



Marcellus Historical Society News

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50 Years Ago

Warren C. Rolon of Camillus Buys Drug Store from Leroy Guernsey

An old business in Marcellus with a new name is Marcellus Pharmacy, whose new proprietor is Warren C. Rolon of Camillus.

Mr. Rolon has acquired Guernsey Pharmacy from Leroy Guernsey and will be operating on a six-day-a-week schedule, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Mr. Rolon will be available Sundays in case of emergency.

The new owner is a native of California who graduated from New Berlin Central School and the Albany College of Pharmacy, class of 1962. He has worked as a pharmacist in Burlington, Vt., and in the Mid-Atlantic Pharmacy in Presidential Plaza, Syracuse.

He is a member of Phoebus Lodge 82, F&AM, New Berlin, of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the First Methodist Church of Syracuse. Mrs. Rolon is the former Harriet Benway of Fort Edward, and the couple have a daughter, Christine, 3. The Rolens hope to move to Marcellus in the Spring.

Mr. Guernsey, a native of Ossining in Westchester County, came here in 1934 to purchase the business from Mrs. Ethel Marble. He is a graduate of the Columbia University College of Pharmacy. He has a son, Frank Guernsey, of Milwaukee, Wis., and two granddaughters.

Mr. Guernsey plans to go into semi-retirement helping out as needed in the store.

100 Years Ago



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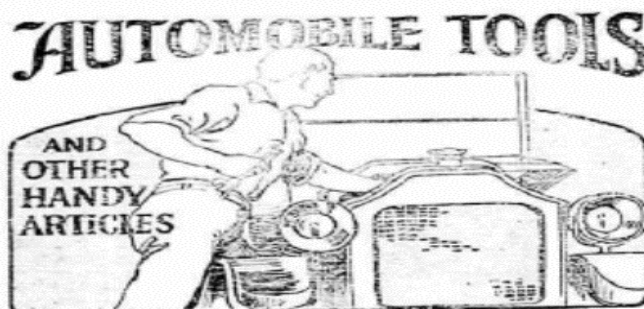
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Adds from Marcellus Observer 1915

Happy

Holidays

EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

April 8, 2018 –Meeting

May 6, 2018—Meeting

*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 gone by. Time seems to fly as we mature. We had a very successful year with many acquisitions and many visitors. I would like to thank all volunteers that have helped keep the Steadman House open. Many hours have been put in to accomplish the up keep and opening of the Steadman House. We all enjoy meeting our visitors and talking about our history of Marcellus and surrounding area.

We are looking forward to the new year and trying to get more people interested in the history of Marcellus.

Have a Happy Holidays.

Doug Nightingale

Steadman House Hours (Weather Permitting):

Sundays 1 to 3 pm (except meeting Sundays)

Thursdays 1 to 4 pm

Or By Appointment:

Doug Nightingale-673-2539

John Curtin - 673-3660

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: 303

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

Leda M. Stopyro - November 10, 2017

Jean M. Reagan - November 29, 2017

Our Thanks for Cash Donations from:

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**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 and Jean & Doug Nightingale, Carol Armstrong, Chuck Paul for keeping the Steadman House open during scheduled hours; and the Village of Marcellus for removal of brush and mowing the lawn ~



The above picture is the memorial garden for Lew & Alma Steadman in the back yard of the Steadman House. Just recently Peg Nolan added the sign for Lew and the two mums.

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 ~

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Have you visited the Steadman House recently? Our indexed collection (at last count) consists of:
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743 Books
13 Clocks
6,921 Photographs
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One Hundred years ago

T. N. T., Split Rock Product

New Military Explosive Neither Dangerous, Nor Difficult to make — if you know how. Famous Over Night.
(From Syracuse Post Standard)

All of us the past three years have frequently heard or read about the T. N. T., plant of the Semet-Solvay Company at Split Rock, but the information has generally ended with the bare reference to such a unit being included in the great chemical works.

The fact that T. N. T., is the symbol of a new and powerful military explosive, trinitrotoluol, which at Liege, in 1914, helped blast the most modern of fortresses into mere powder, is a matter of special local interest, because of the operation of the Split Rock plant

Although at the time of the invasion of Belgium it acquired a horrifying and world-wide significance, almost over-night, T. N. T., was a reality known as early as 1863, but only as a laboratory product.

Its explosive properties were not recognized or utilized until 1880, and no particular attention was given to it as an explosive until 1891, when factory methods for making it and suggestions for its wider use were published in Germany

This material, T. N. T., is neither difficult nor dangerous to make according to B. C. Hesse, one of the best informed men in this country on the subject of dyestuffs and intermediates.

The Marcellus Observer Sept. 7, 1917

A. B. Belden at The Front

Letter From Him Gives Facts of Vital Interest, From First Hand Observation, Giving Clear Vision of War.

Arthur B. Belden of Belden Farms, Marcellus, voluntarily joined the Ambulance Corps for foreign service—our people have been concerned and familiar with the facts of his leave taking. We are privileged to present to friends this publication, extracts from a letter kindly made by Mrs. Belden for them to read. She will have their thanks.

Mr. Belden says: We sailed Monday July 23rd, on the S.S. Chicago—of the French Line, and landed at Bordeaux we marched two miles through the town to the station, there boarded the train for Paris and sat

up all night, as the train was so crowded. Paris is very much changed. The streets lights are kept out and all the entertainments, restaurant etc., close at nine o'clock sharp. Most of the motorman and conductors are motor women and conductresses. I cannot say much of the war. Everyone thinks, talks and dreams war. Everyone is so sick of it all, and when you talk with some, the first question asked is, when will the war be over. The French are very courageous and will fight to the very end. The situation is very bad, and they need our help and are very anxious to see Americans troops at the front, which I hope they will see before long. We had a number of soldiers on our train who were returning from the front to visit. They were very tired looking, but as they approached Paris seemed much brighter. On the other hand, at each station, but on the opposite track, were men going to the front. There was an expression on their faces and a look in their eyes that I shall never forget. Oh the hundreds I saw, but not one smile! We would hear the guns in camp, but they sounded more like distant thunder than anything else. But even at that there was sort of an ominous sound, like a bull dog at bay. I am leaving Paris tomorrow morning at six o'clock, Aug. 19th.

Aug. 25th: We left Paris last Sunday morning at seven o'clock and traveled four hours toward the front. Upon arrival we went up to where our cars were parked. Imagine 20 cars lined upon the curb all painted grey with Red Crosses and with flags on them. The first thing was to find a place to sleep. Louis Baumer and I were shown into a deserted house, which was in very bad shape. So we waited until everyone else was fixed and then we went out to our ambulances, we took a couple of stretchers in it, and slept that way. The next day our ambulances were assigned to us, and Louis and I received No. 6. It has been our home and up to Thursday I had not had my clothes off. We are stationed on one of the main roads, and as we have had very dry weeks, we are constantly enveloped in a cloud of fine white dust, which does not tend to make things any too pleasant. Our personnel consists of three cooks, two men who buy the food, three "mecames," two French sergeants, a French lieutenant, our own chief and forty ambulance drivers.

The second day the chief said he would appoint two sergeants, and I was one of those elected. The duties however are not very burdensome. Yesterday we took four ambulances and went out to see what were once German trenches. It is hard to describe exactly what we saw. We went through several small towns in which not one single house remained that hadn't been wrecked, most of them being totally demolished. We visited a chateau that was once a very beautiful home, which is now a mass of ruins. The fields were nothing but weeds and terribly cut up by

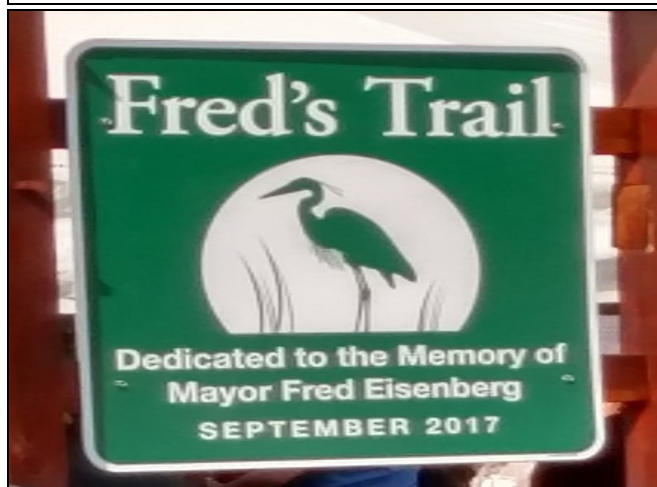
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At The Front

by shell holes. Every few hundred feet is a barb wire entanglement, and every little ways are little plots filled with graves. To sum up the whole thing, there is nothing left at all, all the bridges have blown up and in some places all the trees are cut down.

Marcellus Observer September 21, 1917

Fred's Trail Dedication



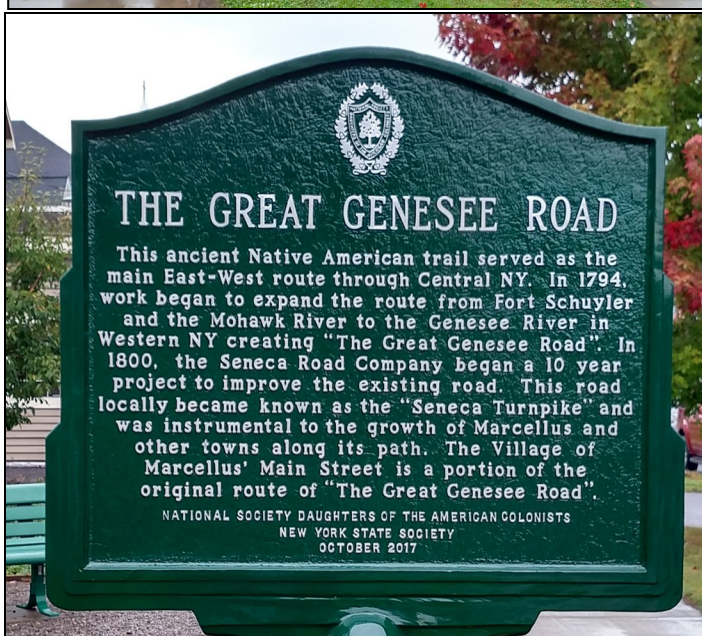
The Great Genesee Road Dedication

October 7, 2017



Left to right, Phyllis Best Jones National Society Daughters of the American Colonists- National President (NSDAC), Margaret "Peg" Raymond NY State Society Regent, Mary Raye Casper National Historian, NSDAC.

Peg Nolan started the process of getting the sign years ago.



Memories of Marcellus By Frank Griffing

I have an old June 1912 Observer. I will quote some of the ads: Schoomaker where Cliff Dorchester is now, had some of the good women's light print wrapper's \$1.00, one piece housedresses \$1.50, men's shirts .50 and \$1.00, boys blouses .25, men's khaki pants \$1.00, boy's khaki pants .50.

Marcellus Hardware Co., where Don Orr is now advertised Paris green, Bordeaux mixture, slug shot, screen doors, oil stoves, and hammocks. Edgar Bartlett, Florist was next to the bank on the east side. F. A. Thompson, where Hickman's are was selling sticky fly paper. Frank Griffing, where the Town clerk offices are now, had poultry supplies, Eaton chick feed, charcoal, drinking fountains, dry mash feeders, hen coops, lice powder, nest eggs.

A. J. Merritt Painting and Paper Hanging. Nightingales advertised Red Wing flour, delivery every day. L. E. Parsons, egg and stove coal \$6.45, chestnut \$6.70, pea \$5.50, \$.30 off if had a paid for in June. Kelly & Thornton, where the new Reagan building is now, had a general store, groceries and dry goods. P. A. Schanzle Bakery and Groceries where the knit shop is now.

J. E. Woodbridge, where Rita Kershaw's rest home is, had paint and wallpaper. C. A. Fuller, optometrist and jeweler, was in part of the building where Hickman's are. Hickman's Market was where Lathrop's Bakery is now. J. M. Morgan, Marcellus Falls, wanted to buy logs. He made potato crates. F. M. Graves Coal Co. sold Scranton coal. First National Bank, E. W. Bergerstook, Cashier: J. E. Parsons, F. T. Schoomaker, James Hogan, directors.

Rev. Frederick Sauber was minister at the Presbyterian Church. Methodist Church pastor was Rev. B. B. Cook. Rev. Edw Burdick Doolittle was the pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Auction household goods, G. S. Gilson, Cheney Amidon was Auctioneer. Celebrate the Fourth at the Marietta Grand Ball, Marietta House. Slocum five piece orchestra. Dance \$.50 couple, supper \$.50 couple. A. W. Ray Prop.

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Marcellus Observer Feb. 25, 1965

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NEXT MEETING :
April 8, 2018

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- *The Great Genesee Road**
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- * A. B. Belden at the Front**

**(Your dues are paid through
 Dec. 31st of the year on the label.)**