



MARCELLUS

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STORIES FROM THE MUSEUM

Among the artifacts in the museum is a life preserver from the Fontney, which ran on Otisco Lake. The owners of the M. & O. L. Railway formed the Otisco Lake Navigation Co. and christened the Fontney on May 8, 1907. This was a sixty-five foot boat that could carry one hundred and thirty passengers. Among the captains of the boat were John and Harold Nightingale and the helmsman was George Morgan. The M. & O. L. train would bring passengers to the Lake where they would then embark on the Fontney to different points of interest for picnicking and visiting friends. The company also offered daytime and moonlight cruises. The Fontney ceased operation in the Fall of 1913. ~

BITS AND PIECES OF MARCELLUS HISTORY

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MARCELLUS FALLS

"The largest and most active of the early hamlets in the Town of Marcellus was Marcellus Falls, which grew up around the mills located where the power from Nine Mile Creek was most valuable. By 1835, it boasted about fifteen dwellings in addition to numerous mills, stores, and a tavern. The mill sites frequently changed hands as some ventures failed, new businesses opened, and those destroyed by fire were sometimes rebuilt by new owners. A post office was established sometime in the 1830's. The two-story wooden school on Glover Road, now an apartment house, was built sometime around 1850. The second story was at first used for prayer meetings." ~

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have renewed their membership or joined for the first time since our last newsletter: Harold Brinkerhoff, Frank & Helen Kennedy, William Hayes & June Frawley & Barbara Hildreth. ~

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT NEXT MEETING

The slate of nominated officers for the November election are: President, Peg Nolan; Vice President, Bruce Widger; Secretary, Joyce Murphy; Treasurer, Hollis Abbott; Trustees, John Curtin & Sidney Tuthill. ~

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

WWII uniforms, nurse's cape, canteen, service mask and leggings used by Margaret F. Kenny, given by Naomi Kenny Sioux. 1944 Marcellus Observer, letters written by William Nightingale in 1940 and newspaper article on Nightingale Mills Fire given by Mrs. John (Joan) Nightingale, Jr. Adult Boy Scout jacket, scout belt with Camillus made jack-knife and Boy Scout patches used and given by Paul Morgan.

HOLIDAY DINNER DEC. 10

We will be holding a Holiday Dinner at the Marcellus Fire Station on Slate Hill Road on Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m.

The dinner will be catered by Brian's Creekside Inn. The menu will consist of oven-roast chicken, ham steak, toss salad, fruit salad, potatoes, zita and Italian bread.

The cost is \$9 per person and must be paid in advance either at the November meeting or by sending a check to the society by November 25th at: PO Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108. ~

WITH OUR APOLOGIES...

The following business members were inadvertently left out of the last addition of our newsletter:

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THIS -N- THAT'S

- Our gift shop sales during the Alumni weekend were \$900.
- Thank you to Hollis Abbott, Joyce Murphy, Fran Randall, Judy Morton and Peg Nolan for volunteer time at the museum. They have over one hundred and fifty books indexed and covered in mylar.
- Our Marcellus in 1874 painting and other items have been added to the gift shop/order form on page 4 of this newsletter.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

*The tentative schedule of meetings,
speakers and events is as follows:*

Sunday, November 12..... 2 p.m.

Louis Budell of Marcellus will speak
on minerals and crystals.

Sunday, December 3 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Museum open house featuring boy scout
map of village. The Gift Shop will also be open.

Sunday, December 10..... 1 p.m.

Holiday Dinner, see article.

Sunday, January 13..... 7 p.m.

Unavailable at press time.

*Meetings are open to anyone and are held at the
Marcellus Fire Station unless indicated otherwise.*

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