim Valone: 315-986-4356 / Linda Saxton: 315-597-2208**

**Quilts for Kids website is : [www.zwwumc.com/Quilts.html](http://www.zwwumc.com/Quilts.html)**



**Quilts for Kids**

The WHS would like to thank all who attended this meeting. There has been a great turnout of attendees for our last several meetings, events, and programs that we would like to see continue. Please feel free to attend meetings and functions. We need your support and input for all of these events. Valuable information is gained from everyone. If you have questions, please call an officer or board member. Thanks for your support.

**Back row (left to right):** Jane Rinsem, Linda DePuy, Linda Saxton, Peg Giles

**Front row (left to right):** Kim Valone, JoAnn Johnston, and Faye Willis

## **Scrapbook Memories**

By Joyce Finney

The many scrapbooks donated by Dorothy Petty's family are a wonderful resource at our museum. This information appeared in news of 1990.

**January:** Postage on letters to go up to 27 cents.

**January:** Chunks of the Berlin Wall sell for \$30,000. Western buyers are paying nearly \$30,000 for large segments of the Wall, an East German newspaper reported.

**February 6:** Clifford Huntley dies at age 95. He was a retired farmer and Past Master of the Walworth Lodge.

**April:** The First Baptist Church of West Walworth announces the installation of Sharon M. Wheeler as their new pastor.

**April 27:** A new tree grows in Yeomans Park. Den 3 of Cub Scout Pack 113, under the leadership of Vaughn Pembroke, presented to the WHS a Kwanzan flowering cherry tree which they planted in the yard in front of the museum.

**May:** Charlie Bills retires from Wayne Central School. He taught at Wayne Central for 22 years.

**August:** Walworth native Cory English is making it big in the Big Apple. A former student of Sandy Stramonine School of Dance in West Walworth, he has just been signed to the permanent cast of the Broadway musical "Gypsy" starring Tyne Daly. Cory is the son of Fay and Vernon English.

**September:** The First Baptist Church of West Walworth celebrates 175 year anniversary.

## **Recent Acquisitions**

By Jessie Keymel

Our collection of memorabilia continues to grow and we have been busily accessioning these items. Recent donations are currently displayed in the small glass case on the east wall of our museum.

Included in the display is a thermometer advertising the Maple Shade Dairy (1940's era), the Town of Walworth Court Docket from 1860 -1899 (see story on page 7 of this newsletter), and several photos and printed material from Stuart Huntley. There is also a collection of women's fashion accessories from the 1940's and 1950's - gone are the days when our shoes and purses had to match and a hat and white gloves symbolized a well-dressed lady.

This is a small sample of the items we have received lately. Our thanks to the members who keep us in mind when they come across items of historical interest. Special thanks go to Stuart Huntley, Dorothy French, the George Bassage family, and Kathy Yucker Aeckerle for sharing part of their family history with us. The variety of our collection reflects the changes that have taken place in Walworth over the years.

## **WHS Photo Restoration Project Is Complete**

By Mary Jane Devlin

Our restoration of the Walworth High School class photos in our possession is now complete. We recently received a donation of \$25 from a couple who both attended Walworth High School. At the Walworth High School Alumni Association banquet a motion was made and approved to donate \$100 toward this project. The project has been 95% funded by donations from interested people and the Alumni Association. We thank everyone for their generous support.

Also at the Alumni banquet, a graduate of 1944 donated a class picture; and we will have Village Frame Shoppe of Macedon install conservation glass to protect the picture for many generations to enjoy. We are very grateful for her donation.

Stop by the museum to see these pictures and our other recent donations. The hours are Wednesdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. from June through September.

## Beautifying Our Landscape

By Becky Appleman

At the April WHS board meeting we discussed the condition of the shrubbery on the south side of the museum. Becky Appleman volunteered to look into possible replacements and spoke with Tom Keenan, owner of Edgewood Nursery on Penfield Road, about size, type and suggestions for our proposed site. Tom offered to donate four boxwood shrubs and a beautiful red leaf called Summer Wine (even sounds good!). Gene Bavis used his tractor to remove the old shrubs so the area could be cleaned and prepared for the new plantings.

On a "hot" afternoon, Buzz and Becky Appleman and Larry and Judy McMillan met at the museum and were prepared to plant. Roger Keymel took time away from his haying to haul mulch for us. The mulch was graciously donated to WHS by Dana Luckman. Special thanks to Tom, Gene, Larry and Judy, Buzz and Becky, Dana, and to all who helped weed and plant. Our new plantings are doing well - thanks to Mother Nature for enough rain and sunshine.



Left to right: Buzz and Becky Appleman and Larry and Judy McMillan stop for a brief moment to rest after planting the new shrubs.



Larry McMillan (left) helps Roger Keymel unload the mulch.

### In Memoriam

For everyone's information, the following two WHS members have recently passed:

**Lois Wing Bulterman Ouzts**, a WHS member and newsletter article contributor

**Ernest Symes**, a charter and life-long WHS member

### New Slide Projector Donated

By Bob Mogray

In our last Historical Society newsletter we asked our members to let us know if anyone knew of a used 35 mm slide projector that we could acquire to be used for a variety of projects. Within a few days after this last newsletter was mailed, WHS members Reverend Verne Schattner and his wife, Lillian, called to tell me they owned a brand new Vivatar projector and they would like to donate it. This is a very generous gift and now we will be able to use it to preview slides that are donated or may even use it in a presentation at a meeting. Thanks again to the Schattners for their generosity.

## **Thank You, Clean-Up Volunteers**      By Jessie Keymel

Each spring we have a work time to spring clean the Museum and clean up the grounds around our building. This year we dedicated two Saturday mornings to the tasks. Several members answered the call and worked diligently until most of the tasks were done.



The grounds around the museum have a great new look (see "Beautifying Our Landscape" story elsewhere in this issue). Because of the weather the outside work took more than the scheduled time; thanks to the perseverance of those involved, the job was completed. The inside areas are now spick and span. As with any building there is always some maintenance to be done to keep everything ship shape. Thanks to all who helped; next year we hope to have more help to do our annual chores.

**New member Laurie Tulloch Hall at museum clean-up**

## **Love and Marriage – Weddings of the Past**      By Judy McMillan

Our display last month at the Walworth Town Hall was very popular. The theme - "Love and Marriage...Walworthian's Weddings of the Past" was reminiscent of by-gone days when - in the month of June - one's thoughts turned to weddings.

Many residents loaned us photographs and wedding-related memorabilia. The hand-sewn wedding bodice on display was worn by Elsie Camm Bailey who married Ralph Bailey in 1912 in Rochester; the waistline measures a mere 22 inches. Mrs. Bailey was the grandmother of Mrs. Alvin (Shirley) Osterhout; Shirley and Alvin Osterhout's wedding picture was also displayed.

Walworth boasts many generations of families that were raised in this area and this is a list of those photos: George and Marjorie (Luke) Buhler, Harvey and Marion (Luke) Curran, Roger and Jessie (Menzie's) Keymel, Gordon and Kathryn (Luke) Youngman, William and Arlene (Reed) Youngman, Marvin and Margaret (Perkins) Scott, Clair and Joyce (Goebert) VanHaneghem, George and Carolyn (Kline) Frowley, Nelson and Betty (Clark) Taber, Jay and Arline (Wolf) Taber, and Frank and Gladys (Tuttle) Lawrence.



There are wedding photos of four generations of the Huntley family: Clifford and Emily (Tuttle) Huntley, Don and Shirley (Fox) Huntley, Donna (Huntley) and Ed Stalker, and Dana (Stalker) and Alan Jones. Parents Leigh and Eva (Osterhout) Darron are pictured, along with wedding photos of their children: Carlyle and Doris (Vane) Darron and Harold and Helen (Darron) Schultz.

The bride's book was a gift from Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company to Mary Jane Cauwels prior to her marriage to Arnold Devlin.

Thank you to everyone who loaned us these items.

**Display at the Walworth Town Hall**

## Court Docket Book On Loan to Museum

By Dorothy French

A Town of Walworth Court Docket Book, dating from 1860 – 1899, was recently discovered in the archives at the town hall by Town Justice Terence Wolfe. At their May 6 meeting, members of the Walworth Town Board agreed the book should be made available to the public and authorized it to be on permanent loan to the Walworth Historical Society. Listed in the book are three judges with the last name of Peacock: Joseph, Fred, and J. R. Justice Wolfe visited the museum last month and presented the book to Jessie Keymel, WHS president.

**Jessie Keymel accepts the historic court docket book from Town Justice Terence Wolfe.**



## The Story of a Home-Town Grocery Store

By Dorothy French

Local family-owned grocery stores are now almost non-existent. Many of them have been replaced by the big box discount and supermarket chain stores.



At various times Walworth was home to grocery stores where hometown friendliness and good service were the hallmark of a successful business. This is the story of Triou's IGA Store, operated by the husband and wife team of Howard and Ethel from 1943 to 1951.

Located at 3697 Main Street, the store offered meats, groceries and vegetables to customers from the surrounding towns. Howard remembers selling ice cream cones and soda for \$.05 cents, newspapers \$.03, large box of cereal \$.29, pound of hamburger \$.19, and a gallon of gas \$.17. He commented that "on a good week we would do \$3,000 business, which would be about \$35,000 today." Howard said good clerks earned \$.90 an hour then.

The Trious purchased the store from Joe Finley and sold it in 1952 to Don Brockman and Bud Ennis.

**Triou's IGA Store 1943 – 1951.** The small building at the left was an antique shop operated by Elton May. Both buildings were demolished August 2, 1968, to make way for the Masonic Hall. In October 2002 the Masons sold their building; today it is known as the Baptist Community Center.

## **Festival in the Park**      By Mary Jane Devlin

The 2010 Festival in the Park will be held at Ginegaw Park on Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24. Ginegaw Park is located on Penfield-Walworth Road just east of the Routes 350 and 441 intersection. It has been sponsored by the Lions Club since 1991.

The theme of the festival this year is "Honoring Those in Uniform." A highlight of the event is a parade with many floats, which will be held on Friday night at 7:00. We will participate in the parade.

Walworth Historical Society will be sharing a booth with the Friends of Walworth-Seely Public Library. A WHS member will be at our booth on Friday night from 6 to 9 and on Saturday from 3 to 9. We will have T-shirts, polo shirts, hats and tote bags with a logo of the Walworth Academy stitched on them. We also will have two books about the history of Walworth, coverlets, and other items of interest for sale. Stop by our booth to pick up a membership application or just to chat about the history of Walworth. We look forward to seeing you.

The Lions Club and Walworth Recreation Department have planned many free events and encourage community participation. A full schedule of events is available at the town hall or by contacting Bill Boyd at 315-524-9047. The events schedule will also be available in local newspapers.

## **Wear Walworth Proudly**      By Jessie Keymel



Have you ever wished you could purchase a shirt or cap that would show people you were from Walworth? Now you can.

We have taken the center of the coverlet showing a picture of the Academy School and had an embroidered emblem designed with the words "Town of Walworth, founded 1829" surrounding it. You can purchase a golf shirt (\$20.00), a tee shirt (\$15.00), or a cap (\$13.00) from the Walworth Historical Society; children and adult sizes are available in a wide variety of colors. A tote bag is available for \$13.00.

To place an order, contact Nancy Bel at 315-986-1164. She will have several sample items on display at the July 23-24 Festival in the Park. All Stitched Up, a Walworth business, is making this possible for us. The turn around - from the time ordered to delivery - is about one week.

## **Walworth Historical Society 2010 Events Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tues., July 20	6:30 PM	Decorate float for Festival parade	Keymel's
Fri., July 23	6-9 PM 7:00 PM	Booth at Festival in the Park Parade (line-up at 6 PM)	Ginegaw Park Parade route
Sat., July 24	3-9 PM	Festival in the Park: booth	Ginegaw Park
Mon., Sept. 20	7:30 PM	General Meeting: Program: Children's games of the 1800's by Irene Bierer	Museum
Sun., Oct. 3	2-5 PM	Open House. School theme	Museum
Sun., Oct. 17	2-3:30 PM	Walworth Memories: Holiday Memories	Museum
Mon., Nov. 15	7:30 PM	General Meeting. Subject TBA	Museum

**Board of Trustee Meetings:** Mondays: 7:00 PM at the Museum. August 16, and November 1

**Open House Hours:** The museum is located at 2257 Academy Street and is open June, July, August, and September on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 PM. Contact Jessie Keymel at 315-524-9205 or Nancy Bel at 315-986-1164 for an appointment for other times.

## July 2010 WHS Newsletter Bonus e-mail Photos

Photos from the May 2010 WHS meeting featuring the group Quilts for Kids



Some photos that were taken in and around the Walworth area. Can you guess the location?

