* Take down your 1994 calendar and mark down the meeting dates for the Fly Creek Area Historical Society (FCAHS). The Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except when Holidays conflict) at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall (basement) of the Fly Creek United Methodist Church. The 1994 meetings are slated for January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24 (Annual Meeting), September 28, October 26, and November 16.

* Ghost stories wanted: have you ever heard a ghost story involving the Fly Creek area? The editor is looking for spooky local legends for a future issue of the Fly Creeker. Contact Bill Deane at P.O. Box 47, Fly Creek, NY 13337; telephone (607) 547-5786, with this or any idea for the newsletter. And, incidentally, the Newsletter Committee will hold its annual meeting sometime in March; if you are interested in participating, please contact the editor.

* Carolyn McLean (315-858-0056) wonders if anyone knows the details of a gruesome incident in Fly Creek's history. Legend has it that, more than a century ago, a young lady was assaulted by a farmhand, who then threw her body into the bull pen. This supposedly happened on Donlon Road, right near the creek.

* Senior citizens and/or long-time area residents are urged to record their memories for posterity, by either writing them down or submitting to a taped interview. The FCAHS has a tape recorder available for anyone wishing to conduct such an interview.

* Elaine Harvey has attended 22 consecutive FCAHS meetings since last missing one in November, 1991. This is the longest current streak among members. Maxine Potts ranks second with a string of 17 straight meetings since May, 1992.

* The Accessioning Committee needs volunteers to help in logging in information about the Society's holdings onto file cards and standard forms, and filing these documents. Please contact Dorothy Martin (547-2655) if you can spare some time.

* A list of the 128 paid-up members of the FCAHS appears on page 2. If your name isn't listed, please use the membership application on page 3 and send in your dues by February 1 (the end of the six-month "grace" period). Thank you.

* George Badgley wonders if there are any descendants of the Cheney or Metcalf families still around. Please contact George (547-5450) with any leads.

* Paula Schaeffer was forced to resign as Secretary due to other commitments. A replacement had not yet been named at press time.
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*ATWELL, Dr. James
AUFMUTH, Jayne
*BADGLEY, Mr. & Mrs. George
BAKER, David & Scottie
BAKER, Hable

BARNOWSKY, Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence
*BERTINO, Dr. Joseph
BOUJOT, Ronald & Carol
BOYD, Louie & Dorothy
*BREESE, Philip & Ruth

BULLARD, Albert & Sandra
*BURNHAM, Garfield & Catherine
CAMPBELL, Bernice B.
CAMPBELL, Grant T.
CARR, Richard D.

CHAMBERLAIN, Ralph & Barbara
CLARK, Mr. & Mrs. Francis
CLAYTON, Robert E.
*CURLIS, Irwin & Virginia
*DAY, Irving III & Kathleen

*DEANE, Bill & Pam
*DEWEY, Hattie
DODGE, Martha
DRUM, Suzanne
*ELDRIDGE, Margaret

ELKAN, Margaret
FARMER, Dr. Edward & Mary
*FINCH, John & Jean
FOUCH, Maude
GILCHRIST, Clarence & Lucille

GOODSPEED, Charles & Ann
HANEY, Craig
HANOR, Katherine
*HARVEY, Merritt & Elaine
HECOX, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene

HEITZ, Tom & Ginger
JENKINS, Arthur & Ruby
*JENSEN, Margaret
KEATING, William & Evelyn
LAUT, Kenneth & Dorothy

*LAVRINOS, Nicholas & Alice
LEVINE, Harry & Ellen
LUDLAM, Henry & Toni
LYONS, Irving & Joan
MADDOUGALL, Hugh & Eleanor

MACKIE, Dr. Robert & Lidie
* MARTIN, Peter & Dorothy
McLEAN, Carolyn
*MEEZGER, Bernard & Carol
MICHAELS, Charles & Barbara

*MICHAELS, Florence
MUMFORD, Mr. & Mrs. Rolan
NAPZIGER, Dr. Anne
NEFF, Mrs. Richard A.
*NORRIS, Robert & Patricia

OSTAFAEK, Bruce & Aida
OSTAFAEK, Lady
*PLATT, Alice
POPE, Janice
*POTTS, Maxine

REILLY, Edward
REZEN, Paul & Sally
*SCHAFFER, William & Paula
*SELAN, Inabelle
*SHAW, Ethel

*SHEARD, Jean
SHEARD, William & Selma
SITTLER, Lester & Karen
SMALE, Capt. Gordon
SMITH, Zoe Potts

*SNYDER, Arthur & Freida
TALBOT, William & Evelyn
THORNE, Edwin & Joyce
VAUGHN, Bernice E.
*WALKER, Mildred

WEILLER, Virginia
WHITE, Helen M.
WINNE, Helen
*WINNIE, Ernest & Gerda
WOLFF, James & Margaret

*WOOD, Betty C.
* WYCKOFF, George & June
ZYSKOWSKI, Dr. Lawrence

DECEASED MEMBERS

BLANCHARD, Sally (January 12, 1993)
BLOCK, Waldemar (October 27, 1991)
KNAPP, Ernest (October 19, 1993)
MECKLENBURG, Frederick H. von (June 13, 1991)
*MICHAELS, Howard (January 13, 1991)

OLIN, Beatrice (August 28, 1990)
*PRESTON, Mrs. Robert (May 18, 1991)
SMALE, Elizabeth (July 29, 1991)
SUSMAN, C. Paul (April 22, 1992)
SUSMAN, Elizabeth (November 1, 1990)

*TALBOT, Hazel I. (October 3, 1991)
TRINKAUS, John (April 13, 1993)
van woert, Esther (February 11, 1992)

*Charter Member.
OBITUARY

Ernest "Brig" Knapp died at Cooperstown on October 19, 1993, following a long illness. He was 87.

Born in Hartwick August 30, 1906, Mr. Knapp was assistant director at the A.C.C. Gymnasium before beginning a career in insurance and real estate in 1955. Besides the FCAHS, he was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church of Cooperstown, Otsego Lodge 138 F. & A.M., the Cooperstown Rotary Club, and the Cooperstown Fire Department, among other organizations.

We offer our condolences to Mr. Knapp's wife of 58 years, the former Jean Turner. Also surviving are a sister, four daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

MEETINGS

Pat Torno will deliver a talk on local history during the January meeting of the FCAHS (see the first "news brief" on page 1 for 1994 meeting dates). The February gathering will feature Dr. Robert Mackie, speaking on "Medicine in Fly Creek in the Late Nineteenth Century". And, March's guest speaker will be Craig Haney, on the subject of maple syrup.

The FCAHS went from spinning yarns to spinning yarn in the last two meetings of 1993. On October 27, Joyce Mallery and five other members of an Oneonta-based group of story-tellers treated the Society to tales of early transportation, Iroquois Indians, and witches, among other things. And, on November 17, Ann Vickary (accompanied by her white German rabbit, Clarence) demonstrated carding and spinning during her presentation of "Homespun: Then and Now". Ms. Vickary, spinner for the Farmers' Museum, talked of more than 25,000 years in the history of spinning, bringing along various props to illustrate her talk. Other happenings at these meetings included the display of old photos and documents discovered by Ann Adams in Oaksville; and the reading of a Thanksgiving poem by George Badgley.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION***1993-94

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P.O. Box 87, Fly Creek, NY 13337

Name: ____________________________________ □ Renewal □ New Membership
Address: ____________________________________ Telephone: __________

Check applicable box(es):
□ Please register me as a member of the FCAHS. Enclosed is a check for $5.00.
□ Please register my spouse and me to a family membership. Enclosed is a check for $8.00.
□ Please accept my enclosed donation, in the amount of $________ (minimum $10), and enrol (me/us) as a contributing/sustaining member(s).
Shown here are reduced copies of two documents relevant to the Twelve Thousand Acre Tract Association. On the left is a blank stock certificate dated "1914", and on the right is a paper documenting the dissolution of this corporation in 1924.

We can speculate that this was a real estate enterprise, centered in the northwest part of the Town of Otsego. George Wait was president of the association at the time it dissolved.

Anyone having more precise information about the Twelve Thousand Acre Tract Association is asked to contact either the editor; or the owner of these documents, Carolyn McLean (RD 1 Box 105-B, Hartwick, NY 13348-9801; telephone 315-858-0056).

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