

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

October 2005

Next meeting: November 2, 2005 7:30 p.m.

Location: Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center, Band Room (just beyond our normal meeting site)
330 Park Ave, Bloomfield, CT

Program: The Copaco Story

Speaker: Herman and Cynthia Bercowetz

President's Message:

Members may remember, several years ago, at the time of our Annual Meeting, Cynthia presented the Society with a copy of *The Copaco Story*. Herman will make his presentation, truly a bit of Bloomfield History, for all to re-live. (Even newcomers are aware of the impact Copaco has made on the town.)

Many thanks to the members who made the 9/24 a success - this was orchestrated by the ever resourceful Ralph and Louise Schmoll, who were in charge of the vendors.. Bakers should be proud of the fact that \$188.00 was realized from YOUR efforts. Our thanks to Mary Murray who stationed herself at the bake table - and presented a lively time for all who visited her table. We continue to hear - this is absolutely the best corner - so much visibility, (complete details in another portion of this newsletter Re financial developments).

Fred Hesketh has given his expert opinion on books which the Society should keep-and those which might have some value to others - thus titles will be put into the newsletter first before offering to a dealer in case any of our members wish to purchase. (First offering is contained later in this newsletter.)

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

This and That

Congratulations to Richard and Nancy (Bartlett) Dudenhofer, on their September marriage. They are living in Granby. On a scale of 1-10, the September program was extraordinary. Webster Brooks provided our members with facinating presentation of the "live" personating Connecticut Black Governors. This is a program certainly can be well recommended to other groups.

From the Financial Development Committee - \$421 was realized from the Flea Market, Bake sale 9/24/05. Again thanks to all who supported. Now that the pointing of the Old Farm School has been accomplished - the Society is seeking volunteers to undertake the support of the garden in front - facing School Street. Please call 243-1016 Apropos of this, Jane Low of the Bloomfield Beautification Committee has indicated that this committee is seeking volunteers - please call 242-1016, if interested.

From the Past

Winnie Granger has passed along a photo of the last train through the Barnard Station, North Bloomfield 1938

From 9/29/1904 Courant item Re 5th annual fair held by the Tunxis Grange, in the town building, attended by 250 people. Floral and vegetable exhibits were shown by George Morey; A. Case, W. R. Latimer, G. E. Brown, L. H. Barnard, F. B. Miller, H. B. Pinney, G. H. Case, W. G. Case, H. C. Caswell, W. C. Dean had a booth of fancy crackers.

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Our Publications

Wintonbury to Bloomfield (\$16.50), Images: Old Bloomfield (\$20., or to a member \$18.); History of the Bloomfield Catholic Church (\$15); Barnard Genealogy (\$10.); Good Old Days (\$10.); Cook Book (\$7.); Over Tunxis Trails (\$5.); Bicentennial Activities (\$3); Note Paper (8 pk - \$3.); Filley House T shirts (\$12.); Brown Drums and Brown family (\$10.).

To order these items send a check in the above amount plus \$3. for S & H to: Wintonbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 7454, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Updated Bloomfield History Quiz

The next newsletter will feature a quiz on updated Bloomfield History, developed by Charlie Regini

Committee Reports

Acquisition Committee: A formal acquisiton policy is being developed. If you would like to help with this committee's work contact the chairman.

Judge Jerry Wagner, Chairman

Education Committee: Those interested in the Old Wintonbury Burying Ground please call.

Libbie Merrow, Chairman

Financial Development Committee: See the Tag/Bake Sale results in the President's Message

Carrie Allison and Winnie Granger Co-Chairman

Membership Committee: Welcome to Marion Thacker.

Jean Buscarello, Chairman

Newsletter: The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie the weekend before each of the regularly scheduled Board Meetings. For 2006 the first deadline is:

Jan 15th (Bd Meeting Jan 18th)

Fannie Gabriel & Janis Langston

Website Committee: If you are working on a project and would like to share it with the world, or if you would like to expand the material already available on the site, please contact me and we can make the information available as part of the resources of the Society on its website.

Janis Langston, Webmaster

Individual Books Available for Sale

Torrington Histories, **The Formative Years, 1737 - 1852, The Growth Years 1852-1923, and The Annealing Years, 1923-1976** by Bess and Merrill Bailey - Set \$20.00

Willard's Wethersfield by John Willard \$3.98 (original cost)

Roanoke by Karen Ordahl Kupperman \$7.00 (half original cost)

Some Notes on Early Connecticut Architecture by Elmer D. Keith \$7.00

The Rockingham The House that Jack Built by William H. Withey (Portsmouth, N.H.) \$7.00

Inalong, Outalong, Downalong Reminiscences of New Castle, N.H. Helen St. John \$7.00

Witchcraft, Magic and Religion in 17th Century, Massachusetts by Richard Weisman \$9.95-original cost

The 19th Century Parks of Hartford-A Legacy to the Nations John Alexopoulos \$7.00

The Last War of the Modocs-Oregon Historical Society \$7.00

More about our books - if there are members who would like a list of the books, not to be retained (and not listed in this newsletter), please forward request with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to P.O.Box 7454, and it will be provided before giving to a dealer.

Bloomfield History Trivia Quiz

How well will you do with Charlie Regini's Bloomfield Trivia—again your answers may be forwarded to P.O. Box 7454.

1. Which Bloomfield medical facility was recognized in March 2005 for 50 years of quality Service by the AAA? 2. For which local zoo were the MacDonald brothers the official veterinarians? 3. What grocery store was located in the strip mall where Park Avenue Plaza resides? 4. After Shopping Bag was closed what speciality food store did the owners son operate, where located? 5. Bloomfield once had a Marshall's clothing store - where was it located? 6. Where was the Bloomfield Bicycle Shop originally located? 7. Name two Bloomfield businesses which were located across from the Congregational Church.? 8. Name the grocery store which was located where CVS is now? 9. Name the original owner of the Mobil gas station? 10. Name the ice cream and sandwich parlor which was located on Blue Hills Ave?

Answers to the last Trivia Quiz

Dorothea Nordstrom was the only member to return last months Bloomfield quiz

Answers to last quiz 1. 1760; 2. Hezekiah Bissell; 3. Scotland; 4. 1835; 5. 1922, Mrs. Noyes; 6. H.M. Bartlett; 7. Francis Gillette; 8. Oliver Filley; 9. John Griffin; 10. Eggleston

Leaving A Legacy

The Wintonbury Historical Society is a charitable and non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historical sites of Bloomfield, and the memory of the ones who created them.

The Society is in dire need of funds or gifts in order to continue the restorations, and preservations in progress. We are therefore, soliciting the commitment of citizens who value the history of Bloomfield now and in the years ahead.

Listed are a few ways to leave a legacy:

1. Set aside a gift in your will to the Society
2. Name the Society as beneficiary of an insurance policy.
3. Remember your loved ones with a gift in their honor.
4. Name the Society as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401K.

There are several other means, just talk with your financial advisor.

Financial Development Committee

Calendar of Events

2005

- Nov 2 **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center - The Copaco Story
Nov 9 **Mystery in Mythical Wintonbury** 6:30 p.m. Prosser Library

2006

- Feb 1 **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Apr 5 **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Jun 7 **WHS Annual Pot Luck Supper with Business Meeting** 6:00 p.m.
Sept 13 **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Nov 1 **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center

Visit the WHS website at: www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

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