

A Newsletter from the  
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## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I hope all of you enjoyed 2014. Now we are looking forward to another year with our calendars slowly or rapidly filling in. Please mark your calendar with our future programs listed on the next page.

The Pioneer Museum had 220 visitors this year. We received many wonderful comments about its appearance and contents. The museum will be open June, July, and August, weekends, 1-4pm.

The Election Day bake sale was a success. It brought in \$386. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Our next one will be Election Day 2016.

While working on last June's program with Ruth Hotaling about the Civilian Conservation Corps, I was overwhelmed with all of the material I read about the group. The people involved did so much for our country. The CCC helped so many people after the Depression. Ruth and I also presented our program to the board members of the Manlius Historical Society. Then, I found an obituary my father had kept about his cousin, Merton Radway (who had grown up on Swift Road). Merton had graduated from Fabius Union High School and attended the NYS College of Forestry at Syracuse before accepting a position with the U.S. Forest Service as superintendant of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp. (It doesn't say which one.) After returning to college and graduating, he worked for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Merton was responsible for Montezuma's development for several years and had his research on muskrats published. The obituary also stated that he managed a project producing bolts of willow wood that were used in the manufacture of prosthetics during World War II.

A big thank you goes to Barbara Rivette for sending me the 1957 article about the Fabius Grange No. 1404. I have included it in this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the other articles that I have included.

Al LaFrance, former Fabius Historical Society president, passed away on September 8, 2014. He was like an older brother to me. I miss our talks and camaraderie.

I hope to see you in 2015, either at one of our great programs or the museum (or maybe both).

I want to thank everyone who has taken part in making the Fabius Historical Society successful.

THANK YOU!

*Sandy Beglinger*



These future programs will be held at the Fabius Community Center:

Sat., January 3, 1p.m.--Cheryl Pula will present us with information on the Hope Diamond.

Sat., February 7, 1p.m.--Catherine Landis, a grad student at ESF, will discuss historic plants found in central New York.

Sat., March 7, 1 p.m.--Pamela Vittorio, who works with the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, will present a program on the Erie Canal Superstitions. The Erie Canal boatmen were a "superstitious lot" who were ready to fight or argue but "skeert of spooks" and wary of traveling in the fog. This presentation discusses the cultural origins of superstitions, along with some famous clairvoyants, murders, mediums, and mysterious deaths on the canal.

Mon., April 6, 7p.m.--Melanie Zimmer will talk about the ancient stories of the Fingerlakes region.

Mon., May 4, 7p.m.--Sue Greenhagen will discuss the life of the Loomis Gang from the sheriff's point of view.

Mon., June 1, 7p.m.--presentation on the Mercy Flight

Mon., July 6, 7p.m.--Danita Kinner and Tim Etter, from the Tromptown Historical Society, will provide us with information on how The Netherlands and New York State were connected in the 1700's and how DeRuyter evolved.

Mon., Aug. 3, 7p.m.--Norm Dann will present "Cousins of Reform". This program covers the activities of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Gerrit Smith in both the abolition movement and the women's rights movement, with focus on the relationships between the two movements. They were first cousins (their mothers were sisters), and they became powerful, outspoken, radical leaders of those movements.

Mon., September 14, 7p.m.--

Mon., October 5, 7p.m.--

Mon., November 2, 7p.m.--Mark Monmonier, a geography professor in the Maxwell School in Syracuse, will give a talk on lake effect snow.

Mon., December 7, 6p.m.--annual pot-luck supper with live music. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting.



## FABIUS GRANGE NO. 1404

Forty-five Brothers and Sisters interested in promoting agriculture met in the Free Will Baptist Church on Oct. 25, 1916 with Deputy Master Josiah Betts and organized the Fabius Grange. The Members used the Church for their meetings and reimbursed them by paying the taxes and making necessary repairs. Efforts were made to purchase the Church property for a Grange Home as early as 1917 but this was not accomplished until 1924, as no person or groups could be found with authority to make the transfer. The Baptist Corporation in Maine was finally contacted, a contract was made, and the purchase was completed in 1924 for \$700. Part of the principal was raised by subscription and the remainder borrowed from a local Bank. Another loan was necessary to reroof the building. The Church Bell was sold to the Vesper Church for \$100. This money was used to reduce the note.



**Master Howard Bays and  
Sister Bays, Fabius Grange**

A County wide banquet was held in 1931 and the proceeds used to paint the Grange Home. The Grange sponsored a dance on Aug. 14, 1935 with great success. These proceeds were used to remodel the Hall and apply on the note.

In 1945 all 25 Year Members were honored and the Grange gave \$100 toward the purchase of the Doctor's House in town. Aid is given to the bloodbank each year in cooperation with the Fabius Central School as a Community Service project. A very active Juvenile Grange was organized at one time, but was forced to become inactive when it became difficult to find someone to be its Matron or Patron.

### Past Masters

Walter Knapp, Frank Haskins, Fred Abbott, Oscar Wilds, Carl Swift, Duane Skeelee, Clifford Abbott, Dennis Purcell, Grant Goodrich, Harry Locke, Basil Conway, Harry Dennison, Herbert Way, Helen Conway, Frank Porter, David Terrill and Glen Bays.

### Present Officers

Master, Howard Bays; Overseer, Arlene Cooney; Lecturer, Margaret LaMorder; Steward, Arlington Garrett; Ass't. Steward, Harry Denison, Chaplain, Lottie Paddock; Treasurer, John Blaney; Secretary, Mrs. Grant E. Goodrich; Gatekeeper, George Stas; Ceres, Caroline Scullen; Pomona, Lula Robbins; Flora, Helen Conway; Lady Ass't. Steward, Rena Denison; Executive Committee, Grant Goodrich, Basil Conway and David Terrill; Flagbearer, Carlena Chase.



## Members of Fabius Grange

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Abbott	Mr. & Mrs. John Fabing	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Partridge
Mr. Harland Abbott	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Flattery	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Partridge
Mr. & Mrs. James Andrews	Mrs. Grace Grevelding	Mrs. Hattie Partridge
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bays	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goodwater	Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Robbins
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Bays	Mr. & Mrs. Grant Goodrich	Mrs. Lula Robbins
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Mr. & Mrs. John Blaney	Mr. & Mrs. Olcott Gardner	Mr. & Mrs. Clark Squires
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Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Brown	Mrs. Isabel Hall	Mr. Martin Stas
Mrs. Pearl Brown	Mrs. Gladys Hitchcock	Mr. George Stas
Mr. & Mrs. Justen Bumpus	Mrs. Lena Hefferman	Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Sevendsen
Mr. & Mrs. DeVille Beckwith	Mr. Leland Houck	Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Stevenson
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Byran	Mr. & Mrs. Harland Ingersoll	Mr. & Mrs. Duane Skiele
Mr. Edward Butler	Mrs. Emma Jacobe	Mr. Matty Stas
Mrs. Nellie Hall Buck	Dr. & Mrs. Donald Kinslow	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Scullen
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Conway	Mrs. Doris Kitchner	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scheftic
Miss Marjorie Conway	Mrs. Margaret LaMonder	Mr. Thomas Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Craw	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Locke	Mrs. Allie Thompson
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Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chase	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Murdent	Mr. David Terrill
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Campbell	Mr. & Mrs. Neal Mowry	Mr. & Mrs. Henry TenEyck
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Mrs. Nellie Dwyer	Mr. & Mrs. William Oley	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wilmot
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Davenport	Mr. & Mrs. John Parmon	Mr. Fred Wyman
Mr. Robert Dwyer	Mrs. Lottie Daddock	Mr. Oscar Wilds
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Devine	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Penoyer	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Way
Mr. & Mrs. Orville Engst		Mr. Thomas Walsh
Mrs. Grace Farewell		Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Waller
Mrs. Mildred Farewell		Mr. & Mrs. Richard Woodford



# Fabius High School Class of '41 Reunited



**Reunited.** The Fabius High School Class of 1941 held their 50th class reunion on July 20 at the Pompey Fire House. Eleven of the class of 19 graduates were able to attend. Their special guest was class advisor, Mary Shea Demong.

Pictured back row, left to right: George Denas, Roy Partridge, Clarence Locke, Donald Mathewson, Jesse Pilcher, Nicholas Hayes and Terrance Stewart.

Seated, left to right: Steven Morezak, Jean Gaines Pitt, Mary DeMong, Mary Frazee Found and Leah White Costello.

Reunions are something to look forward to having: seeing old friends; talking about past events; discussing present lives. Bonding with friends makes life special. If you are involved with a high school reunion connected to Fabius, I hope you will share with the Fabius Historical Society the updates and whereabouts of your classmates so we can keep our Fabius-Pompey Alumni Directory current. Thank you.



**DECEMBER 20 1899**

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## THE DERUYTER RESERVOIR.

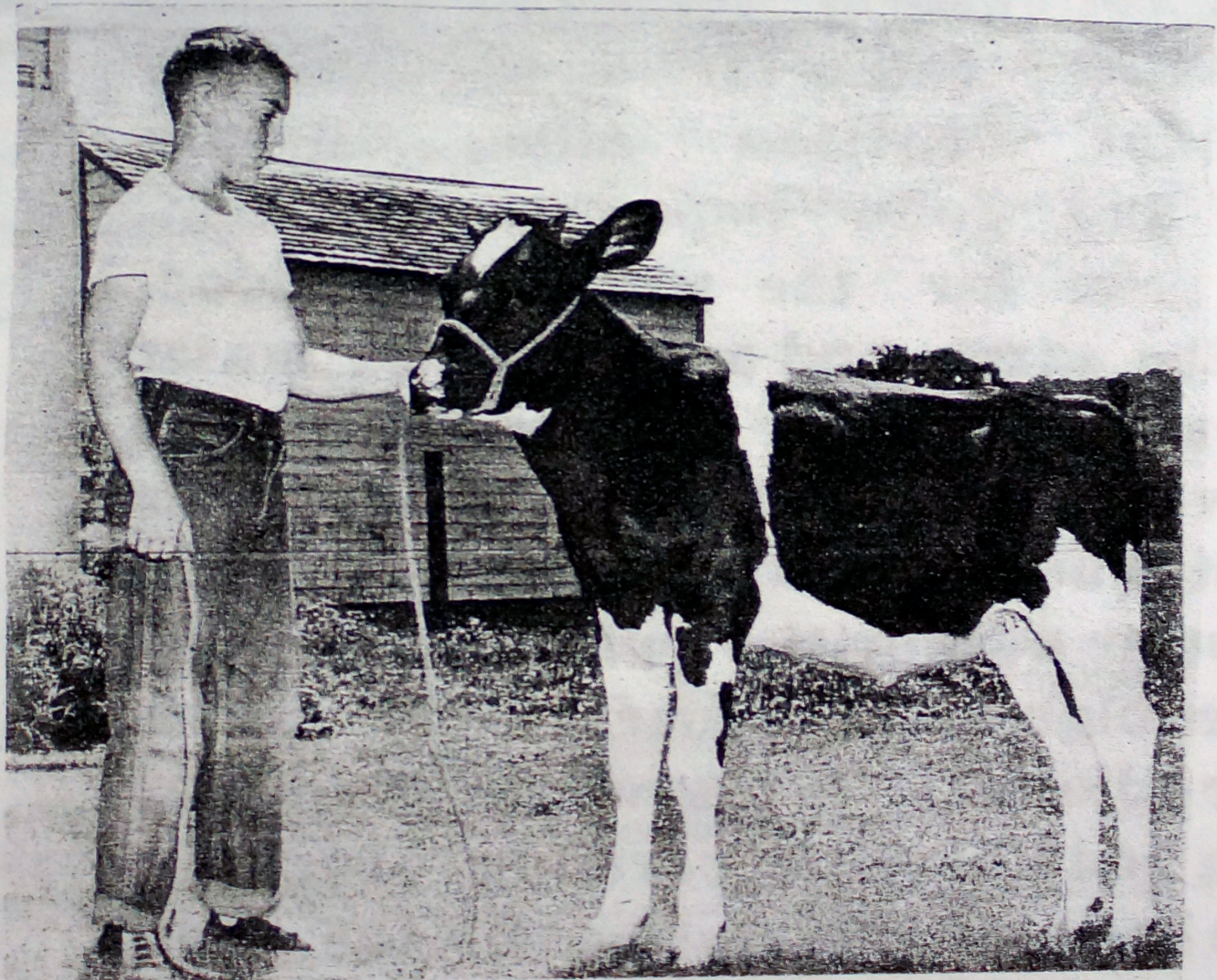
**Something of its History and Use—Very Low This Year.**

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Lucius Hathaway of the extreme northern part of the town of Cuyler recently informed a STANDARD man that the Delluyter reservoir has been lower this season than at any time during the past thirty years.

Mr. Hathaway said he could well remember when what is now the reservoir proper was only a large never failing spring covering an area of nearly five acres. About forty years ago the state purchased the farms of Bradley Merchant, Britton Allen, Berton Reed and John Pope at a nominal price for the purpose of flooding the same and making head water for a state feeder for the Erie canal. The reservoir is still used for that end. Its outlet is near Fayetteville and Manlius. The state authorities built a large dam 70 feet high and the four farms besides other adjoining lands were submerged and a body of water covering over 800 acres has been maintained by the state ever since. When at high water mark the surface measures 2 miles in length and 1 mile wide.





COME ON, HOLD YOUR HEAD UP, CATHY!—Edward Knapp, 11, of Route 91, Fabius, is coaxing his calf to hold her head up and ears straight. The calf is Greenwood Cathy Roberta, a purebred registered Holstein less than a year old. She is Edward's second calf as a 4-H project.