



The Steadman House

Marcellus Historical Society News

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One Hundred Years Ago

Peace ?

Demonstrations were held in the city and all our villages Thursday upon information the WAR HAD CEASED. Flag raising, bells ringing, parades and general thanksgiving prevailed with inspiring spirit of patriotism.

Word came over Crown Mills special wire that firing would cease at 2 P.M.. John Daye and Miss Austin phoned Rev. Frost, he rushed out and began pulling the church bell, while they hastened to the Episcopal bell and the din did not cease till dusk and later.

Principal Ruland found study nil as the bells were heard and youth returned with reason. Pupils were formed in line, teachers, flag bearers in the midst, led by Kenneth Spaulding and George Black with a bass drum, and proceeding to the liberty pole, where the big flag had been raised, and here in a great circle, under Old Glory, they sang America, gave the salute to the flag and sang the National Anthem, then closing up, with a rousing cheer they were dismissed.

If there was a young person who did not get a pull at that bell rope, during the afternoon, we would like the name. Her mother was first to let Dorothy Baker give it one good pull in memory of her staunch old granddad, E. V. Baker. Many other babes were given something to tell about later life.

The Pilot boys with friends loaded an anvil in a big car and drove over, hammering out noise. Ed Bartlett hit everything that would make a noise—except his head.

There were sad hearts, too, impressed with the loss of loved ones, caused by needless strife. We comfort by honoring them.

The Marcellus Observer, Wednesday, Nov 6, 1918

Rotary Club Donation



Above Doug Nightingale President of the Marcellus Historical Society accepting a check from Charlie Smith President of the Marcellus Rotary Club for \$1425.00 on November 27, 2018 at the Rotary weekly meeting at Finally Ours Restaurant.

The Thumbstall Quilt Guild made a quilt for the Rotary Club to raffle off and give the proceeds to an organization in Marcellus. The Rotary Club chose the Historical Society.

This was a two year project. The Thumbstall Quilt Club presented the idea to Past President of the Rotary Club April Tucker. April presented the idea to the Rotary Club and they excepted the idea. The process was started to make the quilt. In the mean time I was asked to speak to the Rotary Club on the Historical Society. My talk was from the inception of the society to the present. In my presentation I mentioned we had to replace a furnace in the Steadman House. The Rotary Club decided to donate the money to the historical society to help defray our cost of the furnace.

Our thanks go out to the Thumbstall Quilt Guild for making the quilt and the Rotary Club for their efforts in selling tickets. The Rotary sold the majority of tickets.

The quilt was won by Diana Spencer.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

No Meetings until April of 2019.

*Meetings are open to anyone and are held at the **Marcellus Free Library** unless indicated otherwise. A short business meeting will precede each program.*

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From The President

Another year has passed. I would like to thank all
that have donated monies and or artifacts to the his-
torical society. Our goal is to preserve and house our
historical heritage for future generations to enjoy.

This past year we had many visitors from out of
town. All that have come to the Steadman House are
amazed by how much we have on display. If you
haven't been to the Steadman House, please visit.

Santa Claus came to the Steadman House on Dec.
2nd with an attendance of approximately 130 people.
Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Doug Nightingale

Steadman House Hours (Weather Permitting):
Sundays 1 to 3 pm (except meeting Sundays)

Thursdays 1 to 4 pm
Or By Appointment:
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Meeting Times

**Regular meetings of the Marcellus Historical
Society will be at 2 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the
months of April, May, September, October and
November except when Easter or Mother's Day
occurs on the 2nd Sunday - in which case, the meeting
will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.**

Current Membership: 276

New:
Business Members: 24

Remember: this is a non-profit organization
supported by dues and donations!

Yearly dues cover the *calendar year* and if your dues
are not paid by the *end of March*, we must drop you from
the membership list.

\$5. a year is a small price to pay
to help preserve our history!

In Remembrance

Frances Randall October 9, 2018

Continued Rotary Donation



Above Doug Nightingale, April Tucker Past President of the Rotary Club, Pam Mueller President of the Thumbstall Quilt, and C. J. Sturtevant member of the Rotary Club and the Thumbstall Quilt Guild.

Thank You

Doug Nightingale

Good Tidings



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." . . . May your holiday be filled with the true spirit of the season. To all a very Merry Christmas!

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Mary — Ronnie — Cody — Jimmy — Gary**

Marcellus Observer December 25, 1958

*Merry
Christmas*

Wanted:

Member(s) of the Historical Society to help produce the **Quarterly Newsletter**. An interest in researching appropriate articles and a knowledge of Microsoft Office programs helpful. The Society files and computer at the Steadman House are available for researching and compiling the newsletter (Microsoft Publisher software is presently used).

Contact Doug Nightingale at 315-673-2539 or email djn0409@windstream.net ~

Ask a friend to join our Society to help preserve the Steadman House and Marcellus History.

Steadman House Contributions

We are grateful to the following people for their donations of time, labor and materials at the Steadman House: Pat & Charlie Sanborn, Jean & Doug Nightingale, Carol Armstrong, and Chuck Paul for keeping the Steadman House open during scheduled hours; and the Village of Marcellus for snow removal~

AVAILABLE AT THE STEADMAN HOUSE

Have you visited the Steadman House recently? Our indexed collection (at last count) consists of:

- 3,475** Artifacts
- 826** Clothing articles
- 743** Books
- 13** Clocks
- 6,921** Photographs
- 68** Scrapbooks with **55,427** referenced items
- Family files and genealogies
- Gift shop** with Afghans, Books, Prints, Cards, etc. ~

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**Raymond & Janet Smith
Janet Fisher**

**Also Thumbstall Quilt Guild for donating the
Quilt that the Rotary Club raffled.**

Fifty Years Ago**Doctor Vernon Roth Announces Retirement**

Dr. Vernon Roth, who has devoted most of his life to tending the ill in Marcellus, has retired.

His retirement last week was caused by illness, He is 62.

The family doctor for hundreds of Marcellus residents, Dr. Roth first came to Marcellus in and 1933 a year after graduation from Syracuse University Medical School and immediately after spending a year as a resident physician at St/ Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.

His first office was on North St., in what is the Methodist parsonage. Later he bought a house on Reed Street and used it as his home and office for many years.

In 1956, he built the Marcellus Medical Center on Orange St. and later sold the house on Reed St. and built a new house on Highland Ave.

For many years he specialized in obstetrics, but gave this up to specialize in an area avoided by many of his colleagues—the area of general practice.

In the early days of his practice, his wife Thelma acted as his nurse and receptionist, but she gave this up 20 years ago after being injured seriously in a tobogganing accident on Bishop Hill Rd.

Dr. Roth not only conducted a private practice

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which grew until he had, until recently, been a partner in the Medical Center, but he was active in town and village affairs, serving for many years as town health officer, and school health officer.

He is still very much concerned about the health of the community, and only last month wrote the village board urging it to fluoridate the water in the village.

Even in his retirement he will probably continue to have an active interest in the health of Marcellus, but has a number of hobbies to keep him busy. He and his wife love to travel, and they enjoy home movies they make of their travels. He has a magnificent record collection, and then there is his garden which is his pride.

Dr. Roth was born in Shelby, Mich., and came to New York at the age of nine when his family moved to Clifton Springs. He took the pre-medical course at Syracuse University before entering medical school. He is a member of a number of medical organizations.

The Roth's only child, Mrs. Ted Schreiber, lives in Cleveland, O.. There are three grandchildren, Cindy, Lisa, and Howard.

Marcellus Observer, Thursday, December 12, 1968

Ground Broken for New Braeside Apartments Here

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place, Friday, Nov. 1, for the first construction stage of the Braeside Manor apartments complex in the village of Marcellus.

The new apartments will be located on approximately seven acres of land which formerly belonged to Wallace Pepperman and his family on South Street. The property has Nine Mile Creek as its eastern boundary and adjoins Marcellus Park at its southeast corner. The Pepperman home will be removed to make way for a landscaped entrance to the property.

The first building will contain 22 apartments in one, two, and three bedroom models. When completed, the entire project will contain 99 units, making it the largest undertaking of its kind in the Marcellus area.

Architecturally, the buildings have been carefully planned to be compatible with their village setting. The site will be extensively landscaped.

The project is being developed by Johlar Properties, Inc., and will be leased and managed by Gallinger Real Estate, Inc..

Richard C. Church is in charge of construction.

The first units will likely be ready for occupancy in late winter or early spring.

Marcellus Observer, Thursday, November 7, 1968

Fifty Years Ago

St. Francis Xavier Plans \$110,000 Church Renovation Program

An announcement was made at all Masses Sunday, September 15 in St. Francis Xavier Church in Marcellus of a program to raise One Hundred Ten Thousand dollars for the renovation of the church and the erection of a new building for religious instruction.

The new educational center, will be located on North St., adjacent to the MCS bus garage. This location will provide a contiguous boundary line with the public school property to the north and to the west permitting the easiest access for the students between properties.

The building will have two levels with four classrooms on each floor. Separated from the classrooms by the necessary circulation corridor are the administrative facilities consisting of an office, a small faculty lounge, kitchenette and necessary storage for teaching materials. Two classrooms on the upper level will be separated by folding partition enabling the spaces to be opened into one large room for assembling purposes.

The building has been designed by use of color of brick and window trim to closely ally itself with existing public school buildings.

Completing the building will be necessary alterations to the church. This will consist of enlarging the sacristy's by adding to the present on the south wall. A new side entry will be incorporated from South St. to provide better access for the parishioners from the parking area and to make the building conform to existing fire codes. The altar will be replaced with a new facility that will more closely relate to the new concepts of the church and its liturgy. Completing the program will be a new confessional at the rear of the church and refurbishing of the present choir loft.

Father Quigley stated that there will be no pressure put on the people to give as he knows they will be as generous as they always have been. "Those who have been blessed by God with more worldly goods will give more, others will give according to their means. We are looking for equal sacrifices from all," he said, "not equal gifts. With everyone doing his fair share we can not fail in reaching our goal."

The Marcellus Observer, Thursday, September 19, 1968

One Hundred Years Ago

Lively Peace Celebration

Parsons Hall was crowded to the doors last Friday evening at the big peace celebration. A and from Solvay opened the program with selections and Rev. Edward J. Melick offered the invocation. The audience joined in singing the first and last verses of America, Miss Austin singing the new verse. A large chorus on the stage rendered patriotic airs, with the audience joining in the chorus. Ruth Dunlop sang feelingly "May God Be With Our Boys Tonight", and Mrs. Kent delighted us with her rendition of the "Marselliasse."

Mr. Frost introduced the speaker, who needed no introduction, Prof. Tilroe of Syracuse, who has done Y. M. C.A. work overseas. Prof. Tilroe made a stirring and patriotic address, calling forth bursts of applause.

The banded aided greatly and the chorus was well chosen and much enjoyed.

Ringling the fire bell disturbed a few people, but most of them remained seated, knowing that it was the work of the same crowd that always takes delight in breaking up any orderly gathering that they can. The program closed with the singing of the National Anthem, chorus and audience giving full vent to their feelings in a great volume of melody.

After the meeting the band played on the corner, after which the crowd dispersed.

Marcellus Observer, Wednesday, November 20, 1918

Recent Acquisitions

Sally Wilson artifacts from Heath Grove and the Heath family of Amber. **Judy Gilchrist** artifacts from the Jackson family of Navarino.

Memories Of Marcellus

Ralph C. Roe was born in Marcellus and attended school as a boy but moved with his parents to Penn Yan and later to Lockport.

Ralph came back to Marcellus to work for Frank W. Knapp to work in the Marcellus Electric Generating Plant as an operator and also build telephone and electric lines. The generating plant was on the east side of the dam back of the Ford Motor Co. (Scott McClurg's offices of today) They used water power but had a Metz & Weiss oil engine for use when there was a shortage of water power.

When outside power came to Marcellus Ralph helped in the design and early construction of the transmission line between Camillus and Marcellus and on lines that were at that time being extended from Syracuse to Camillus. Mr. Knapp built the line down to Camillus to connect to them.

Ralph did not stay until the line was finished, instead he went to Perry to rebuild a power plant which had been destroyed by fire. Ralph is self educated and has been an engineer for fifty years.

He is supervising what is called the largest peace time construction program ever carried on simultaneously around the world, the engineering and building of 18 tracking stations as part of the country's effort to achieve manned orbital flight.

Roe is the founder of Burns & Roe, Inc. and chairman of a 700 man engineering and construction firm with headquarters in New York. He supervises operations that extend Antarctic to Greenland.

Ralph was awarded an honorary doctorate of engineering degree awarded in 1959 by the Stevens Institute of Technology. Ralph's son is now president of their firm. Ralph and his son live in New Jersey.

It is wonderful what a boy can do for himself if he works hard and Ralph is one of them.

Frank Griffing

The Marcellus Observer, October 17, 1963

New Year Greetings



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Marcellus Observer December 27, 1957

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