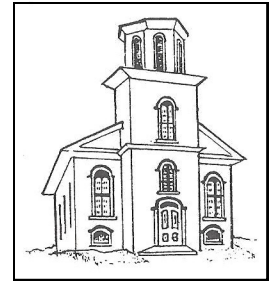


PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE



CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2018

AVIATRIX AMELIA EARHART February 11



Local historian Cheryl Pula will relate the story of Amelia Earhart on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Society starting at 2 PM. This fascinating story is about Earhart who was born in 1897 and disappeared on July 2, 1937 while flying across the Pacific.

Numerous theories about her disappearance have been advanced through then years which occurred when she was flying from New Guinea to Howland Island in a twin engine Lockheed Electra on July 2, 1937.

Cheryl Pula gives many presentations yearly on various historical topics of interest in this area. She has been a librarian at Dunham Public Library in Whitesboro and

She has a degree from Michigan State University and is the New York Mills public historian. Refreshments will follow the program open to members and the public.

BIG HOCKEY CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 9-11

To celebrate the 100 years of hockey in the town of Kirkland a major celebration has been planned for February 9-11 at different places around town and the village. The Society will have an exhibit about Clinton hockey history which will include team and individual pictures, artifacts, clippings, etc.

Curator Rose Raymond has been collecting items from the Society's collection plus donations and loans from members and the public.

Many hockey games, receptions, speeches, and social events will take place between Friday and Sunday.

The Society will be open Friday, February 9 between 1 and 4 PM for a short talk on Clinton hockey by historian Richard Williams. This will include films of old hockey games, too.

On Saturday, February 10 the Society will hold open hours from 10 -2 and again from 5 - 07 for the public to view exhibits and films. A final event Sunday will be Hamilton College playing Tufts at Sage Rink. The weekend is dedicated to Albert Ira Prettyman, the founder of hockey at Hamilton in 1918. Check the web site "ThankyouAlbertPrettyman.com."

Clinton Historical Society
Founded in 1962

DIRECTORS

Mary Benson Byrd- secretary

Ruth Cosgrove

John Crossley

Barbara Decker- vice-president

Lisa Firsching- treasurer

Erik Genalo

Robert Goering

Patrick Grimes

David Iles

Wade Lallier- president

Maurice Lalonde

Zach Lewis

Richard Williams- editor

Malisa Robotham- administrator

Cory Patteson- intern

Web Site

www.clintonhistory.org

Facebook- original

E-Mail Address

clintonhistoricalsociety1@gmail.com

Phone

315-859-1392

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 42
Clinton, New York 13323

OPEN HOURS

Thursday 1-4; Saturday 1-4

Dues- \$12.00 individual ; \$17.00
businesses/families; \$25.00
friend; \$50.00 contributing mem-
ber

HOCKEY CELEBRATION

Your Society has been an active participant in the planning for this weekend of hockey history. Headed by Society member , Clinton native, Hamilton College alum, and former Clinton High school hockey player Andy Burns, a committee has been meeting for two years to make an appropriate commemoration.

Hockey came to the US from Canada in the late 1800s when Army troops began the game, and McGill University had a team and developed a code of conduct in 1875. Amateur hockey played in Ottawa, Quebec, and Montreal by 1885 and in 1893 Montreal won the first Stanley Cup.

The cup was named after Lord Stanley, the governor-general of Canada and should not be confused by Ed Stanley, Clinton native who started the Clinton Hockey Club in 1928.

Some college teams developed by the 1890s such as Yale and Johns Hopkins. Hockey was first played in the USA in 1881 although details are lacking.

New York City had two teams: St. Nicholas Hockey Club and New York Hockey Club by the mid-1890s.

Hockey quickly developed at eastern colleges, secondary schools, and as an adult amateur sport. It was first played in the 1920 Olympics.

In 1917 the National Hockey League was formed with Canadian teams, but the Boston Bruins joined the league in 1924.

Enter Albert Ira Prettyman who appointed Hamilton College director of athletics in 1917.

A Baltimore native he had played "shinney" as it was called then on thin-iced Maryland ponds and attended Dickinson Prep School prior to enrolling at Springfield College and graduating in 1906.

In Clinton hockey is played at the youth level, high school, college, and formerly the adult level. Today girls are on teams at high school and the college levels.

Relive the glory days of the Eastern Hockey League with college and high school alums on the February 9-11 weekend.

CLARK MILLS HISTORICAL AT 25

Our friends and neighbors in Clark Mills celebrated 25 years of the Clark Mills Historical Society on October 18, 2017. County Executive Anthony Picente declared the day in recognition of the Society with a presentation of a plaque read by vice-president Jennifer Hughes Scoones.

Barbara Traver began the Society in 1992. The Society meets now at the Kirkland Senior Citizens Center in Clark Mills, but has used rooms at St. Marks Church and the former Winns Furniture store.

Congratulations!!!

From New York State to Minnesota at Thirteen

A recollection by Ron Mac Lean– June 2009

At the age of thirteen, I was one of seventeen boys, thirteen years of age and under, who were picked to represent the Clinton Youth Hockey League in the New York State and then the National Pee Wee Ice Hockey Championships in 1953.

This youth hockey program that I was a part of grew strong and was well organized. It soon became a dominate force in Pee Wee Hockey in the northeast. In the early years, the older players under 13 traveled to various New York State and the National Pee Wee championships in the Madison Square Garden, using discarded high school uniforms.

In 1953, brand new Red, White & Blue uniforms were purchased, and I was picked to be on the *Clinton Pee Wee Hockey Team*, a big deal for me in my last year of eligibility. We won the NYS Pee Wee Championship at St. Lawrence University's Appleton Arena in Canton. As a result, we were invited to the National Championship being held in St. Paul, Minnesota-----a long way from Clinton, New York.

Most of us had never been beyond the borders of New York State. The community came together and raised most of the money to pay for our trip to St. Paul, an enormous undertaking that made a big impression on me.

The team, coaches and chaperones traveled by train from Utica to St. Paul with a stop-over in Chicago. In the St. Paul tournament, there were teams from all over the country and we ended up in 4th place. We were, however, happy with our play against seasoned teams from Minnesota, North Dakota and Colorado. The thrill of travelling by train so far, staying in a hotel in a large city, and competing against national teams was just an amazing experience. What a journey from playing *shinny* hockey on the old outdoor rink.

I continued to play hockey through high school-----not a great player by any means but one that worked hard and held his own. Nearly all of the 17 members of that 7519 *Pee Wee Hockey Team* played hockey in high school and some played in college.

Editor's note: we are pleased to print Ron MacLean's reminiscences of his young hockey days in Clinton in the month of the centennial of hockey here.

ARENA FIRE REMEMBERED

The first Clinton Arena burned in September 1953 only five years after it was built. Recently two Society directors, Gill Goering and David Iles, recorded their memories of that Friday 65 years ago. The recorded interview now will be preserved for future research.

Gill and David were 12 and 13 years old then and responded with most of the village to the fire at 7:30 that fateful Friday fall morning.

DUES CHANGED

Beginning April 1, 2018 the Society will eliminate the three year dues levels and just have the one-year memberships as was the case prior to the one and three year options which began three years ago.

All three year memberships will be honored and allowed until they expire. Check your label for the date to which your dues are paid.

