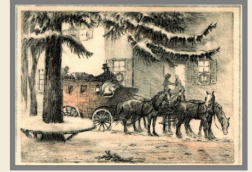




Sheldon Schoolhouse
Museum

Sheldon Historical Society Schoolhouse Museum Newsletter



An update on our progress as a Society and a Chartered Museum "A New Look at Old News From our Town"

Welcome to Sheldon and our post-Christmas Newsletter. We wish you a Happy New Year! Our new website has been created by our Geneseo intern, Margot Tanner. Please take a look at: <https://www.sheldonhistoricalsociety.com>. Soon it will be time to resume our meetings, beginning on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Schoolhouse Museum. Thereafter, they will be held at the Schoolhouse Museum, the third Thursday of each month, through October.

Buffalonians talk about snowstorms the way people in other parts of the country can name each hurricane or earthquake. Sometimes these storms make their way into the region's folklore.



Sunday, December 25, 2022 In this drone image, snow blankets a neighborhood in Cheektowaga, NY.

BLIZZARDS THROUGH THE YEARS

By Jeanne Mest

Christmas 2022 was different than any other. We were fortunate to be snowed in together with our family, unlike many others who had to cancel their holiday plans. It was strange not to be able to go to church, but all services were cancelled on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day because of the storm. We wondered why so many people were stranded; we had been warned for days about the impending storm. Didn't they remember the Blizzard of 77? Oh wait, maybe not, many of them probably were not born yet. How could that have been 45 years ago ...

BLIZZARDS (Continued from page 1)

But as we told our kids our blizzard stories, I found I couldn't remember as much as I thought, so I thought I'd better get the facts and refresh my memory. In the process, I learned about some other storms I hadn't heard of, but the similarities were startling.

109 YEARS AGO**The Great Lakes Storm of 1913****"The White Hurricane"**

This storm is considered the worst natural disaster in Great Lakes History. It got so bad that it turned over ships in four of the five Great Lakes.

Major shipwrecks occurred on all the Great Lakes except for Ontario, with most happening on Lake Huron. Ship captains said the waves reached at least 35 feet in height.

Over 250 lives were lost. At least 12 ships sank and 30 other ships were crippled. The lost ships included some of the newest and largest ships on the Great Lakes. In Buffalo, the winds hit 60 miles per hour on November 10th. An unknown

vessel was spotted that day, floating upside-down on the eastern coast of Michigan. The ship eventually sank and was identified as the Charles S. Price.

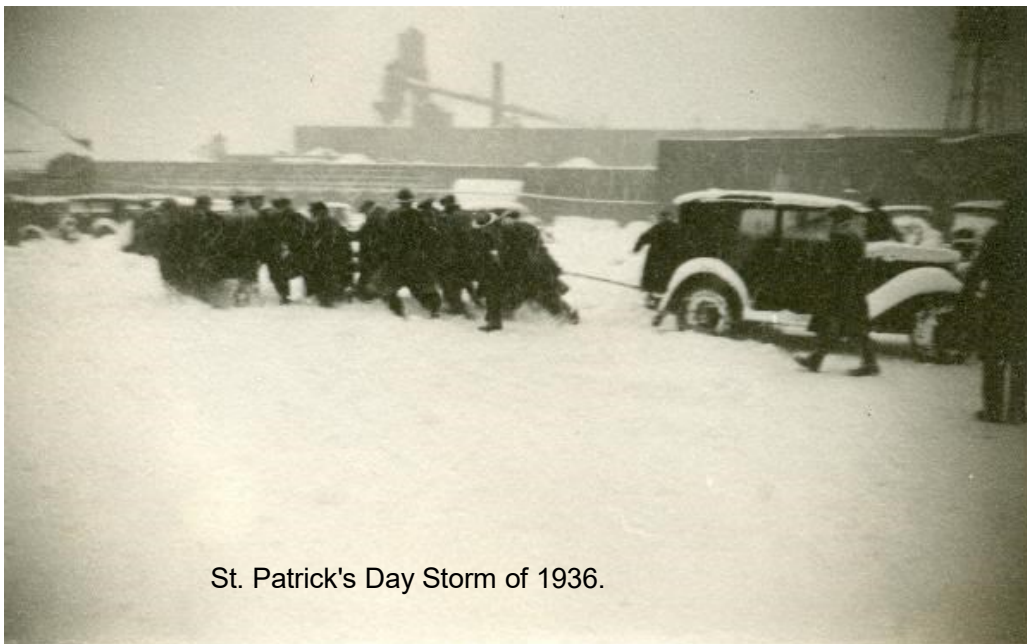
The Ship Isaac M. Scott was lost on Lake Huron, with 28 victims, and was not located until 1976. The John A. McGean was not found until 1985. The Henry B. Smith was found in Lake Superior in 2013, exactly 100 years later, and the Hydrus was not located until 2015. Three of the ships that sank in 1913 have never been located. Each ship had 20-30 victims.

Among the debris cast up by the storm was the wreckage of the fish tug *Searchlight*, which had been lost in April 1907.

87 YEARS AGO**The St. Patrick's Day Blizzard of 1936**

Even today, Western New Yorkers still talk about the famous St. Patrick's Day Storm of 1936. This late season storm dropped over 20 inches during one afternoon, seizing the city. To this day, people comment that once we pass St. Patrick's Day, Buffalo is clear of heavy winter weather, or so we optimistically hope.

(From forgottenbuffalo.com)



St. Patrick's Day Storm of 1936.

No matter what the year, digging one's car out of the snow is a yearly ritual.

45 YEARS AGO

The Blizzard of 1977

This is the most famous snowstorm in the history of Western New York. The Blizzard hit on January 28th and lasted until February 1st. Over 100 inches of snow fell and with the high winds, there were snow drifts as high as 30 feet across the area. The storm and the related cold wave killed at least 102 people, with 41 of those deaths occurring in the Buffalo area.

Some people were found buried in cars, while others involved heart attacks while shoveling snow, and car accidents. Whiteout conditions had trapped people at work, in cars and in homes; some had to stay for a day, while others had to stay for the storm's duration.

I remember that Friday morning so well. The sun was shining, the sky was blue and my husband stopped me on my way out to the car and told me I had to stay home from work, that a bad storm was coming. I was glad I heeded his warning, otherwise I might have ended up stranded in downtown Buffalo, along with the 700 people who spent the night in my building. I still wonder, where did they put all those people in my building? Did someone sit at my desk and search the drawers for snacks? If so, I hope they found something.

Here is the story of the blizzard from Wikipedia:

On Friday, January 28, at 11:00 am, a blizzard warning was issued, which was the first time the Buffalo National Weather Service office had done this. That morning observers on the 16th floor of the M&T Bank Building in Buffalo watched as a gray wall covered the city; it appeared white as it came closer. A blast of wind hit the building that caused the floor to move and the glass window to creak, and then the wall of white enveloped the building.

Snow built up rapidly, with 15-foot-high drifts by nightfall in the City of Buffalo. The depth of snow quickly caused many roads to become impassable and the blowing snow caused extremely low visibilities, making travel nearly impossible.

Pedestrians were knocked down by the wind in city streets and struggled to regain footing; pairs of policemen pulled them into buildings. People formed human chains from the Memorial Auditorium to people stranded in cars so the motorists would not get lost trying to find shelter.

The worst conditions of the blizzard in Buffalo occurred during the late afternoon. Roads were impassible. By midnight Friday, an estimated 2,000 cars were stranded on Main Street and 8,000 on other streets in the City of Buffalo.

That night people stayed in whatever shelter they could find, with 700 people staying in the Donovan State Office Building, 200 in the Rath Building, 300 in the Memorial Auditorium, Authorities estimated 13,000 people were stranded Friday night in downtown Buffalo and that many in the surrounding areas as well; 1,700 at Bell Aerosystems in Wheatfield, 2,500 at Harrison Radiator Company in Lockport.

Through radio and television, citizens were asked to loan snowmobiles and four-wheel drive vehicles to the Buffalo police, who used them to answer calls.

Looting broke out and items stolen included radios and firefighters' clothing from fire trucks, as well as more than \$1,500 in medical supplies from a stuck ambulance. Cigarettes, liquor, beer, coffee, meat and refrigerators were stolen from abandoned semi-trailer trucks. There was also looting from factories, stores and homes. Nearly 100 people were arrested for looting.

A fire broke out at Whitney Place and Virginia Street, in the City of Buffalo, on Friday evening. Fire trucks rammed through stalled cars in an attempt to get to the scene and fire hoses were stretched two to three blocks to reach the fire, as that was as far as the fire trucks were able to make it. The National Guard took firemen to the scene in four-wheel drive vehicles. The fire was eventually extinguished, but not before six or seven houses were destroyed and 50 people left homeless. Firemen used snowmobiles to rescue people that were trapped and transport nurses and doctors to the hospitals.

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The Blizzard of 1977 From "Forgotten Buffalo"

They fed between 67,000 and 176,000 people, provided clothing for about 4,500, and housed 851, using 1,000 volunteers and over 400 snowmobiles. Snowmobiles were also used to rescue people from the Skyway.

The American Red Cross opened eight shelters in Erie County, and snowmobile clubs provided volunteers to deliver food, blood and medicine.

By the time the storm ended, they had distributed 5 tons of food at 92 locations, feeding about 50,000 people.

On Saturday, blizzard conditions prevailed and the Buffalo Courier Express did not publish for the first time in its 143-year history.

By evening, some areas of western New York had even banned snowmobiles; a snowmobiler was injured in a collision with a chimney on top of a house, and others had come dangerously close to power lines due to the high drifts.

On Monday night, they were still searching vehicles stranded since Friday, and the wind increased again to 50 mph. Some towns were using metal detectors to locate buried cars.

In the Town of Sheldon, even main highways like Routes 20A and 77 were inaccessible. When the milk trucks could not get to the farms, some dairy farmers had to dump milk down their drains.

A Declaration of Emergency was given by President Jimmy Carter. Buffalo Mayor Stanley Makowski declared a state of emergency in the City of Buffalo that prohibited nonessential travel. Violation of the travel ban could potentially result in a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.

Meanwhile, at the Buffalo Zoo, eight-foot drifts allowed three reindeer to walk over their fence and wander about the city.

On February 11, Mayor Makowski lifted the driving ban and Buffalo city schools reopened on February 14, after more than 10 consecutive snow days.

They say, nine months later, there was a baby boom; the Buffalo hospitals were overflowing with new babies.



Snowblower opening up Route 20A in the Town of Sheldon, Blizzard of 1977 (photos courtesy of Scott Barvian)

38 Years Ago**The Blizzard of 1985 The Six-Pack Blizzard**

On January 18, 1985, Buffalo was hit by the "Six Pack Blizzard." The storm dropped 33.2 inches of snow with winds gusting to 53 mph. It was during this storm that Mayor Jimmy Griffin told Buffalonians to "Stay inside, grab a six-pack and watch a good football game."

17 Years Ago**The October Surprise - October 12-13, 2006**

The October 2006 Buffalo storm was an unusual early-season lake effect snow storm that hit the Buffalo, New York area from the afternoon of Thursday October 12 through the morning of Friday October 13, 2006. It was called Lake Storm "Aphid" by the National Weather Service, according to the way they were naming storms for that year, in relation to insects. Some 400,00 people lost power during the storm as leaf filled trees collapsed under the weight of the snow taking down powerlines. Erie, Genesee, Orleans and Niagara Counties in Western New York declared a "major disaster" area by President George Bush. It is estimated that the storm damaged as many as 90 percent of the city's trees. (From Forgotten Buffalo)

Personally I needed no reminder of the details of how I spent this storm. I left work early and headed to the gas station (good thing) and I remember the snow was so heavy and wet, my credit card didn't want to work for a minute (scary), and the snow was piling up fast. No sooner had I turned on Sheridan Drive than traffic came to a halt, and it did not move again.

I was trapped in a long line of cars, and none of us knew a semi was in trouble ahead and it wasn't going anywhere. But you don't know that, you just sit there behind the wheel, ready to move. I tried to call home to let them know I would be late, but the calls weren't going through. And by now it was getting dark. So I scrounged around in our old red van and found some crackers, and settled in to wait, turning the car on to warm up and then back off to save gas. I remember thinking about all the hotels I had passed as I was leaving campus and swearing to myself that if it happened again I would just go to a hotel and not even try to get home.

I saw people getting out of their cars and walking down the street and I thought, what are they

going to do if the traffic starts to move again?

Then I saw them coming back, carrying pizzas! Far up ahead was a little pizzeria and that sounded like a good idea, but after walking up there, they said they were out of food and were closing but would let people stay inside and warm up (and use the facilities, what a relief). So I headed back to the van.

One image that has always stayed with me, besides the people carrying pizzas, was the school bus that somehow came down the other side of the street around midnight. It was full of children, all looking bleakly out the windows, and that was sad and made me thankful it wasn't my children. It was cold but I thought, at least I'm in a van and it is roomy and I can stretch out, and I did manage to doze off a little. About 4:00 am, the traffic started moving and it was at least another hour before I made it home, feeling kind of light headed, like I had been out all night! When I went back to work, I was shocked at all the broken trees, everywhere. One of the trees in our parking lot was broken down, and at my husband's work in Cheektowaga, so many trees were destroyed.

9 Years Ago**Snowvember November 17, 2014**

We knew well in advance it would be big, but even the most winter-hardened Western New Yorkers were overwhelmed. The curtain of lake effect snow began south of downtown Buffalo, and the plume enveloped the Southtowns and extended toward Batavia. In the heart of the storm system, 52 inches fell in West Seneca. Orchard Park was paralyzed, with the Bills game having to be moved to Detroit.

The storm champion was Wyoming County's Cowlesville, which topped the seven-foot mark.

A total of 13 deaths were blamed on the snow, including two people who were stranded in their vehicles. Trucks and buses were stranded on highways and rescue efforts were continuous. Travel bans were extensive. There were many accounts of rescues and heroism. The snow was piled into mountains, and eventually melted (months later in some cases) but everyone who made it through has a Snowvember story.

<https://www.wivb.com/weather/snowvember/>

Four Weeks Ago December 2022 The North American Blizzard

From December 21 to 26, 2022, a historic extratropical cyclone created winter storm conditions, including blizzards, high winds, snowfall or record cold temperatures across the majority of the United States. Areas with blizzard conditions in the area of Buffalo, NY experienced blizzard/zero-visibility conditions on December 23 & 24. The cold wave affected all U.S. states from Colorado to the eastern seaboard and as far south as Miami, Florida. 55 million people were under wind chill alerts the morning of December 25. The storm and the related cold wave killed at least 98 people. (from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

In the Buffalo area, lake effect snowfall exceeded 56 inches over a five-day period. The intense blizzard, winds and cold in the region caused 41 deaths, 17 of them pedestrians who had become disoriented and were found dead in snowbanks, as well as four drivers stranded in their cars for over two days, 11 residents who died in their homes without heat, four who died from cardiac arrest while shoveling snow, three residents who died when emergency crews could not respond in time of medical crisis and two who died from blizzard-related injuries. On December 28, the National Guard went door to door in parts of Buffalo to check on people who had been without electricity due to the blizzard.



National guard members check on residents, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, in Buffalo, N.Y., following a winter storm (AP Photo/Jeffrey T. Barnes)



<https://www.buzzfeed.com/mjs538/buffalo-blizzard-road-pictures>

The storm caused extensive vehicle pileups and road closures, with a complete driving ban imposed in Buffalo for 5½ days. Due to the storm, more than 18,200 flights were canceled in the U.S. between December 22 and 28. The Buffalo airport was completely shut down for five days. The *National Weather Service* described it as a "once-in-a-generation storm" for Buffalo.

But I didn't hear of any reindeer escaping from the Buffalo Zoo this time!

Here at home at Harris Corners, stories were told about a lot of babies that came into the world during snowstorms. One such tale was about twin girls being born in a storm so bad, that with no ambulance available, the expectant mother was transported to the hospital in Marley's hearse, following a snowplow all the way.

We recalled Aunt Leona Mest Meyer telling us that the snow was so deep when she was born on January 2, 1920, that the doctor couldn't get his vehicle up the hill until the neighbors shoveled the road. But I didn't think to ask her, what kind of vehicle would the doctor have been driving in 1920, a horse and buggy, or would he have had a motor vehicle, by then? I'm hoping some of our older and wiser readers can tell me.

Aunt Leona had also told us another story that took place when she was a toddler. Her mother, Anna Strobl Mest, had a new baby herself, when a frantic father-to-be drove up to their house in a sleigh, in dire need of her help. The doctor was delayed and his wife was having twins. Anna was a nurse and sometimes assisted the doctor. So she left her own twin daughters, four little children in all, bundled her own baby, Marion, in layers of blankets. and climbed on the sleigh. Anna helped bring two more twin girls into the world that day.

Growing up in WNY in the 1960's, it seemed like there was a lot more snow and higher drifts than today. I remember several times the snow drifted so deep it almost covered our door and had to be shoveled before we could get in or out. One year we had a drift in our yard so deep that my father dug tunnels in it for us to play in. But my mother made me get out; she was afraid of a cave-in!

Whenever there was a chance of a Snow Day, you had to turn on KB Radio to hear Danny Neaverth reading the list of school closings and when your school's name was announced, that was exciting.

A Snow Day to a kid is like a gift you weren't expecting. I admit, even I got excited along with my kids whenever the announcer would read "Attica Central School". And the perfect Snow Day Lunch was tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich.

Be sure and write down your story of this recent blizzard, because you will want to remember where you were and who you were with, and how it impacted you. And please let us know if you have a blizzard story you would like to share.

Sources: Wikipedia, Forgotten Buffalo, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, WIVB.com

February 25, 1960

Wyoming County Times

WARSAW, N. Y., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1960

HOWLING STORM INVADES THIS END OF STATE

Wyoming County was isolated during height of storm with many School Pupils and teachers marooned Enroute Home.

Highway crews battled huge snowdrifts throughout western and central new York over the week and in the wake of the season's worst blizzard. Hundreds of motorists and school children were stranded. For a time, Wyoming County was isolated when the plows were called off the roads. With the snow filling the roads as fast as they were plowed, authorities ordered work stopped until the storm subsided.

After serving the noon meal on Friday, the 19th, the schools throughout the county were closed, but even then eight or more school buses failed to reach their destination and probably 500 pupils and teachers were stranded at the schools or homes enroute.

However, most of the children and faculty were able to reach home Saturday afternoon.

In Bennington, a bus was stalled from 4:00 pm until early morning on the Harris Corners - Cowlesville Road. Thirty children were taken in by nearby farmers. A Mrs. Janish of Cowlesville who has five children of her own had 26 more drop in on her and she fed them on pancakes, milk and popcorn. Many of them stayed all night and were obliged to sleep five in a bed.

By Monday, most of the roads were blocked by huge drifts and more wet snow was falling. The road crews have done a grand job against great odds.

December
1960

By Bill Lamale

PLENTY OF ROOM IN PICKLE JAR AT HARRIS CORNERS

RIGHT AND LEFT - On the bar of a tavern in Harris Corners, eight miles south of East Aurora, is an old pickle jar holding money contributed by patrons who play a little game called "Right and Left".

"Marge" White was counting out the kitty. It consisted of one crisp dollar bill, a quarter, one dime, two nickels and four pennies. This will help defray the cost of the Harris Corners Children's Christmas Party. A woman who helped rear 42 children from an orphanage gave the dollar, and someone dropped in the pennies.

NAME STICKS - The woman behind the bar said her first name was really Myra, but that everyone called her Marge from the day she started work in August, 1958 and the name had stuck. And no wonder. Three other barmaids in those Wyoming County hills are called Marge, she said, and the one who preceded her at Bar-20A was named that too.

Marge and her husband, Al, operate this crossroads tavern, living with three of their seven children in an apartment upstairs. For years they lived in Hamburg. Al was an auditor and accountant in Buffalo. Then he lost out and left the profession. They ran a tavern at Southwestern and Abbott Roads.

HARRIS CORNERS - Then they had a chance to save some money and moved out to Harris Corners. No one, including Marge, knows exactly how large Harris Corners is. It has a service station, garage, fire house, a small hotel and restaurant, and the Bar 20-A. There are two homes close to the intersection and several farms "up a piece" from there that are part of the corners. But most travelers go by so fast they don't even notice the tiny community.

NEIGHBORS - Marge promptly fell in love with Harris Corners, a spot where the Strykersville Rd. crosses 20-A. "Out here people are few and far between, she said, Most of our patrons are farmers. We're all neighbors." Marge learned how to ring the firehouse bell for an emergency, and last winter she took in persons stranded by a storm.

in persons stranded by the storm. "We can always bunk up one more" she declared.

LITTLE RECREATION - The first thing Marge noticed about Harris Corners was its lack of recreational facilities. Especially for children. All of them attend school in Attica. The nearest entertainment is in Strykersville, four miles away, or in East Aurora. Many parents can't take them that far away for a night out.

In the rear of Bar 20-A is a dance hall with a dozen or so tables. Marge lent it to the firemen for a meeting, and then she had an idea.

PARTY - "Say, why don't we have a Christmas party here for the kids?" she said. "I'll bet they never had one before at Harris Corners".

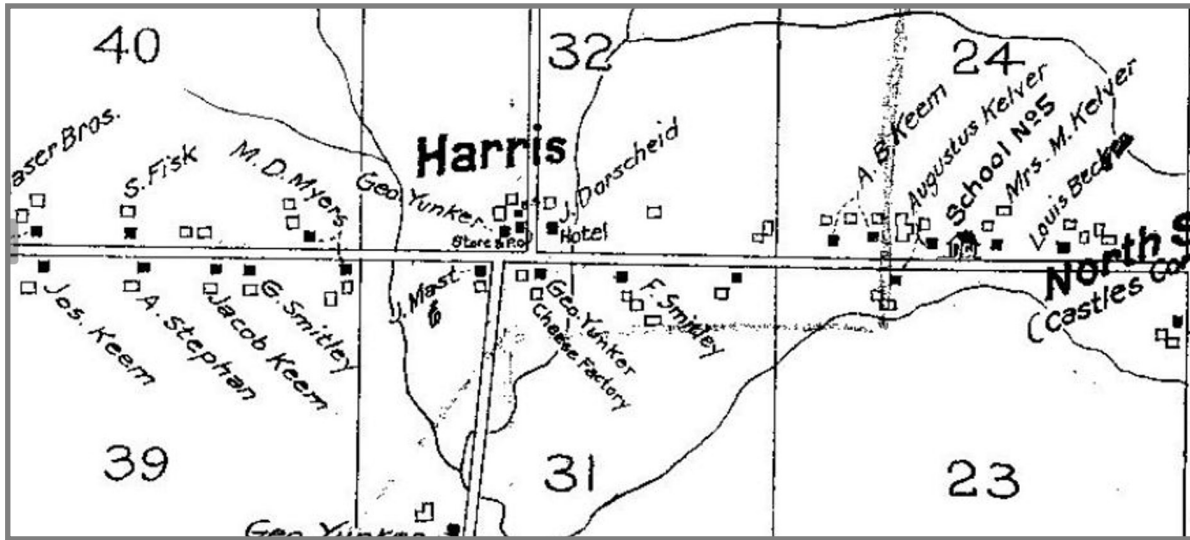
And in three months they worked up a whing-ding affair. The pickle jar sliding along the bar collected more than \$33. Al went shopping at a wholesaler's for presents, and put in \$15 of his own to rent 3 Mickey Mouse films. Mrs. Leo Meyers, a neighbor, baked fancy Christmas cookies. Joanne White made signs announcing the party, and Marge herself decorated the place and did the serving.

SANTA CLAUS - Thirty five children appeared for the party. They came by car and on foot. "Big Jim" Meyers served as Santa Claus, roaring with laughter. Al had to run the camera through three times.

The hero of the Harris Corners event was an eight year-old-boy, Jeff, victim of a bone ailment, who came in a plaster cast reaching from his toes to chin. He was carried in from a station wagon.

RECEIPTS SLOW - Marge planned another party this year, and hopefully got out the pickle jar. By Dec. 8 it had \$1.40. Business in the Bar-20A had slumped in the late summer and fall, and Marge knew why. Mild weather enabled the farmers to work late, and they hadn't come down to the tavern like they did the year before. Even the euchre club suffered from lack of membership.

TIME YET - Marge was hanging decorations around the tavern and hall. And she kept the pickle jar on the move. "It's a bit late", she said, "But something might happen yet.



On this map of 1902, Bar 20-A is not shown on the map yet. A store and a Post Office are indicated in the same spot, on the corner of Route 20A and Folsomdale Road. On the other side of Folsomdale Road was the Dorscheid Hotel, later known as the Sportsmans Hotel, when it was owned and operated for many years by Richard and Elsie Graf.



Over the years, Bar 20-A at Harris Corners was also known as Edith's Lunch Room, Edith's Tea Room and The Captain's Chair. (shown above)



Card Club

By Jeanne Mest

It sometimes seems to me that there are two kinds of people in this world; the ones who know how to play Euchre and the ones who don't. My in-laws played, their kids learned to play at an early age, then our own children played and I think they may be teaching our 7-year-old grandson, who is already a whiz at rummy and mancala. Teenagers play it on the school bus, often entertaining themselves on the way back and forth to games. One young lady who married into the family told me she taught herself, just by watching online! That was impressive. Oh, I've tried, I even have a cheat sheet with all the rules. But it still eludes me.

No one calls it by name, they just say "Want to play Cards?" At Harris Corners, in the days of Bar 20-A and the Captains Chair, the folks would say they were "Just going down to the Corners" and you knew that meant they would be playing Euchre. All over Sheldon, there were card club parties, which continues today. They even have their own recipes, like "Card Club Chicken". It's like a secret society. You don't have to be born in Sheldon, but it helps! But it's ok, my grandchildren taught me to play Uno, so I'm all set, at least until they grow up, and start playing "Cards". I must admit, there is something special about living in a place where kids go to school together, whose grandparents and even great grandparents played cards together.

TITLE <i>Card Club Chicken</i>	PREP TIME
NOTES <i>Jean Mest</i>	TOTAL TIME
INGREDIENTS	
<i>Chicken breasts</i>	
<i>1/2 can 2 sou card chicken soup</i>	
<i>Swiss cheese</i>	
<i>stuffing mix</i>	
<i>pearl onions</i>	
<i>1 tbsp mustard</i>	
DIRECTIONS	
<i>Fill a 9x13 pan with chicken breasts. Add a large can of cream of chicken soup over chicken. You may want to reserve some for on top. Next layer comes with Swiss cheese. Next sprinkle stuffing mix over chicken, may not need a whole bag.</i>	
<i>Put onion on top, used in the recipe if you have them.</i>	
<i>Bake 350° - 1 hour</i>	

Recipe from the cookbook of Jeanie Kirsch Almeter, a Sheldon cook so renowned that her son published her own cookbook to share with friends.



Saturday Night Card Club in Sheldon. Friends took turns hosting. This photo was probably taken in the mid 1930's at the home of Peter and Mary Schiltz on Dutch Hollow Road.

(Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Metzger)

Back row L-R
 Frank Stamper
 Henry Lefort
 Mary Silloway
 Kate Stamper
 George Almeter
 Genevieve Lefort
 Bernard Lefort
 Mabel Frantz
 Florence Dellinger
 Harold Schiltz
 Delbert Silloway
 Mrs. Phillips
 Mary Schiltz
 Albert Lefort
 Peter Schiltz
 Front Row:
 Maybelle Schiltz
 Phyllis Frantz
 Rodney Frantz
 Kenneth Lefort
 Pete Frantz
 Lawrence Lefort
 Louie Phillips
 (sitting)

FROM THE SHELDON SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM AND HISTORIAN, JEANNE MEST:

Laury, Margot and Betty pause for a photo in front of the Christmas tree, as we bid farewell to our intern, Margot Tanner, at the end of the semester. This was our first internship and Margot was outstanding; helping us so willingly with our many projects and creating a website for us. I'm proud to say this very special student from Geneseo achieved a grade of 4.0. Margot is well on her way to becoming an excellent History teacher. But we are going to miss her very much. Thank you, Margot, and come back to see us soon!



Laury Lakas, Margot Tanner and Betty Reisdorf

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HARRIS

Roy Keem was in East Aurora Thursday.

Arthur Dorshide took a load of cheese to East Aurora Friday.

Quite a few from town attended the dance at Dutch Hollow Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kelter were at Wales Center Saturday.

Roy Keem and Wm. Smithly attended the auction of Henry Nevinger Saturday.

Those who have ice houses have been quite busy filling them.

Alice Feuz has been kept from school a few days with a severe cold.

Mr. Penney of Bear Street was seen on our street Saturday.

A. Warner was in town recently on business.

Henry Dorshide was seen in town on Tuesday with a colt which he bought of Roy Keem.

Anthony Stephen spent Sunday with his brother Charles at Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Keem of East Aurora were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Keem Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stillinger of East Attica was seen driving through town Sunday.

Jacob Keem and son Grover were in Cowlesville Thursday.

We would like to thank the Almeter Tree Farm and the Java Strykersville Kiwanis Club for donating and decorating the beautiful Christmas tree. What a lovely addition this is to our community each year.

I hope I didn't make you too chilly with blizzard stories. I enjoyed sharing a little about Harris Corners. In our next issue I would like to move to the other side of Sheldon and delve into the history of Varysburg and Johnsonburg, since recently there has been a lot of interest generated by the photos and comments on the FB page, "Varysburg NY History". Please let us know if you have stories, photos or newspaper articles you could share with us; it would be appreciated.



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