



Spindle City Historic Society

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HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

A History of the E.T. Ruane Post

The E.T. Ruane Post, American Legion Post 476, turned 90 on September 25, 2009. The organization had its start when fourteen veterans of WWI signed the charter of the E.T. Ruane Post on September 25, 1919. The Cohoes group was one of the first to be formed in the United States. The national organization of the American Legion was founded March 15 of the same year in Paris, France at a meeting of American veterans of WW I, and the first United States meeting was held in St. Louis, Missouri in May 1919. The E.T. Ruane Post is the second oldest organization of war veterans in Cohoes, preceded only by the Collin-Ross Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans.

The Cohoes Post was named for 1st Sgt. Edward T. Ruane of Cohoes, who was killed in action on Oct. 16, 1918 at Barsigny, France while serving with Co. B, 105th Infantry. Charter members of the post included Harold B. Ablett, James J. Cain, Luke Daley, Stanley Finnekin, William F. Finn, George Ashworth, Thomas LaRoche, Albert J. Plumley, Abraham Schofield, Louis A. Tessier, William Caldwell, John J. Carr, Frank M. Hay and Bernard J. Heslin. Although not listed among the charter members, Meyer Cramer was honored by the post in 1976 with a life membership, citing his membership dating back to 1919. Charles Plumley, a retired brigadier general, was elected the post's first commander. Technically commanders serve a one-year term, but tradition has evolved to elect the commander to a second one-year term, intended to, as one veteran puts it, "to give him a year to learn and a year to serve."

Meetings of the post were conducted at the Cohoes Armory and Cohoes City Hall until a permanent space was secured at 114 Remsen Street. Unfortunately, a fire at this site destroyed not only the building, but early post records as well. The post moved across the street to 113 Remsen Street and remained there until 1937, when they purchased their present headquarters at 93 Oneida Street. Originally the property of the Harmony Mills Company, the building had been used by the Cohoes Lodge of Elks and the Order of Eagles prior to the Legion's purchase. Over the years, the building has been enlarged and renovated to include offices, a members' lounge, a meeting room and a kitchen.

The E.T. Ruane Post Auxiliary was chartered on June 30, 1923 to allow the wives of veterans to participate in the services provided to the community by the post. In addition to participating in post functions, the Auxiliary is responsible for preparing the headquarters reception room when it is rented for special events, such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, anniversaries, and graduation celebrations.

The post was the first in Albany County to organize an
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DID YOU KNOW

....that in spring 1964, the following food prices were advertised at the Grand Union Market at 302 Ontario Street? Whole pork loin – 44¢ per lb, whole chicken - 29¢ per lb., 20lb. bag of potatoes - 89¢

....that the grand opening of the Food Circus market in Cohoes at 302 Ontario Street was on November 10, 1965? Specials included pork loin for 59¢ per lb, and pork rib for 49¢ per lb. In the 1950s, the site had been occupied by Empire Super Markets, and is now the location of the Spindle City Market.

.... that Berdar's Service Station at 114 Saratoga Street was founded in 1929 and has been a family business for three generations?

.... that in 1871 the Scotia Opera House at 39 Mohawk Street gave nightly concerts and provided the choicest brands of wines, liquors, ales, and cigars?

....that in 1954, the Empire State Grenadiers, a drum and bugle corps of almost 50 members, performed in parades in Cohoes and around the area? The group was sponsored by the E.T. Ruane Post of the American Legion. Read more about the history of Cohoes' E.T. Ruane Post in the Historian's Notebook column in this issue.

....that the building that once stood at 75 Vliet Street was a grocery store where Mike Smith worked? The store was run by Bridget Dawson, a widow whose husband Dennis had been an alderman and operator of a saloon on Willow Street. Bridget's brother was Michael T. Smith. He worked for Bridget at the grocery store, and later at a saloon located at the same address. This gave him his start in the tavern-keeping business, and he would go on to run a saloon at 17 ½ Remsen Street (where the Senior Citizen Center is today) in the early 1890s. This was around the time that Mike Smith entered politics as a county legislator, and his saloons and later his famed restaurant would be a base for establishing his political power.

....that in 1948 at 221 Remsen St., there was a shop called the Music Centre that sold musical instruments? The store was located on the block where Marra's Pharmacy now stands.

....that in May of this year, Bernie Heroux retired after 64 years as a barber in Cohoes? His shop was located at the corner of Remsen and Ontario Streets. On May 21, he was honored at Cohoes City Hall with a proclamation recognizing his long career. Look for a story about Mr. Heroux in a future issue of the newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Spindle City Historic Society welcomes new members *Ronald Bissell, Cheryl Green, and Denise Roberts.*

The History of 135 Mohawk Street

by Robert Clancy



Before it became the YWCA, this 6,800 square foot, unpainted, red brick, c.1874 Second Empire Victorian house was the home of wealthy woolen textile pioneer William Moore. The Second Empire architectural style was popular during the Victorian, era reaching its zenith between 1865 and 1880, and so named for the “French” elements in vogue during the era of the Second French Empire under Napoleon III (1852 - 1870). Upper-crust Victorians selected this style of house because of its romance and prestige, and this house beautifully conveys these points.

Three original pier mirrors and all three marble fireplace mantels are in a perfect state of preservation. Of note, the den fireplace mantel is carved from rare tiger-bleu marble, most likely imported from France. The original ornate iron fence, inscribed “C.T. Bush Patent Fence - April 22, 1873” remains largely intact on three sides of the property.

Born in Ireland in 1827, William Moore had his hand in many successful manufacturing and financial enterprises that amassed him a net worth of over one million dollars (about 20 billion dollars in today’s money) by the early 1890s. Moore was the president of the Erie Knitting Mill, partner in the William Moore Knitting Company, partner at Moore & Tierney and

President and a founder of the Manufacturers’ Bank of Cohoes. According to the 1893 edition of *Wade’s Fibre and Fabric*, The William Moore Knitting Co. was formed at Cohoes, NY with \$50,000 in capital. The directors listed were William Moore, Sarah Moore and Timothy Moore.

In an August 1901 obituary for Timothy Moore, William Moore’s brother, Timothy is listed as the president of the William Moore Knitting Co. Timothy Moore, who died at his home at 131 Main Street in Cohoes, was proudly described as being a well known and highly regarded Cohoes citizen, the city’s former assessor and a supervisor from the third ward. He was survived by his wife, brother William, and sister Mrs. Margaret Murphy of Syracuse, but no children.

In sharp contrast to his brother Timothy, William Moore was not without his troubles. As reported in a June 5, 1893 *New York Times* article, William Moore found himself embroiled in a scandalous divorce. According to the news story, Mr. Moore applied for a divorce from his wife Mary, but she “served him a spirited answer.” Mr. Moore alleged desertion, but his wife stated that the allegations were untrue. During the summer of 1891, Mrs. Moore claimed that at her husband’s request she went to visit their daughter in South Carolina. Soon after her arrival, she was presented with separation papers and was requested to sign them. She did sign them, but never turned them over to Mr. Moore.

In October 1892, Mr. Moore began the action of divorce, alleging infidelity with persons she had “never seen or heard of.” When Mrs. Moore put in a court appearance, he dropped the case and paid the costs. In her answer, she claimed he was the one guilty of infidelity with a woman named Sarah Tierney and that he was “supporting the Tierney woman and her child.”

According to his wife, Moore had emptied the house of furniture before she returned from South Carolina, whence she found the house unfit for living. Mr. Moore most likely sold the property to the Y.W.C.A. at that time. Bits of Christian newsprint with a YWCA mailing label dating to 1904 were found in the building during its recent restoration, which confirms this early ownership of the property by the YWCA.

On April 18, 1901, the *New York Times* noted that wealthy manufacturer of Cohoes William Moore and many other prominent people from the Empire State were granted divorces in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The other prominent New Yorkers named in the article included Mme. Margaret L. De Steuters, a woman connected to the Astors, who obtained a divorce from a French nobleman, and Countess Julia B. Latour Du Villard.

Mr. Moore didn’t live much longer after being granted his divorce, and passed away on August 16, 1904 at his home in Albany, NY. Sadly, both the William Moore Knitting Co. and the Erie Mill buildings were lost in a major fire on December 12, 1913 that practically wiped out the prosperous Cohoes manufacturing center and put over 1,000 millworkers out of work for the winter.

Currently, the majestic 135 Mohawk Street property is owned by Robert Clancy and Lauren Payne, who recently restored it for the new home of their marketing communications firm, Spiral Design Studio.

History of the Cohoes YWCA



The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Cohoes was founded on Wednesday, October 1, 1890. The organization first had its headquarters and rooms at 53 Saratoga Street, near Cortland Street. About 70 young women attended the first meeting and over fifty signed the constitution. The evening began at 7 p.m. for inspection of the rooms, registration and payment of membership fees, and the meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. An election of officers was held; officers had a one year term limit, with the understanding that they were not to be reelected. The first officers were: President - Mrs. George H. Page; Vice President - Mrs. Jabez Prest; Secretary - Miss Belle Van Olinda; and Treasurer - Miss Eva Frisbie. The executive committee consisted of Mrs. R. Wilcox, Mrs. L.W. Mansfield, Mrs. N. Shaver, Miss Carrie E. Vail, Miss Caddie J. Dodge, Miss Mary Clark, Miss Marion Link, Miss Minnie McClelland, Miss Ellen Shaw, Miss Georgie Campbell, and Mrs. George Oliver. Quarterly business meetings were held, and any young woman of good character over 14 years of age could join the association on payment of \$1.00 annual dues and subscribing to the constitution. Arrangements were made to have a lady resident, Mrs. Corkey, serve as matron to give the rooms a homelike look and provide for their being open at all times. Donations of chairs, rugs or carpets, lamps, pictures, books and periodicals of a suitable nature were solicited. The rooms were to be open during the day and evening, with the reading room supplied with daily and weekly newspapers and monthly magazines. Evening classes were conducted in painting, music, and English language and writing.

In 1892 the YWCA located to 135 Mohawk Street, and provided residences for women, where they had use of the library and were taught "domestic sciences." During the first decades of the 20th century, many of the young women who came from Canada to work in the mills of Cohoes stayed briefly at the YWCA. One-time YWCA Director Eleanor Loos noted that most would stay only for a few days before moving to more permanent residences.

In 1965 the Cohoes YWCA merged with the Troy YWCA. During the 1960s Grace and Carolyn Rivage directed the teenage club, whose activities included skating parties, food sales, and dinners. The YWCA continues to offer programs for teens, and activities for children of all ages, including swimming and other sports, crafts and music. The YWCA developed programs and classes in the early 1980s to help women working outside the home to streamline domestic duties, and offered daycare programs. The YWCA also aids women in entering and re-entering the workforce, assisting them with job training and career counseling.

In the mid-1980s, fitness programs were created, in response to greater focus on wellness and healthier lifestyles. These programs included a noontime exercise class in Cohoes open to both men and women which was expanded due to popular demand. The 1980s also saw the creation of self-defense classes for women. 1982 was declared "The Year of the Volunteer" and honored those who had contributed to the YWCA's long success.

Over the ensuing decades, the YWCA has continued to provide programs to fit the changing needs of the region's women. It advocates against domestic violence, and for civil rights and women's rights, and still provides, as it has since the 1890s, safe, affordable lodging for women. And while the YWCA no longer has a building in Cohoes, it still maintains a presence in the city. This June the Spiral Design Studio, which currently occupies what once was the home of the Cohoes YWCA at 135 Mohawk Street, will host the annual wine tasting event of the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, with this year's proceeds from the fund-raiser going to the YWCA's Women in Transition program.



Off the Top...

A quick jump back to the President's Message from the February, 2008 newsletter:

“If you have been reading the Spindle City Historic Society Newsletter for a while now, you must know that I have a great interest in the W. J. Dickey House on Imperial Avenue and in that famous vaudeville dancer who grew up in the house, namely La Petite Adelaide. I guess my message to you historians out there who are doing research is, try, try and try again.”

Now the story continues. I knew that the housewarming took place on Friday, February 28, 1890. I now possess the original deed for the property which was signed on August 10, 1889 with the price of the property at \$1200.00. This was part of lands owned by Daniel McElwain and his wife. They are the only signatures on the deed. I was hoping to see the actual handwriting of William J. Dickey himself. I was only disappointed for a moment. His signature is on other paperwork that was so kindly given to me to keep with the history of the house.

I could fill most of this issue (and several others) if I went item by item. For the moment, here are some highlights:

May 2, 1927: Robert Robinson, Decorator and Estate Agent of 54 Oneida Street, wallpapered the one bedroom, the parlor, the dining room and the den with materials and 364 hours of labor for \$586.70 (with the labor at \$1.25 per hour).

January 17, 1930: W.R. Buchanan, Carpenter and Builder, whose office and shop were at 29-33 Imperial Avenue (the same street as the house) reworked the main staircase and installed a circle top stained glass window, with all materials and labor costing \$152.87 (with labor at \$1.60 per hour).

May 16th, 1931: Thirty-one and two-thirds yards of Linoleum purchased from Wm. H. Frear & Co., Inc, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Troy, NY for \$79.17. February 18, 1939, School Taxes of \$3.15.

May 2nd, 1939: Plastering of Ceiling by James J. Dooley Sons, General Contractors, 70 White Street for \$49.26.

Getting more history of the William J. Dickey House is also allowing more insight into the businesses of Cohoes and the costs involved at various time periods. The itemizations of some of the projects are astounding.

So, just keep digging into the history of Cohoes.

Paul D. Dunleavy
President

Tour of Spiral Design Studio – 135 Mohawk St.



The SCHS April meeting featured a visit to Spiral Design Studio, located at 135 Mohawk St. at the former Cohoes YWCA building. The building's owners, Robert Clancy and Lauren Payne, have done an exceptional job in restoring the building,

originally owned by textile manufacturer William Moore, to its former glory. Spiral Design Studio develops print and web design for a range of regional to international clients. The evening included a slideshow presentation by Robert Clancy detailing the restoration of the structure's exterior and interior and its history, followed by a tour of the building. Many thanks to Robert and Lauren for their hospitality and commitment to historic preservation. See page 2 of this issue for Robert's account of the fascinating (and somewhat scandalous) history of the house and its original owner, and page 3 for a brief history of the Cohoes YWCA, which occupied the building for much of the 20th century.

Canal Clean Sweep and Cohoes Beautification Day

On Saturday, April 17, SCHS again participated in the annual Canal Clean Sweep, sponsored by Parks and Trails New York and the New York State Canal Corporation. Although the morning was damp and drizzly, a group of volunteers turned out to clean up Power Canal Park, the canal towpath near Vliet and Devlin Streets, and the chambers of Lock 15. On the following Saturday, in much brighter weather, a group returned to the Lock 15 area for City Beautification Day in Cohoes. Many thanks to all who participated – Linda Christopher, Anna and Paula Blizniak Brewer, Tom Donnelly, Frank Galarneau, Randy Koniowka, David and Anne Marie Koschnick, and Walter, June and Daniele Cherniak.



Mayor McDonald stops by to talk with some of Canal Clean Sweep participants.

If you'd like to join in but missed these dates, SCHS members will be out cleaning up the city's canal towpaths and lock chambers at other times from spring through fall. Look for schedule updates on the SCHS website at www.spindlecreek.net and in future issues of the newsletter.



As in many of our lock cleanups, SCHS members found some unusual items. The finds this April included a canvas folding chair, a pair of

stereo speakers, a pair of sneakers, a large plastic pail, a flip-flop, a pair of shorts, a jack, a lawn chair, several tires (a few of which can be seen in the photo here), a cart wheel, an animal cage, a briefcase, a blue tarpaulin, and reading glasses.

Local Youth Elected President of the New York State Society Children of the American Revolution

Alexandra "Lexi" Zerrillo, a sophomore at the Academy of the Holy Names and Honorary President of the Schuyler Society Children of the American Revolution of Cohoes, was recently elected the 2010-2011 President of the New York State Society Children of the American Revolution. Lexi will lead the N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. with her state theme *Cherish Our Freedom – Honor Our Veterans* and will raise funds to support two projects.

The first project is to place a N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. granite and bronze memorial marker along the Memorial Pathway at the Gerald B. H. Solomon

National Cemetery in Schuylerville. The cemetery is New York State's 6th national veterans' cemetery and the 116th in the National Cemetery Administration. More than 1.4 million veterans live in New York and more than 225,000 reside in the Capital District. At full capacity, the cemetery can provide burial space for 175,500 veterans and eligible dependents.



Lexi Zerrillo presents her project pin to Mayor McDonald.

The second project is to support the New York State Battle Flag Preservation Project at the NYS Military Museum in Saratoga Springs. The mission of the museum and research center is to preserve, interpret and disseminate the story, history and

records of New York State's military forces and veterans. The collection is divided into the museum and the library/archives holdings. The museum owns the largest collection of state battle flags in the country and the largest collection of Civil War flags in the world. Of the over 1700 flags in the collection, more than 60% are from the Civil War. The flags date from the War of 1812 through the 1991 Gulf War. The museum maintains an exhibit of its flag collection in the State Capitol building in Albany where the collection was originally housed.

Memorial Day Parade



On Thursday, May 27, SCHS participated in the annual Cohoes Memorial Day parade. The contingent included a group of marchers, a 1929 Chevrolet Imperial and a mastodon. Shown here is a pre-parade photo of SCHS members with members of the Schuyler Society and the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR.

Remembering the Mastodons

The Cohoes Mastodons, part of the N.Y. State Basketball League, were the league's leaders in 1948, outplaying all opposition with a record nineteen victories against four losses and one forfeit. The winning team members that year included Mike Dubow, Nick Shaback, Kelly Brosman, Jules Kasner (player-coach, in photo on right), Jim Coward (in photo below), Nat Militzok, Hank Rosenstein, Nat Silvers, Sam Barucci and Marvin Blumenthal. In recognition of this success, team owner James Marra received the Commissioner Bladsoe Trophy from Commissioner Bladsoe on April 6, 1948. The team exhibited fine play and remarkable shooting ability against the other league teams, among them the Mohawk Redskins, Saratoga Indians, Oswego Pontiacs, Utica Olympics and Twin Cities Celtics (representing Albany and Troy in the 1947-48 season). Other teams over the brief history of the league included the Albany Senators, which became the Albany Red Devils (1946-47), Harlem Yankees (1948-49), Gloversville Glovers (1946-47), Schenectady Comets (1946-48), Schenectady Packers (1948-49), Glens Falls Commodores (1947-49), and the Troy Whirlwinds (1946-47).

The Mastodons were owned and operated by the Cohoes Sports Club, Inc., whose officers were George C. Marra, president; John J. Marra, vice-president; James V. Marra, treasurer and James D. Keado, secretary. The team played its games in the Cohoes Armory. One of the founders of the team in 1946 was Kenneth F. Gregory, who was the owner and operator of Gregory's Dairy in Cohoes.

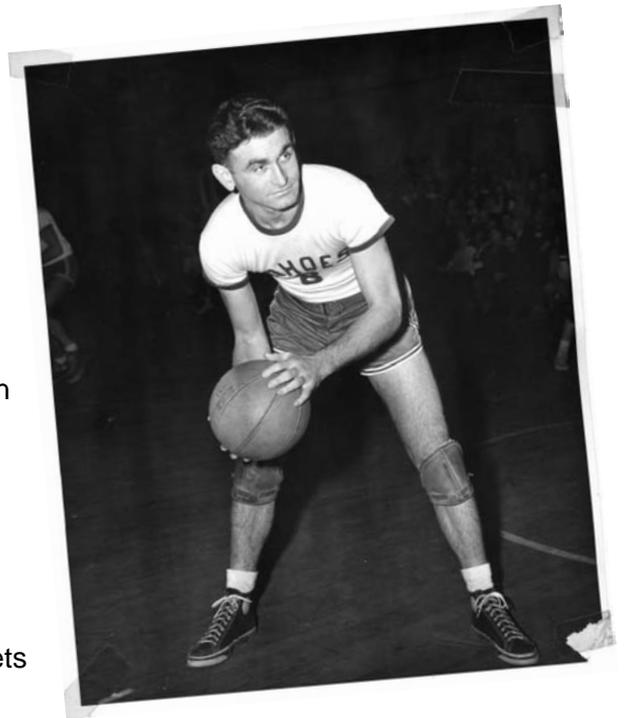
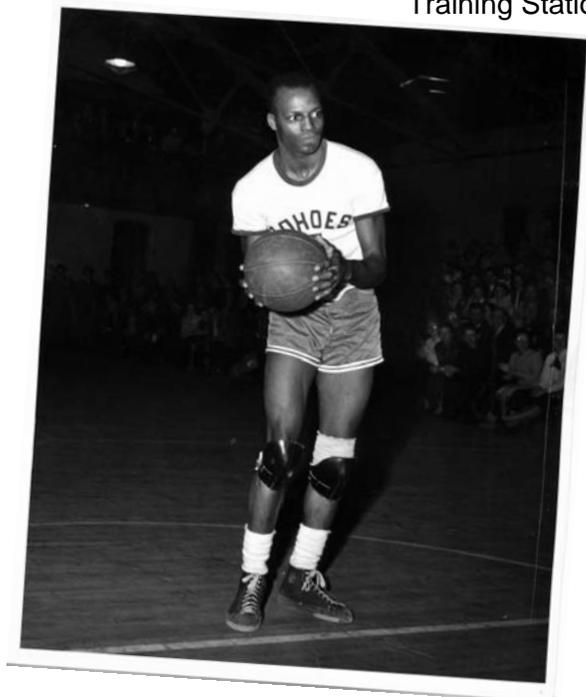
Among the players on the team during the four seasons the Mastodons competed were Herb Kapust, who as player-coach led the club to the Eastern Division title in the State League in 1946-1947. He was a graduate of Brooklyn College and played pro basketball with the N.Y. Celtics and Brooklyn Jewels before coming to Cohoes. Kelly Brosman, "Long Island U.'s gift to basketball", was one of the leading scorers in 1946-1947, and was one of the most popular players among Mastodon fans. Johnny "Moe" Mroczkowski was a transplanted Brooklynite who moved to Cohoes at the end of the 1946 season and became a hometown talent, leading the team's scoring in 1946-1947. Tony Orlando was basketball captain for two seasons at R.P.I. and held the institute's all-time scoring record. He also scored 300 points in one season with the Great Lakes Naval

Training Station and played with the Troy team of the N.Y.S. Basketball League

in 1946-1947. Marvin "Red" Blumenthal was captain of the Temple University team in the 1944-45 season and was selected for several All-American teams; the tenacious player was another fan favorite. Jim Coward was a starting five member at Brooklyn College in 1939 and at N.Y.U. in 1942. He played with the Saratoga Indians in 1946-1947. Mel Hirsch, although only 5'6", played with the Boston Celtics in 1946-1947 and for Brooklyn College from 1938-1942. In 1942 he was All-Metropolitan and fifth leading scorer following his war-time service as a navigator in the Air Corps. Ike Dubow played with C.C.N.Y. and also served in the Air Corps during the war. He was rated among the best shooters on the Cohoes lineup. Nat Militzok, at 6'3", was a former member of the N.Y.

Knickerbockers and Toronto B.A.A. He played with Hofstra College in Brooklyn, where he was considered one of the school's finest players, and was a Navy lieutenant in W.W.II.

Although the league and the Mastodons only lasted a brief time, many Cohoesiers still have fond memories of Friday and Saturday evenings of exciting games played at the Cohoes Armory.



Many thanks to Barbara McDonald for information used in this article.

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adult drum and bugle corps, and was the only post to have had three such groups. The Senior Corps was commanded by Mr. Trombley. The Empire State Grenadiers, consisting mostly of WW II veterans, was rated as one of the leading bugle and drum corps in the northeast. The Boy Rangers of America, commanded by Earl Raymond, won the state junior Legion championships in 1932 and 1933. The Sons of the Legion Corps was commanded by Roland Gagnon as drum major and president. He was killed in action while serving as an army lieutenant during WWII.

Over the decades, the post's contributions to Cohoes have been many and varied. In the Depression era the Cohoes post sponsored a distribution center that provided clothing, furniture, household items, and holiday toys to families on the relief rolls. To this day, the post provides assistance to needy families at the holidays. The Post undertook a fundraising effort for purchase of an ambulance for the Cohoes Memorial Hospital, and met its goal in November 1953. Funds were raised from proceeds of American Legion Day at the Pine Bowl Speedway at Snyders Corners. The ambulance was a 1940 LaSalle. The Hiker Monument, erected in 1924 in honor of the volunteers who served in the Spanish American War, was given a "face lift" in 1964 by the post when members cleaned and polished the statue and repainted the cannons.

The Cohoes Memorial Day Parade, traditionally held the Thursday before Memorial Day, is perhaps the most visible continuing contribution to the city. The post works with city personnel to recruit groups to participate in the parade and determine the order in which they march, and its members serve as parade marshals. The beginnings of the parade are lost to memory, but some older Legion members recall that the parades were held prior to WWII but were suspended during the war years in the early 1940s. Legionnaires are also visible every year at key intersections around town in early May, as they conduct a "tag day" and hand out red poppies. The proceeds from these collections are used to purchase flags that are placed at the graves of area veterans. Over the decades, the post's annual Thanksgiving feast has become a tradition. All members of the community are invited to a turkey dinner at no cost on Thanksgiving Day. Legion members and their families also deliver dinners to residents of the city's senior housing. The post assists local youth and youth programs, annually awarding a \$1000 savings bond to the valedictorian of the graduating class of Cohoes High School. Fundraising events, such as this year's corned beef and cabbage dinner on St. Patrick's Day, help to support youth sports in Cohoes.

An important group affiliated with the post was the Last Man's Club. The tradition of "Last Man's Clubs" rose from the horror of WWI, when members of a specific combat unit or common veteran's organization formed these groups. The Cohoes club of WWI veterans was founded on January 28, 1940. The number of original members is not recorded, but by 1954, when post membership was about 400, there were 43 members of the Last Man's Club; this dwindled to 9 by 1973. The club's strict rules included mandatory attendance at the annual meeting and services, with exceptions for illness or geographic location. The club's annual memorial ritual featured a skull and crossbones and a bottle of vintage French cognac, encased in an appropriately-sized casket. At the service, tables were placed in the form of a cross, candles were lighted for deceased members and as the memorial roll was read, the individual candles were extinguished. The skull and crossbones represented death, symbolically recalling the harrowing wartime experiences of group members. The bottle of cognac was to be opened when the last three men met for the annual meeting. On April 6, 1983, Meyer Cramer, 90; Harry Calkins, 87; and Raymond Belanger, 83 met, made a toast to their departed comrades, and rapped the gavel for the final meeting of the club.

June Cherniak/Tom Donnelly

Spindle City Historic Society Membership Application

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We have great things planned in our home in the Cohoes Visitor's Center! Please help if you can with an additional donation to support our upcoming programs: \$5.00 \$10.00 other
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Mail completed form with membership fee, payable to Spindle City Historic Society, to:
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Wanted – Historic Postcards

The Spindle City Historic Society is beginning work on its next book, a collection of historic postcards of Cohoes. If you have historic postcards you would like to share for the book, please contact us at cohoes90@nycap.rr.com or at 518-237-5618. Postcards will be scanned and returned to their owners unless they wish to donate them to SCHS.

Electronic Option for Delivery of the SCHS Newsletter

The Spindle City Historic Society is now offering its members electronic mailing of the newsletter. This assures that you will receive the newsletter more quickly. To sign up for electronic delivery, please e-mail us at cherniak@nycap.rr.com and provide the e-mail address where you would like your newsletter sent. Otherwise, you will continue to receive the newsletter through the regular mail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 30 - Spindle City Historic Society meeting. 7 p.m., Cohoes Visitor's Center.

Wednesday, July 28 – “*Historic New York State Barns*” – a presentation by Walter J. Hollien, preservation architect. The program will feature the many barn types typical of New York State, including tobacco barns, hay barns, potato barns, and hop drying barns, explain the major differences between English, Dutch and German barns, and describe the tools, materials and methods utilized in the construction of barns and barn preservation. The Spindle City Historic Society's regular 7 p.m. meeting at the Cohoes Visitor's Center will precede this program.

Friday, August 13 – “*Exploring the Canals of Cohoes*” - Walking tour of historic canal sites. Meet at 6 p.m., Cohoes Visitor's Center. This is a “Canal Splash” event.

Wednesday, August 25 - Spindle City Historic Society meeting. 7 p.m., Cohoes Visitor's Center.

Wednesday, September 29 - Spindle City Historic Society meeting. 7 p.m., Cohoes Visitor's Center.

Wednesday, October 27 - Spindle City Historic Society meeting. 7 p.m., Cohoes Visitor's Center.

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