

KANESTIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY TIMES

23 Main Street – P.O. Box 35 – Canisteo, New York 14823
(607) 698 2086 Wed. & Fri. 1-3 PM – Monthly Meetings - Third Tuesday 7:00 PM

January 2015

- ◎ Be sure to check us out on **Face Book** and if you haven't already join the 676 others. Here you'll find many local items are posted for your enjoyment. www.facebook.com/pages/Kanestio-Historical-Society
- ◎ **Call for Volunteers:** We are currently open on Wednesday & Fridays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. If you could commit to a couple hours in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Or even in the morning would be great so we can be open to the public more. We always like sharing our rich history with others. So consider being a Volunteer.
- ◎ **Officers:**

Larry Stephens/George Dickey	Co-Presidents
Jean Gore	Secretary
Levonne Crosby	Treasurer
Margaret Stephens	Board 2015
Jose Huerta	Board 2016
Sally Florence	Board 2017
Russell Pierce	Board 2018
Sue Babbitt	Board 2019
- ◎ **Memorial Fund Committee:**

Margaret Koch
Margaret Stephens
Thomas Kittell
Gail Davis, Treasurer
- ◎ **Annual Fundraiser:** Crazee Daze “Yesterday’s Treasure Sale” is the only scheduled fundraiser over the next 6-8 months. Please think of us to help make it a success. If you have items to donate and don't have room to store them drop your items off at the society or contact one of the officers. **(No clothing please.)**
- ◎ Did you know our annual budget runs about \$6,500.00? It is earned through our four major fundraisers, Crazee Daze, Election Day Pie Sale, Fall Christmas Craft Sale, and the Christmas Cookie Sale. Our only other means of support is through donations and dues. Check your mailing label; if the date is prior to 2015 then it's time to pay this year's dues. We've been fortunate enough to keep the dues amount down over the years.

Memberships:	Single	\$ 7.00	Mail to:	Kanestio Historical Society
	Family	\$ 10.00		23 Main St. P.O. Box 35
	Life	\$100.00		Canisteo, NY 14823

A membership is also a great gift idea.
- ◎ **2015 Calendar of Programs:** All programs begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

Jan. 20 -	Collector's Night (weather permitting)
Feb. 17 -	Planning /cataloguing Session
March 17 -	Dr. Annabel - Civil War Artillery
April 21 -	Susan Greene - <i>(title to be announced at a later date)</i>
May 19 -	Penny Whitford - Civil War Journal of Anna Abigail Hawley Hackett from the Swale
June 16 -	The Babbitts' trip to Ecuador
July 21 -	Picnic in Rotary Park - 6 PM
- ◎ **Window Displays:** We've had some GREAT window displays since our open house in September. Providing a window display is just another way you could help. Items are on display in the front windows for about 30 days.

Our volunteers have been very busy organizing our storage area upstairs. They have numbered the file cabinets and boxes on the shelves; creating an inventory of everything. The inventory has then been logged into the computer for easy reference. The article below was pulled from the new file system.

THE PROTIAN: The First Canisteo High School Newspaper

by Sue Babbitt

One treasured item in the KHS collection of school related papers is vol.1, no.1 of The Protian, from the Greek word "protos" meaning the first, very appropriately named as it is the first ever Canisteo High School newspaper. Published in January, 1900, The Protian was put together entirely by students, relating student news and opinions along with advertisements for a cost of 5 cents per issue.

Among the several articles and bits of school news was one that I found very interesting: a history leading up to the building of the high school in 1900. The idea began in 1868 when a number of leading citizens felt the need for an institution of higher learning - thus the Canisteo Academy was formed, was granted incorporation by Albany, and construction began. Completed in 1871, it carried on until the late 1800's when Canisteo citizens felt that a good public school would better meet the needs of the town.

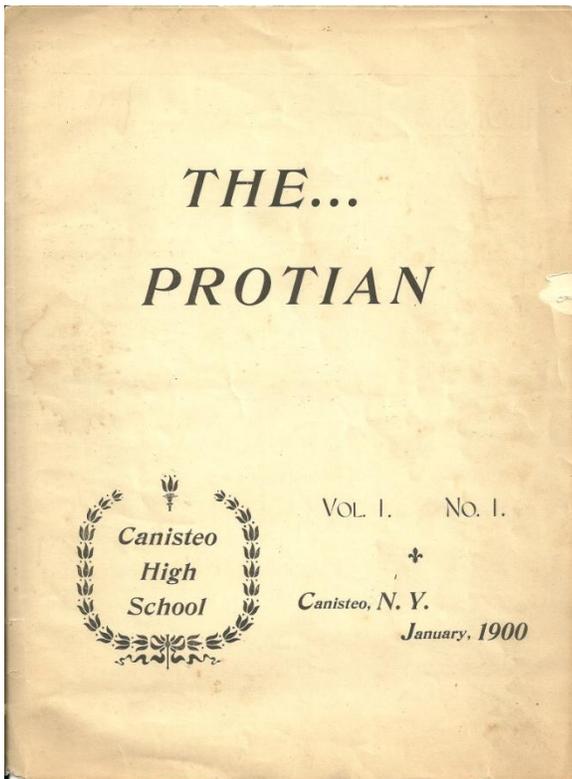
In 1896-1897 they began and completed an extensive addition to the Academy which ended up being larger

than the original building. The community was proud of its school, considered one of the best in its class in the state with 11 spacious classrooms, a well equipped laboratory and a library of 1600 books. The entire 3rd floor was a hall seating 750 and was used for chapel exercises.

During those 30 plus years of educational transition and progress, some of the names of community leaders and school officials who worked toward these goals will sound familiar to us in this 21st century.

Among them are names such as Taylor, Chamberlain, Riddell, Stephens, Waldo, Congdon, Davis, Bartlett, Prof. Sayles, Rev. Dr. Niles, Rev. Laine, among many others. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their vision and dedication to education in our valley.

Anyone interested in reading this issue of the Protian may stop by the KHS, look through storage box # 1.12 and peruse this newspaper.



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From our archives:



The lighting and shadows are wonderful in this old unidentified photograph from our files. The two men at the desk (perhaps Lawyers or the newspaper office) are meeting with a client while the man in the foreground enjoys a cigar. The man in the background is shuffling through some papers while sitting at a typewriter.

From the Times 100 years ago – 1915

☉ February 1915 First State Bank (Citizens & Northern) moved into its present location on Main Street. Its Capital \$50,000. And Surplus \$31,000.

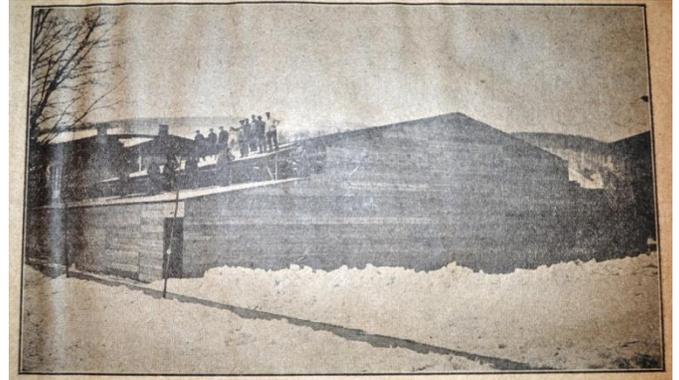
☉ Lumber was ordered for the building the Tabernacle.

The plans are going ahead rapidly for the great religious campaign.

The lumber committee of which R. P. Thatcher is chairman, has ordered the lumber and material necessary for the construction of the Canisteo Tabernacle which is to be built on Dr. G.L. Preston's lot in Orchard Street next to the residence of Jas A. Almy. The lumber will cost around \$700. including other necessary material.

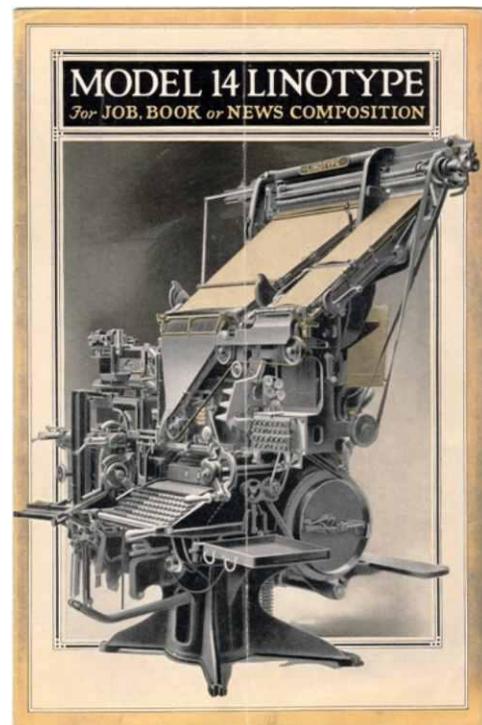
The building committee consisting of John H. Tanner, Chairman, Geo H. Crozier and Fred R. Hall, have the plans nearly completed for the construction work which will be in charge of boss carpenters, D. W. Timerman and I. Allen. The work of building is to begin Feb. 10. And the tabernacle which will seat 1,800, including a

chorus choir of 200. is to be ready for occupancy and dedication on the night of Feb. 21. when the series will formally open. Rev. W. A. Miller of Bluffton, Ind. will be here then with his corps of musicians and workers ready for the fray.



☉ Greenwood Street was paved at the cost of \$600. "One of the most important improvements possible in the village"

☉ "The Times" installs the Model 14 Mergenthaler Linotype Composing Machine. (Largest in Western New York)



☉ Will Start Jasper Bus

R. A. Hilborn of Jasper who drives the Jasper and Canisteo Stage and Mail line has bought a 5 passenger Metz Touring Car of the local agent, C.J. Bush. This car will be put in service on the line Saturday of this week, (May 7th) and will make four round trips daily. E. J. House of Jasper will be the driver. Meanwhile Mr. Hilborn will run the stage.



☉ Garage opens for Business

George B. Garman started up Saturday morning in modern building.

The new garage of George B. Garman was opened for business Saturday morning. It is located in West Main Street next to the post office and it is safe to say that it is in one of the best locations in Steuben County. Mr. Gorman is an experience garage man having run the Canisteo Auto Exchange in Greenwood Street for two years, until he purchased the lot in the better location and has built on it a new building of fireproof, substantial construction. He is installing complete and up-to-date equipment and repair shop and will give the most careful attention to repair work. Vulcanizing and motor work in general.

Mr. Garman will undoubtedly do a large business.

Editor's note: The bank was at the end of the Manwell Block. The Garman Garage was the building we all refer to as the old Rural Ministry Building next to the law office of Chauncey Watches.

- ☉ Oil was discovered on the John I. Stanton farm in Adrian
- ☉ Edwin H. Hough passed away on Oct 19th. The oldest Newspaper editor in the country and active in his work at the Canisteo Chronicle up to the time of his death at the age of 81.
- ☉ The body of George F. Stebbins; son of photographer A.B. Stebbins whom disappeared on May 22nd 1914 with no trace was found on the hill near the Hartsville Town Line on the Smith Farm on Oct. 8th.

From the Editor:

Fall has passed into winter and the anniversary of the fire is now upon us (January 7th, 2014). We were very fortunate to have been able to save most of the artifacts that gives us a glimpse back into our past. The past year was a tough get through, our building has been beautifully renovated and thanks to the hard work of so many Volunteers we were able to have our Craze Daze Sale in June and hold our first meeting in the building In August then an "open house" in September. We still have a lot of stuff to be cleaned and brought out of storage but I want to thank the many volunteers. The upcoming year is going to be a challenge but it's so good to have the KHS back.

Please make sure your dues are up to date and consider volunteering. We are looking forward to seeing new faces in the coming year. Thanks, Steve

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