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INFORMATION NEEDED:

We always are looking for new information for upcoming Quarterlies. We also get requests from individuals about people, places and things.

The following is a list of subjects that we would like to include. If you know anything about any of them, or have pictures, please contact the editor.

Maplewoods Baseball team

Warrensburg Central School Class
of 1955 (summer 2005 issue)

Stackhouse c. 1800's

David Culver

Minerva Richards King

Miss Clara Richards
Mrs. Rowland C. Kellogg



2003 ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE AWARD

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First Presbyterian Church
in Warrensburg

For long-term stewardship

Originally constructed in 1836 in the Greek Revival style, this church was extensively altered in 1887-1888, when the tower, a rear extension, and period decorative elements were added. Since the renovation to its present Queen Anne style, a high level of integrity has been maintained in form, materials, and context. The congregation's stewardship of the church and manse has been consistent over more than 100 years and its good oversight continues today. In the

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BERTRAM E. MURRAY Warren County's First Highway Superintendent

Imagine trying to drive your car from Albany to Montreal after a snowstorm in 1920. Chances are you'd never make it until spring! Plowed roads in rural areas, even on major routes, were hard to find. And that was the situation throughout Warren County (indeed, throughout most of the state) when Ber-



Bertram E. Murray

Photo courtesy of Charles Wheeler

tram E. Murray was appointed as Warren County's first superintendent of highways in 1909.

Bert Murray not only brought Warren County's highways into the twentieth century but influenced highway development and maintenance throughout New York State. Even as late as the 1920s

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President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

The Warrensburgh Historical Society is entering a new period of its existence. We have been asked by the Warrensburgh Town Board to manage the Warrensburgh Museum of Local History!

Located in the VFW Hall, the Museum was founded in 1976 as a town owned museum by the late Isabel Cornell. Many artifacts and documents were either loaned or donated in that Bicentennial time. Unfortunately with the passing of its initial benefactors the collection has languished and the exhibits have lost their sparkle. Neglect finally reached the point of embarrassment, which perhaps prompted the Town Board to take some action.

It's a logical connection for us, but a huge responsibility. We will need to institute proper preservation and storage techniques, create a computerized catalog, and develop new exhibits. There are grants. Brought into the 21st century, the museum could be a major attraction to both local residents and tourists of all ages.

The Town Board has agreed to upgrade the space in cooperation with the VFW Post. Security, heating, air conditioning and the electrical system are necessary items on that agenda. I look forward to the project with great enthusiasm (and trepidation)! I am also optimistic that, with YOUR help, the entire community will get behind us. I suspect some will be saying, "It's about time!"

Meanwhile your Society's work continues.

The Eighth Annual Sticky Wicket and Picnic, our major fundraiser, is coming up. Please put the date, Sunday, August 15 on your calendar now. The picnic starts at 11 AM. The Society provides the barbecue and beverages. You are invited to "bring a dish." The only charge is for those who wish to participate in the competition.

The Quarterly, our major educational venue and source of new members receives much praise. However, it is also in constant need of new articles. The editor has threatened to quit more than once. It is up to YOU to prevent that from happening. I know you all have lots of stories in your heads. You don't need to be a Pulitzer Prize winner, but you do need to put pen, pencil or keyboard to paper! Just Do It!

Have a wonderful, historically fulfilling summer!

Steve

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***The next Quarterly Deadline is
August 1***

New Society Members

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Darcy Bennett
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The Board of Directors will meet at the Senior Center, 3847 Main Street, at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Society members welcome. Call Steve to confirm at 623-2207.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Robert E. Pasco on March 16, 2004, at the age of 84. A native of Warrensburgh, Bob was a Life member of the Warrensburgh Historical Society and served his hometown generously in many ways. He was a long time member of both Warrensburgh Lodge No. 425 Free and Accepted Masons and Warrensburgh Chapter No. 325 Royal Arch Masons. Bob was past president of Warrensburgh Kiwanis Club, a supporter of The Richards Library, a past member of the Warrensburgh Cemetery Association and a member of the Warrensburgh Methodist Church.

A member of an early Warrensburgh family, he was president for many years of A. C. Emerson Company on River Street and was a director of the former Emerson National Bank (now Glens Falls National Bank). In addition he was the former owner of Indian Head Camp, which was the subject of several articles in our Fall/Winter 2003 Quarterly, and fondly remembered by many Indian Head Campers.

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Murray – con't. from page 1.

Warren County was the only upstate county in which winter travel in a motor vehicle was possible. In other counties automobiles were simply “put up” for the winter.

In March of 1923 Murray reported in an article he wrote for the Post Star of his success in keeping the county's roads open through the winter. He stated that the cost of the actual work, not including equipment, averaged about \$36 per mile, this in a winter of unusually high snowfall. That same year he spoke at a meeting of the Adirondack Resorts Association held in Montreal, discussing the feasibility of keeping highways clear of snow. Canada would do its part if New York kept its roads open to the border.

By 1926 he stated that “we now have four five-ton tractor plows, two ten-ton tractor plows, one light truck, two trucks with scraper blades and approximately five miles of snow fences. Also one truck plow and one ten-ton tractor plow were hired to open certain highways. In less than five hours after the snow stopped the county's 125 miles of state and county highways were cleaned of snow with no interference to travel.”

During his entire tenure Murray worked to upgrade all roads and bridges in the county, both in their construction and their ability to handle the growing motor traffic. Roads and bridges were wid-



The Bertram E. Murray Memorial Bridge over the Schroon River at Riverbank, shortly after its dedication and opening in 1940.
Photo courtesy of Charles Wheeler.

ened, curves were straightened and hills flattened. He insisted on using more permanent materials, such as steel and concrete for bridges, and bituminous macadam instead of the less costly but less durable water-bound macadam for road surfaces. He also oversaw the maintenance of the growing roster of equipment, employing expert mechanics at the county storehouse in Warrensburg. He devised new uses for standard de-

vices to increase their efficiency. The County Highway Department office building at that site, still in use today, was built to fill the expanded needs of his department.

Bertram E. Murray, a native of Warrensburg, was born on May 27, 1883. He was the son of Robert and Mary Louise Murray. His father was Warrensburg's postmaster for 30 years; his mother, a native of New York City and a descendant of Isaac VanWart, who captured Major Andre as a spy during the Revolutionary period. Bert graduated from Warrensburgh High School and went on to study civil engineering at Syracuse University. In 1911 he married Adele Wheeler, a native of Ballston Spa. They built a fine home, which still stands on Fourth Avenue in Warrensburg.

Murray was a licensed civil engineer and surveyor and a charter member of the Association of County Superintendents of Highways, serving as a member of its legislative committee. He was a member of the American Association of Engineers and the New York State Society of Professional Engineers. In addition, he was a Mason and a charter member of the Warrensburg Kiwanis Club. He served on the County Republican Committee and was active in the Warrensburg Presbyterian Church. He was in-



1923 One of the first tractor snowplows custom designed by the Country Highway Dept. Note the lack of weather protection from the elements.
Photo courtesy of Charles Wheeler

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strumental in the building of Westmount Sanatorium, the county's tuberculosis hospital on Gurney Lane.

Prior to his county position he was associated with the State Division of Highways for three years. In 1913, when his appointment with the County was renewed, he was receiving a salary of \$1,500 per year. Although a Republican, he received the support of both parties on the Warren County Board of Supervisors. In addition to his advanced technical knowledge Murray had both organizational skills and foresight. He created a highway department that became a model for the entire state, and probably the entire country.

Because of his success, Murray was called upon frequently to talk about his methods. In 1911, along with State Senator James Emerson (also from Warrensburg), Murray discussed with Governor Dix the proposed "great International Highway" that would link New York City with Montreal. This of course would pass right through Warren County. (Senator Emerson was instrumental in the development of New York State's "trunk" highway system, which comprised the major intercity routes we know today, such as Routes 9, 9L, 9N and 28.)

His final major work, and source of greatest pride, was the 192-foot bridge across the Schroon River at Riverbank. (County Route 11 crosses that bridge between Northway exit 24 and Route 9N north of Bolton Landing.) This bridge was to open territory between Warrensburg and Bolton and provide a shortcut from Bolton Landing to Warrensburg and Chestertown. Murray selected the site in 1935 and oversaw its design and construction from 1938 to 1939, the year of his untimely death on December 11. (Newspaper reports say only that he had been ill for over a year.)

That bridge was dedicated to the memory of Bertram E. Murray on September 29, 1940. A bronze plaque was installed naming it the Bertram E. Murray Memorial Bridge. State Assemblyman Harry A. Reoux, gave the principal address at that ceremony. Also speaking was Murray's assistant and successor, Herick (Hap) Osborne, who had suggested the naming of the bridge to the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Both

praised Murray's exemplary life and career and his major influence on modern highway development. Fittingly, both men were also Warrensburg natives.

As a postscript, that same bridge was rebuilt by Warren County in 1998 and rededicated to Bertram E. Murray on September 29, 2000, exactly 60 years after its first dedication. Present and speaking at that rededication was Murray's great nephew, Charles Wheeler, who supplied all the material used in this article.

WARRENSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 1954

How times have changed!

The yearbook staff of 1954 chose the school bus as their central theme for that year. The yearbook recognized the importance of the bus routes to the centralized school district and included scenes along the bus routes.

The total miles covered each day by the

awards. William Sprague and Lee Remington were the first recipients. Linda Stone was honored as the Basketball Sweetheart, with Joan Bennett the runner-up. Coach Khoury's basketball team was, again, Adirondack League Champions and the football team worked towards a better year. WCS saw its first soccer team that year.

In 1954 the school administration consisted of three people; supervising principal Ward I. Fiedler, assisted by the administrative assistant Carrie Stone and guidance counselor Robert Wurtz. The year book lists the duties of Mr. Fiedler as "conferences with students, salesmen, teachers, parents, supervising students, salesmen, teachers, all programs, cafeteria, buses, carries out board policies, supervises the whole school," Mr. Wurtz was responsible for "making daily announcements, working on schedules, advising jobs and colleges, helping us to better ourselves and our school," and Mrs. Stone took care of "bookkeeping, receptionist, central telephone operator, keeping track of supplies, writing excuses(?) for all of the students and giv-



Copy of a Postcard showing Main Street, circa early 50's.

Courtesy of Steve Parisi

buses was 478 miles over six routes. The yearbook staff calculated that each year more than 24,000,000 student miles were covered. (In 2004 the mileage per day is 978, with fourteen routes.)

There were 22 seniors graduating in 1954. (In 2004 the anticipated graduating class numbers 59). This was the inaugural year of the "Mr. and Miss WCS"

ing general information." We suspect that even in those simpler times those duties were more easily listed than performed.

Judy Benedict ran a tight ship in the cafeteria with her staff of three, and Art Schraeder, with his staff of four, kept the building and grounds in tip-top shape. Miss Robinson and Miss Mahoney were

there when you needed medical attention. Ken Bennett and his five other drivers kept those buses running on time out of the recently completed bus garage behind the school, which in the following year was to see its first addition of classrooms since it opened in 1942.

In 1954 the following after-school clubs existed: Dancing, Craft, Stamp, Photography, Rifle, Projection, Pep, Boys & Girls Home Economics, and Boys & Girls Bowling. (In comparison, in 2004 after-school clubs include Service, Students Against Drunk Drivers, Home Economics, Art, Post-Star Bowl Team, Varsity, Computer, Stock Market, Chess, Junior Statesmen of America, Ski, Photography, and Guitar, as a whole, perhaps reflecting a more sophisticated student.)

There was an impressive Adult Education program under the direction of William Mallory. Courses listed in the yearbook were: Everyday Legal Problems, Typewriting, Men's & Women's Physical Education, Film Forum, Hand Arts and Crafts, Home Landscaping and Gardening, Abnormal Psychology, Art, Savings and Investments, Driver Education, Cabin and Resort Management, Sewing, Know Your Town, & Income Tax. These courses were taught by either a faculty member or member of the community.

Television in 1954 was still in its infancy, which may account for the popularity of evening adult education classes. One channel was about all that Warrensburg viewers could receive at the time. Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, The Jackie Gleason Show, I Love Lucy and Dragnet were among the limited offerings. The Warren Theatre on Main Street was thriving. On the Waterfront with Marlon Brando was the year's Best Picture. Rear Window (with Jimmy Stewart), White Christmas and The Caine Mutiny were notable movies of the year.

Fifty years may seem like a long time ago to some, to others, just "yesterday." Phenomenal changes have taken place in these past fifty years, some still incomprehensible to many. The world, indeed the universe, has grown smaller, different forces threaten our existence, and unimaginable opportunities abound. It's comforting to know those school buses still run the same or similar routes, the

school bells still ring for classes, and kids continue the process that will prepare them for the next fifty years.

WARRENSBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ARTIFACTS NIGHT

Missy Morgan brought in a three-part type drawer that her mother Patricia Potter Morgan had done for her children. Each child was to receive one section. The following is a description of the items in the one section of that trip-tych, shown above.

Top section: Assorted knickknacks – toy, key, pewter turtle; \$25 share



stock in Lake George and Warrensburg Plan Road company from 1850; 1889 calendar from M.N. Noxon Dry Goods & Groceries Warrensburg, NY; Cigar receipt to George Farrar from John H. Cahill, 1898; Picture of George Treasures Morgan and Winfield Scott Morgan,

sheriff and assistant sheriff, Lehigh Valle, PA, 1940's; Button from Warrensburgh Pants Factory; Receipt to George Farrar from G.W. Dickinson Pure Drugs & Medicines, 1896.

Middle Section: 1883 Warren County Agricultural Society ad; Antique spoon from Warrensburgh; Pill canister; Young "cowboy" from the Pasco family; Gilbert John Potter, Sr. with his toy wagon, around 1908-10 at the age of around 2; Unknown family members in car; Receipt to George Farrar from James W. Potter Livery (later known as "Potter Express" until the 1990's).

Bottom Section: Cut-out pictures of Judy Potter's grandparents on Barton/Bolton side; "Raymond's Ointment container; George Treasures Morgan business card when running for sheriff; Picture of Ella Smith and daughter, Edna Smith; Pass to get in to the Warrensburg Union Agricultural Society Fair dated 9/19-22/1882; Soap from J.P. Pregner Dry Goods, Warrensburgh.

Also at Artifacts Night, Charles Baker brought in a Book of Memoirs dated October 15, 1826. The following people from Warrensburgh were in it, and he asked if anyone knew anything about them. If you can help, he would be very grateful. The names and dates are as follows:

G.R. Stackhouse – 6/15/1835, Alice Stackhouse – 6/12/1835 and R.A. Stackhouse – 6/11/1835. (Please contact the editor if you can be of any assistance.)

Charles Wheeler brought in a collection of pictures, artifacts and newspaper articles about Bertram E. Murray, Warren County Superintendent of Highways from 1909 to 1939. An article about him appears in this Quarterly.

A few of the other items brought in were family photographs, postcards, copper bookends, a reverse glass painting, old newspapers, and an old milk can.

The Society will be planning another Artifact Night in the Fall, so start looking in your attic, bookcases, and photo albums.

CARING FOR YOUR ANTIQUES Odds N Ends from the Internet

Old ceramics can be ruined if wrapped in plastic bubble wrap, espe-

cially if it stored in an area that gets very hot, such as an attic. Discoloring of the glass occurs and plastic may stick to it.

Change position of lamps and decorative items on wooden furniture. Exposed wood will lighten after time if you don't.

Clean antique ivory with a soft cloth or brush and use a clean woolen cloth to buff it.

Chlorine bleach cleansing powders or disinfectant floor washing products used in a room containing bronze pieces will harm the bronze.

Cleaning glass that has an iridescent finish with hot water and soap will remove the finish.

Never put a grandfather clock near a heat register or radiator. Most old grandfather clocks have a small hole in the back for attaching them to a wall.

Warrensburg Went to War

By Steve Parisi

The year was 1942. The United States had just de-clared war on Germany and Japan after the latter bombed our ships in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. After watching the aggression of those countries in Europe and Asia for half a decade it was our turn to get involved in what would prove to be a fight for freedom and democracy on a truly global scale.

Warrensburg and the surrounding towns would send many of their sons and daughters into the melee and many would pay the ultimate sacrifice, which we recognize annually on Memorial Day. The few surviving veterans of that war faithfully remember their fallen comrades.

But this is about others who also served. Here at home, in Warrensburg, those who were too young or too old, or otherwise unable to "go" to war, served on the homefront. The sneak attack across the Pacific that devastated Pearl Harbor demonstrated the possibility of a similar attack across the Atlantic, approaching the New York metropolitan area from the north. The U. S. Army Air Force officially organized community airplane "spotter" groups to watch the skies day and night for unscheduled flights. War-

rensburg's observation post was designated Firestone 6 of the Albany Region. Its code name and number was DOG Five Three One. A sizeable group of Warrensburg citizens volunteered for two-hour watches.

In a photograph taken in July, 1942 of this Warrensburg Aircraft Warning Service, 22 men and 19 women are pictured. Many will still be remembered today by Warrensburg residents. Familiar names to this writer are Fanny Love, Francis and Augusta Seville, Roy Randall (Chief Observer), Nelson Meader, Claude Swan, W. E. (Doc) Selleck, Bertram Whittemore and Lee Orton (subsequently to become a Warrensburg Supervisor).

While good eyesight was no doubt a requisite, the ability to climb steep stairs must also have been necessary. The observation post was set up on the roof ridge of the barn at the Recreation Field on Library Avenue. Like the fire towers



Armband embroidered on felt was worn by observers.

Courtesy of Richards Library

plane and authorities were notified. While they did report several unscheduled flights, there was no known sighting of an actual enemy plane.

In the unlikely event an enemy plane got through, Warrensburg had an air raid warning signal using the fire siren. As described in a Glens Falls daily in May, 1943, this was under the direction of the



Warrensburg's Airplane Spotters - 1942. First Row - Hilda Fish, Loretta Moon, Ethel Olds, Frances Getchell, Jessie Cowles, Monica Murray, Daisy T. Koch, Ruth Aiken, Louise Reirden, Cynthia Randall and Edna Baker. Second row - Esther Nichols, Fannie Love, Edna Johnson, Bessie Shaw, Mildred Younger, Augusta Seville, Kathleen Baker, Mildred Barney, Assistant Chief Observer James Johnson. Third row - Chief Observer Roy W. Randall, Percy Moon, Edmund Witbeck, Lee R. Orton, Floyd Rhodes, Nelson Meader, Francis Seville, Clifford Stone, Andrew Barney, Claude Swan, Henry D. Cameron. Fourth Row - Sherburne H. Fogg, Milton Olds, Hollis Ovitt, Bert Whittemore, Arthur Stone, Ben T. Patrick, W. E. Selleck, Henry O. Fassett, Kenneth B. Nichols and Carl Rising.

Photo from The Warrensburg

that were used to spot forest fires, this observation post had a telephone. Using silhouette drawings of planes, suspicious aircraft were identified as to type of

Warren County Office of Civilian Protection. Maurice Ashe (namesake for Ashe's Hotel) was the deputy director for Warrensburg. The first signal

("blue") required homes and industries to "blackout" by drawing lightproof curtains across all windows and doors or turning off all lights. Vehicles were required to switch to low beams. Pedestrians could continue on their way. The second, or "red," signal required vehicles to stop, turn off their lights and seek shelter. Pedestrians should also seek shelter.

World War II ended in 1945, and it must have been a great relief to all, including



Spotter Post atop barn at Recreation Field on Library Avenue
Photo courtesy of the Warrensburg Museum

the Spotters. The relief was not to be long lived however. The U.S.S.R. was soon to develop an atomic bomb and subsequently a hydrogen bomb and the McCarthy hearings were discovering infiltration by Soviet Communist agents into this country. The renewed threat of the Cold War led many to believe that the Soviet Union was planning an attack on the United States. We were heavily involved in what was euphemistically called a "police action" in Korea. Bomb shelters were created and spotter groups were revived. An April 5, 1951 issue of The Warrensburg News described a meeting the Warrensburg Aircraft Warning Post in preparation for an "alert" to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 14th and 15th. To quote the article, "Roy Randall, Supervisor of the Aircraft Warning Service during World War II, spoke of some of the methods previously used in the operation of the post." Participat-

ing residents were assigned to two-hour stints at the observation post between 9 AM and 5 PM on the designated Saturday and Sunday.

More than a year later, an article in the May 8, 1952 issue of The News entitled "An Urgent Call For 'Spotters' Issued" asked for hundreds of additional aircraft spotters in Warren County. The article goes on to say, "Lt. Gen. C. R. Hueber, Director of New York Civil Defense Commission, issued a statewide appeal for 100,000 spotters to be trained to man the 609 Ground Observation Posts in the state. Effective May 17 of that year the U. S. Air Force has ordered all posts to be manned on a twenty-four hour basis..... No single area in the state is to be considered 'safe' from enemy attack either planned or as the result of interception of enemy planes..... Anyone who has reached the age of 15 years can volunteer for this service."

More than two months later, on July 24, 1952, The Warrensburg News reported, "Local Observation Post Is Now

WARTIME RATIONING

During World War II many consumer items had to be rationed due to the demands of the war effort. Everyone had to apply for stamp booklets which were required for most commodity purchases. The following is excerpted from a timetable in the July 1, 1943 issue of The

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Ration coupon books from WWII (see sidebar at right).

Photo courtesy of Steve Parisi

Warrensburg News.

WAR RATION BOOK I

Feb. 21 - Deadline for applying for War Ration Book I, coupons of which are now used for coffee, sugar and shoes, has been extended to this date. Applications may be made by mail to local rationing board.

SHOES

June 15 - Stamp No. 17 is good for one pair of shoes until this date. Families may pool the coupons of all members of the family.

FUEL OIL

Feb. 22 - Last day for Period 3 coupons, good for nine gallons.

April 17 - Last day for Period 4 coupons, good for nine gallons in Zone A.

GASOLINE

March 21 - Last day for coupon No. 4 in gasoline ration A book. Watch the date on your B and C books, which bear their own expiration dates.

SUGAR

March 15 - Ration book coupon No. 11 is good for 3 pounds of sugar until this date.

COFFEE

March 21 - Ration Book coupon No. 25 is good for one pound of coffee until this date.

CANNED GOODS

Feb. 20 - Grocery store sales of canned and frozen fruits and vegetables and dried fruits, canned soups and canned baby foods will stop at midnight and will not resume until March 1, when point rationing on these commodities will start.

MEAT AND CHEESE

April 1 - Tentative date for start of point rationing for meat and cheese.

It appears that, unlike our experience in war action periods of the last fifty years, "The Big War" impacted on every aspect of life. Sacrifices were not an option, and affected young and old.. In Operation 24 Hours Per Day." Hugh Magee, then supervisor of the Ground Observer Corps, announced that the Warrensburg Post "has been manned 24 hours a day since July 14th." The article indicated that the Town Board had provided the post with window and door screens and "toilet facilities had been installed."

The article stated that the prescribed

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setup called for two observers for each two-hour watch, or 168 observers needed per week. The 100 spotters listed in the article reads like a "who's who" of Warrensburg's business community, school faculty and high school student body! (Included are students Patricia Potter, Eugene Montena, Richard and Robert Griffin, Helen Sutts, Helen Smith, Fay Brown, Marie Cameron, Patricia Stone, Robert Maltbie, Ernie Brown, Fred Wheeler, Fred Beauchene, Dick Beswick, Charles Reynolds, Bonny Selleck and Bill Sprague.)

Thankfully, as in the previous World War II "skywatch," no enemy planes came through. What a different, and simpler time it was. Such efforts today would be futile, with super-sonic rocketry, "distant early warning" radar, and insidious terrorist tactics.

*Architectural Heritage Award
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past several years, repairs have been made to the foundation, basement, and building exterior. In 2002, evidence of deterioration of the church tower led to the congregation undertaking a large and expensive conservation project. The church received a bequest that funded the tower repair and the other ongoing work. At the main roof juncture, shingles on the walls and roof were replaced, new copper flashing was installed, and one of the four balconies was replaced. Material was replaced in-kind and screening was installed to keep birds out. Great care was taken with the quality of the materials and workmanship. The tower and tracery remain original.

WARRENSBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Eighth Annual

STICKY WICKET

CROQUET GAMES & PICNIC



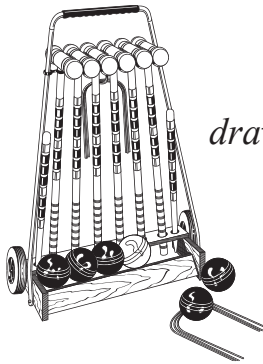
Sunday, Aug.15, 2004
at the Warren County Fish Hatchery
Eleven AM through the afternoon

*In the beautiful setting on
the banks of the Hudson River
we turn back time for this
"old-fashioned" affair.*

Admission is FREE

(WITH SINCERE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS)

We will supply the chicken and the cold drinks...
You're welcome to bring some fixin's to share (optional).



*Period dress encouraged. Wear your
Garden Party Hat and be entered for a
drawing for a seasonal floral arrangement –
courtesy of A Little Touch of Country*

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AND PRESTIGIOUS
STICKY WICKET
TROPHY**

Tournament play is open to all for a \$5.00 entry fee.
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