

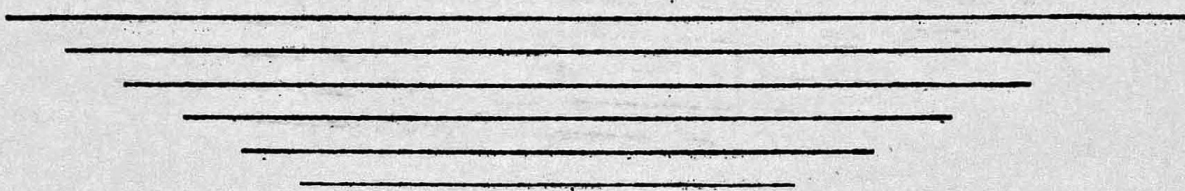
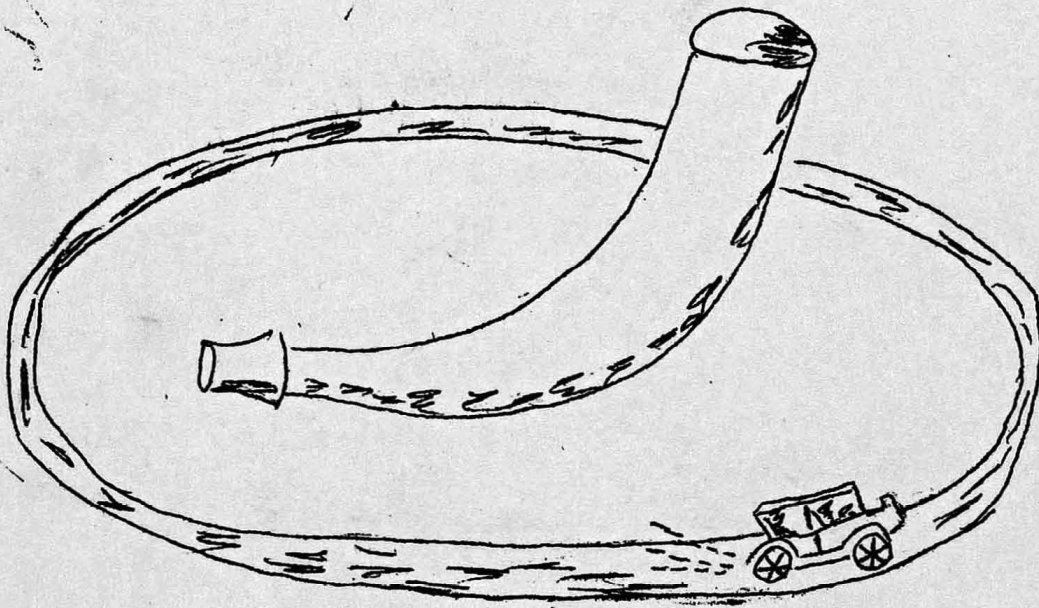
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QUARTERLY



Read " 'ROUND THE HORN " by

Leslie Rist

"ROUND THE HORN"

--Compiled by Leslie Rist

I have in my possession an 8-page "Adirondack Tours Automobile Road Map and Running Directions" as published by Edward A. Knight, Editor of The Lake George Mirror in 1916. It was a smaller edition of Mr. Knight's 1916 Adirondack Guide, which sold for 25 cents.

The smaller edition was given free distribution, evidently by its one and only advertiser: "Pereau's Garage, North Creek, N. Y., Lunch Room and Ladies Waiting Room. Two large up-to-date fireproof buildings. Equipped with lathe and drill press of the latest type, and the tools found in a first-class garage. First-class mechanics in charge. Full line of automobile supplies and Ford parts carried in stock. Repairing of all kinds. Agents for Ford, Overland, Maxwell and Studebaker Cars and Trucks. Kelly, Springfield, Republic, Michelin, and other Tires and Tubes in Stock.

S.D. Pereau and Claude C. Pereau, Proprietors."

This advertisement was accompanied by a now faded photograph showing the 2 buildings previously mentioned, which are, I understand, now used by the Town Of Johnsbury Highway Department for repairing and storing equipment. In front of the garage, the photograph shows a Model T. Ford, and Open Touring Car, several Motorcycles, and a Gas Pump. A sign, the words of which I am unable to decipher, hung over the front entrance of the garage.

On this Map, Route 4, from Chestertown to Long Lake via Newcomb was as follows:

- 0.0 mi. Chestertown. Post Office on right, turn immediately left following macadam, across causeway at 1.9 passing straight thru 3-corners, avoiding turn to right which goes to Schroon Lake. At 5.6 cross narrow suspension bridge into
- 5.8 mi. Riverside. R.R. Station on left, bear right up grade coming into
- 9.7 mi. Wevertown. Turn right following macadam across iron bridge into
- 14.9 mi. North Creek Pereau's Garage. Immediately after crossing bridge into village bear right on macadam, crossing RR 15.1 and bridge, out onto macadam, thru
- 22.6 mi. Minerva.
- 41.9 mi. Newcomb. Bearing left with macadam follow straight thru to
- 55.8 mi. Long Lake.

(The Road Map also showed the Hamlet of Aiden Lair between Minerva and Newcomb on Route 4.) (L. R.)

On the map, Route 5 from Long Lake to North Creek via Blue Mountain Lake was as follows:

- 0.0 mi. Long Lake Prominent 3-corners. South on macadam, following shore of lake into
- 3.0 mi. Deerland. Bear left on main-travelled road, crossing iron bridge, 6.4, concrete bridge 7.2 into village of
- 11.0 mi. Blue Mountain Lake. Blue Mountain on left. Blue Mountain House. Bear left, and again left at 11.9, turn left at 3-corners 20.7, crossing iron bridge 21.1 following straight ahead into
- 22.9 mi. Indian Lake. P. O. on left. (Road to right goes to Lake Pleasant) Straight ahead, crossing iron bridge, 24.3, bear left at 25.2, following main travelled road over Casey Mountain coming into village of

35.8 mi. North River

Bear left across bridge following river into village of

41.1 mi. North Creek. Perea's Garage.

(Although it says in directions that there was macadam from Long Lake into Deerland, it does not show on Map. There was a stretch of macadam being constructed, however, in 1916, in and near Indian Lake Village.) (L. R.)

For many years, way back in the horse and buggy days, or horse and sleigh days, that part of Route 4 from North Creek via Newcomb to Long Lake, and all of Route 5 had been called "'Round The Horn", which quote was widely used when the clipper ships sailed around Cape Horn, on the South coast of Horn Island, the southernmost of the South American Islands, in the Gold Rush days of '49.

"Drummers" or salesmen for commercial concerns, it is said, in pre-automobile days, would come into North Creek and hire transportation for a 3-day trip "'Round The Horn."

In the 1920's, this particular loop was often called "'Round the Little Horn": while another and longer loop, which I will say started at Minerva, and proceeded via Aiden Lair, Newcomb, Long Lake, Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake, Lake Placid, Keene, Keene Valley, Underwood, Schroon River, Schroon Lake, Pottersville, Olmstedville and terminated at Minerva, was called "'Round the Big Horn."

---Leslie Rist

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MORE EXCERPTS FROM MRS. HARRIS'S DIARY, 1882

Sept. 15, 1882. Friday. I did my ironing. Ed Labrum helped Em on the boat. Suel Reynolds (son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Reynolds) of Thurman, N. Y. came to see us and stayed all night. The wind still blows. Brother James Reynolds went to our nephew's, Harvey Reynolds' yesterday.

Sspt. 16th. Saturday. I did my work, and baked some. Brother Jim came back from Harvey Reynolds' home. Em boiled swill. In the afternoon Em worked for Fred Loveland. At night I went to meet him.

Sun. Sept. 17th. We stayed home all day. Holden Kenyon and Fred Loveland came to see us. Halsey went to Brother Thurston Reynolds', who was a Dr. to get tooth pulled.

Mon. Sept. 18th. I did my washing and cleaned the windows. Em and Halsey gathered apples. Brother Jim brought Em's wheels home from the shop. Louisa Harris and oldest son, willie, ate dinner here to night. I am tired as a dog.

Tues. Sept. 19th. I swept the whole house and baked some. Em went to the Thurman Depot after his sister Belle. Arrived home about 5 p.m. just before we had a big shower. The wind blew quite hard.

Wed. Sept. 20th I did not do much today, but visit. Em and Halsey and San Dow went to the potato fallow. Jim went to the shop to get our horse (Frank) shod.

Thurs. Sept. 21. I did not feel very good. Consequently, I did not do much. Em went off the hill. Brother Jim read. Belle and I visited all day.

Fri. Sept 22. I did my ironing. Em made shingles. Hals went to the last day of school. It rained hard all day.

Sat. Sept. 23. I did my Saturday's work. Em boiled swill in the large iron kettle out doors. Brother Jim went to Charles Harris' to visit with him.

Sun. Sept. 24. We stayed at home all day. Ed Labrum was here, and Em cut Ed's hair.

Mon. Sept. 25. I did my wash. Em and Jim cut corn in the fallow. I am very tired tonight.
Tues. Sept. 26. Belle and I went off the hill to A. Johnson's and to the Post Office. Em and Jim gathered apples. Hals cut corn.
Wed. Sept. 27. Belle and I stayed at home. I cooked and done up crab apples and did the chores at night. I was played out. Em, Jim and Hals gathered apples.
Thurs. Sept. 28. I did my ironing. Then baked and did my house work. Em and Jim gathered apples. Hals boiled swill. And am I tired?
Fri. Sept. 29. I did my work. Belle finished my wrapper. (like a house-coat, or shift, only longer) Em and Jim gathered apples. Delila was here.
Sat. Sept. 30. I did my Saturday's work. Em fixed apple bins and put apples in the cellar in the fore noon. In the afternoon he dug potatoes in the fallow.

The above was contributed by Mrs. Granvel Hack of Valley Road, Thurman, N.Y., granddaughter of Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Harris was first married to Darius Kenyon. Their son, Halsey Kenyon (Hals) was the father of Mrs. Granvel Hack. (Fannie Kenyon)

Some years after Darius Kenyon's death, Mrs. Kenyon remarried - to Emora J. Harris, "Em". At the time of writing the foregoing, in 1882, Mrs. Harris was 34 years old and lived on French Hill, Thurman, near the present Ski-Hi Ranch.

These excerpts continue from the Sept. 1 - Sept. 14, 1882 items printed in the Sept. 1967 issue of the Quarterly.

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A VERY SPECIAL GET TOGETHER

For members of
J.T.H.S., Unc.

Although Friday, Oct. 17, is not a regular scheduled meeting in the year's activities, the executive committee is planning a covered dish supper at the Thurman Town Hall on that date. "Pot luck" will be the style--each member is asked to bring an edible contribution of his or her choice. Coffee, tea and rolls will be provided.

During this past summer the president, Mrs. Magee, has been supervising two high school girls, Wanda Ross of Thurman, and Donna Jordon of Stony Creek, whose services were furnished by the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Warren-Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. Their duties have been to assemble a vast number of clippings for the files of J.T.H.S., Inc. These articles, of historical interest dating back to the 1890's, are now pasted in attractively covered scrap books, each representing one of a dozen or more categories.

A big job remains, that of numbering the pages of the scrapbooks and entering on file cards the subject names of individual articles with page and title of book where such information can be found.

Here's the plan for carrying out this task. Following the covered dish supper everyone will be put to work, so bring a ball point pen or a fine point magic marker with you. You will enjoy getting acquainted with this remarkable collection of memorabilia and play a helpful role in making the material a useful source of information for posterity.

The new filing cabinet, purchased last year, will house this col-

lection whose true value will depend on each member's knowing what it contains and how to locate any particular item of information.

The scrap books are loose*leaf so if you have or run across items that you would like to incorporate in the archives, contributions can be added to the present collection.

Please plan to attend the supper-workshop on October 17 at 6 P.M. It's a chance to have a finger in the pie and many fingers make light work!
--Armine Gurney, Sec'y.

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

In the early 1900's merchants often used picture post cards of local scenes for advertising purposes. Recently I found an interesting sample of this device. On the back of a card made in Germany, showing in black and white the houses along Woodward Avenue, in Warrensburg, the dirt street and paths lined with newly planted saplings, with some fair-ground buildings and the mountains appearing in the background, is printed this intriguing message.

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| FREE ON SATURDAY AT BAXTER'S |
| <p>WITH each set of six EVELYN NESBIT photograph post cards at 25¢ we will, on Saturday, give a Handsome Water Colored Picture of this famous person. The colored cards sell for 10¢ each regularly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE MAIL ORDERS FILLED</p> |
| BAXTER'S NEWS ROOM WARRENSBURGH, OPP. Post Office |

Some of us Old-Timers may recall that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was a beautiful Broadway show girl who figured in the sensational 1906 Harry K. Thaw--Stanford White murder case. Thaw, who shot White at the opening performance of a new rooftop night club on the original New York Madison Square Garden and which White designed, was acquitted on grounds of insanity. When Thaw died in 1947 his will was filed in Glens Falls because his legal residence was Lake George. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw died in January 1968 at the age of 82.

Contributed by Armine Gurney

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- September 13, 1969 - Boat Trip
- December - Thurman Town Hall. Program to be announced later.
- March - Warrensburg Town Hall. Program to be announced later.
- May - Annual Meeting

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Howard Burnham
 Kenneth Combs
 Alice Parker
 Fannie Harris
 James Magee ✓
 Myra Magee ✓
 Stephen Rolleston
 Ruth Rolleston
 Frank Cameron
 Beryl Venton
 Linda Haskell
 Mildred Sanborn
 Marion Kenyon

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Beatrice Cameron
 Marjorie Combs
 Elizabeth Gallup
 Bernice Maxam
 Fannie Hack
 Edythe Tarantelli
 Mabel Tucker
 Faustine Bennett
 Armine Gurney
 Ruth Lanfear
 David Lanfear
 Dora Murch
 Gladys Murphy

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Letha Armer
 Hazel Jordon
 Julia Mosher
 Ruth Palmer
 Rexford Reynolds
 Edna Haskell
 Paul T. Woods
 Mrs. John Marsh
 Mrs. Clarence
 Jones--Minerva
 Historical Society
 Mrs. Rose McGloir
 Leslie Rist
 Ethel Roberts

Members listed in column 1 will pick up and pay a quarter for their copies of the Quarterly. Members in column 2 will have their Quarterlies (prepaid) reserved for them if they are not present at the meetings. Members in column 3 are all on the mailing list.

We try to have current and back numbers of the publication at each meeting. Otherwise they are always available at the home of Mrs. Myra Magee, High Street, Athol. Available while they last to non-members also, at the same price.

---HAVE YOU RENEWED?---

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THE MAGEE HISTORICAL SLIDES COLLECTION

Thanks to the kindness of friends, acquaintances, and family members from various sections of northern Warren County who loaned or donated their old pictures, we now have over 700 historical slides in our library. Many of the pictures were rare ones and we were very fortunate to obtain them for copying.

Recently a list of these slides as arranged in trays of about 80 each was compiled. These slides could be of interest to historical societies church groups, granges, fire companies, and other organizations, for exhibit, and as such are available.

The slides are arranged in the following categories:

- AO Ancestors - Johnsborg, Wevertown, Garnet Lake, etc.
- AT Ancestors - Thurman
- ATW Ancestors - Thurman, Warrensburg
- NC1 North Creek and nearby towns - People, Places, Industries,
- NC2 North Creek (more of the above) Views
- P People, Places, etc., neighboring areas *
- Q " " " " " *
- R Railroads, Log Jams, River Drivers, Buildings, Old Views
- S Old Academies, High Schools, District Schools, Teachers, Classes

Trays starred.(*) contain duplicates which are included for 'swapping'

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JOHNSBURG, NORTH CREEK, & NEARBY AREAS: Helen Somerville Armstrong, Hazel Cleveland Bateman, Jen Repto Burns, Maude Cleveland, Elizabeth (Libbie) Stackhouse Cross, Mabel Burch Ferguson, Mark Fish, Florence Goodman, Martha Kipp, Ruth Montgomery McDowell, Gladys Burns McSweeney, Flora Mattison, Mildred Fuller Lackey, Ruth Bennett Monthony, Adeline Armstrong O'Byrne, Arthur Prescott, Lida Kenyon Ross, Mabelle Grogan Waddell.

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M. Magee, Athol, N. Y.

