

4-H Members Start Revolutionary Cemetery Improvement Project Saturday

Schenectady—Members of the 4-H Club have completed plans for the improvement of the Revolutionary Cemetery in North Broad Street. Work will begin at 10 p.m. Saturday.

The plan, originated by Carol Lee Boon, to assist the Old Saratoga Historical Association in the improvement of the cemetery, after its junction with 4-H community service.

The Schenectady 4-H Club, Barbara Drew, chairman, is also co-operating as a community service of its club.

Both groups will be in charge of Tag Day, Oct. 17 and 18, a project being sponsored by the historical association to raise funds for the work at the cemetery, such as erecting of monuments, providing fill, moving of monuments, etc.

While planning this project, Miss Boon became interested in the historical value of this old village landmark, and with the co-operation of Clifford Rugg, county historian, found that this cemetery was known as "The Old Broad Street Cemetery." It was also noted from Sylvester's "History of Saratoga," written in 1872, that the remains from the Old Dutch Reformed Cemetery, which was located at Broad and Burgoyne

streets, were moved to the present cemetery also in 1840.

In relative historical interest, it was noted that the Society of the Old Dutch Reformed Church, organized in 1772 and reorganized on July 10, 1780, with 20 male members, elected Cornelius Van Vleet and Peter Becker as elders, and Jesse Toll and James Abel as deacons.

In 1792, 50 acres of land was purchased by the society, and a parsonage was erected across the street from where the cemetery is located. This building is still standing, the owners being Mrs. and Mrs. James Schivler.

In this cemetery are veterans of the War of 1812, Civil War and

Revolutionary War. They include William McCree, veteran of the War of 1812, who was born May 3, 1785, and died May 23, 1851; John Russell, Co. I, 44th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, and Simon Russell, Co. E, 7th Regiment, brothers, who were killed at Cold Harbor during the Civil War, and Abraham Marshall, a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

There are also unmarked veterans' graves.

The first burial noted in the records shown in "Dunbar's Epitaphs," Volume 4, was of a war veteran buried in 1787 at the age of 21. In 1803, Jacob Gile was buried in this cemetery and the

burial of Joseph Marshall took place in 1808.

There were probably more earlier burials in this cemetery, where many graves are unmarked. The last burial noted according to records compiled by Mrs. Grace Vanover Laddick, former county historian, was of James Conroy, who died in 1942 at 1 year of age. It was noted, in going over the dates on markers, that most of the people died in their youth, and the oldest person buried here was Isaac Taylor, 80, who died Aug. 31, 1870.

Some of the dwellings of the Village of 1800 or 1810 are on the site of the present Old Dutch Reformed Church, the Patterson house, which stood on the site of the present Hotel Schenectady, and others.

A list of the burials in the cemetery as shown in "Dunbar's Epitaphs," Volume 4, copied and added to by Mrs. Laddick are on file in the county historian's office, Saratoga Springs.

The Old Dutch Reformed Church, the Schenectady house, a flat mill, grist and saw mills which supplied the industry for the town, and a blacksmith shop operated by a Mr. Daggett. Also the "Buebe house," or Marshall house, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ballard, the Old Dutch Reformed Parsonage, the Patterson house, which stood on the site of the present Hotel Schenectady, and others.



Constance Winslow



Patricia Ringer



Nancy Babenehr



Sally Gifford

Four Area Girls Start Studies at Plattsburgh College

Greenwich—Four area girls have entered Plattsburgh State Teachers College as freshmen.

Miss Nancy Babenehr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Babenehr, Easton Road. She participated in numerous activities throughout her four years of high school, which included choir in her freshman year and Choir and Dramatics Club during her sophomore year.

During her junior year she was a member of the FFA and a Junior Prom attendant. Concluding her senior year, she was a cadet teacher, a member of the Art Club and the French Club.

Miss Constance Winslow is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Winslow of Bald Mountain. Miss Winslow was busy throughout her four years in high school taking part in FFA, Library Club, Choir, Orchestra, and the County Festival and was also a member of the majorettes in her first year.

During her sophomore year she participated as a member of the Orchestra, FFA, Library Club, served on the Student Council and took part in the County Festival.

Continuing on the Student Council and Library Club, she was also on the annual yearbook staff and the Athletic Admissions as a junior. In her senior year she became a member of the French Club as well as

continuing as a member of the Library Club.

Miss Patricia Ringer, who will take early child training, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ringer, Greenwich. During her freshman and sophomore years she was active in Library Club and Orchestra and took part in the County Festival. She was a member of the FFA for the first three years of high school and in her senior year she was a cadet teacher, a member of the Athletic Admissions and the French Club.

Sally Gifford, who plans to enter the nursing field, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gifford of Greenwich. Miss Gifford was a member of the High School Band for four years, participating in the All-State sectionals in her junior and senior years; a member of the Choir during her freshman year and played in the County Festival in her freshman and sophomore years.

She was a member of the Leadership Club and a member of the International Relations Club for three years; vicepresident of her class for two years, editor of the annual yearbook staff, a cheerleader and

Masons Honor McClaughry

Greenwich—Ashlar Lodge, P. and A.M., held its first meeting last night following the Summer recess. During the business session, J. Jay McClaughry was presented the second Ashlar Outstanding Service Award.

McClaughry joined Ashlar Lodge in 1921, served as master in 1923, and in 1929 was appointed assistant grand master of the Washington Masonic District, which office he filled for the four succeeding years.

In 1948 he was appointed grand representative of the State of Minnesota near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Throughout his membership, he has been active in all lodge activities and has attended the major number of lodge communications.

Melvin L. Conick, master, outlined the programs for the next several meetings. On Oct. 6 the Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on a class of candidates by Irvin Grotto of Troy. At the next communication, Oct. 20, the Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred, with past masters of Ashlar Lodge attending the chairs. In the first occupying the chairs. In the first

section, Kenneth B. Moon will preside and in the second section, John Creaser will officiate.

In the first meeting in November, the Master M. H. Hervey will be conferred, and at the next communication 18 degree service, pin will be presented to Lewis Dunning, who will have become a 50th degree member of Ashlar Lodge at that date.

Church Women Slate Party

Schenectady—At a work meeting of the Women's League for Service of Old Saratoga Reformed Church Monday night in the church parlors, the women sewed on aprons, blouses and boys' shirts for a mission box.

During a business session it was voted to have a plastic and toy party the end of September, the date to be announced.

It was planned to continue work at the next meeting to complete articles for the mission box, which will be packed and mailed to a Reformed Church mission.

Two new members were welcomed, Mr. Harold Golding, wife of the new minister of the church, and Mrs. Harold Hayes.

Mrs. Charles Glass, read an article on the responsibilities and stewardship in the life of Christian women and from Romans 12, verses 1 to 21. Activities were closed with recitation of class benediction.

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Gansevoort Barbecue Set.

Gansevoort—A chicken barbecue will be held at the Gansevoort Methodist Church Saturday, Oct. 4, beginning at 1 p.m. Mrs. M. M. Little and Mrs. Margarette St. Clair are in charge.

Installation of officers of the Gansevoort Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held Sunday night, Sept. 21. Parents and friends are invited.

A turkey supper will be served at the Masonic Temple Saturday, sponsored by the Gansevoort Volunteer Fire Department. Services will be served family style beginning at 4:30 p.m. and continuing until all are served.

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