

District of Ross Mills Ross Mills Newsletter

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Please Help

Recently, I've been having computer, software and printer problems doing these newsletters. I've tried everything to solve the problem. At first we thought it was my printer, so I bought a new one. That wasn't it. Then we thought it was the software. It was, but the company refuse to answer any questions or give me any tech support since they have newer versions of that software out. No matter what I tried I just couldn't get the newsletter to print. I ended up calling the software company again, to see about upgrading to the newer version. They finally told me that the version I had would not work on a 64 bit computer that has the Vista Operating System, and that I could not upgrade, that I had to purchase the whole program again, which runs around \$2000.00. I was like there is NO WAY I can afford that! The only options I had left were: quit doing the newsletter or try and find an older cheap computer that I could run the software that I already have. I was finding it hard to find a old computer that was cheap enough and I was about to say that I can no longer do the newsletter until the nice people at the Town of Ellicott found a computer that I could get at reasonable price of \$100.00. Although, \$100.00 for a computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse is very reasonable, it's an expense that I hadn't planned on after already buying a new printer.

So, any donations would be greatly appreciated to help cover the cost. Donations can be made to: Susan Shattuck, 3623 Ross Mills Rd, Falconer, Ny 14733.

Happy Father's Day

Sisters Restaurant

*Falconer Kimball Stand Rd
487 - 3278*

Daily Lunch Specials

Breakfast & Lunch served

Monday - Friday 6 am - 2 pm

Saturday & Sunday - 7 am - 2 pm

Diner served - Friday Nights - 4 p - 8 pm

"Try our Great Friday Night Fish Fry"

Janet L. Clark

Janet L. Clark, 83, of Ross Mills Road, Falconer passed away Tuesday (May 18, 2010) in her home, surrounded by family and friends.

Janet was a special lady who was cherished by all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and the Ross Mills Community.



Hugh Bedient

Hugh Carpenter Bedient (October 23, 1889 – July 21, 1965) was a starting pitcher who played in the American League for the Boston Red Sox (1912-1914) and with the Buffalo Blues of the Federal League (1915). Bedient batted and threw right-handed. He was born in Gerry, New York.

In 1908 Bedient gained notoriety when he struck out 42 batters in a 23-inning complete game while pitching for a semi-pro baseball team. Signed by the Boston Red Sox in 1910, he made his major league debut in 1912. He won 20 games as a Red Sox rookie and outdueled legend Christy Mathewson, defeating the New York Giants, 2–1, in Game Five of the 1912 World Series. He also pitched the first seven innings of the final game, won by the Red Sox in the tenth, 3-2.

In three seasons with the Red Sox, Bedient had a mark of 43 wins and 35 losses with 314 strikeouts and a 3.05 earned run average in 667-1/3 innings pitched. He later became a member of the outlaw Federal League. Pitching for the Buffalo Blues, he went 16-18 with 106 strikeouts and a 3.12 ERA in 269-1/3 innings, leading the league with 10 saves.

In a four-season career, Bedient posted a 59-53 record with 420 strikeouts and a 3.08 ERA in 936-2/3 innings. Bedient died in Jamestown, New York, at the age of 75.



Bedient's Feat

Pitching for a semi-pro Falconer, New York team, Bedient struck out 42 batters in a 23-inning, 3–1 victory against a Corry, Pennsylvania team, on July 25, 1908. Two days later, the Jamestown Evening Journal ran the headline: Broke all records. Bedient of Falconer struck out 42 men, and the Corry Journal stated Corry and Falconer make World's record. Twenty-three years later, Robert LeRoy Ripley, in his syndicated Believe It Or Not! of September 5, 1931, informed the world of Bedient's feat, giving the first national recognition of this event

Hugh Bedient



Pitcher

Born: October 23, 1889

Gerry, New York

Died: July 21, 1965 (aged 75)

Jamestown, New York

Batted: Right Threw: Right

MLB debut

April 26, 1912 for the Boston Red Sox

Last MLB appearance

September 29, 1915 for the Buffalo Blues

Career statistics

Pitching record 59-53

Earned run average 3.08

Strikeouts 420

Teams

* Boston Red Sox (1912-1914)

* Buffalo Blues (1915)

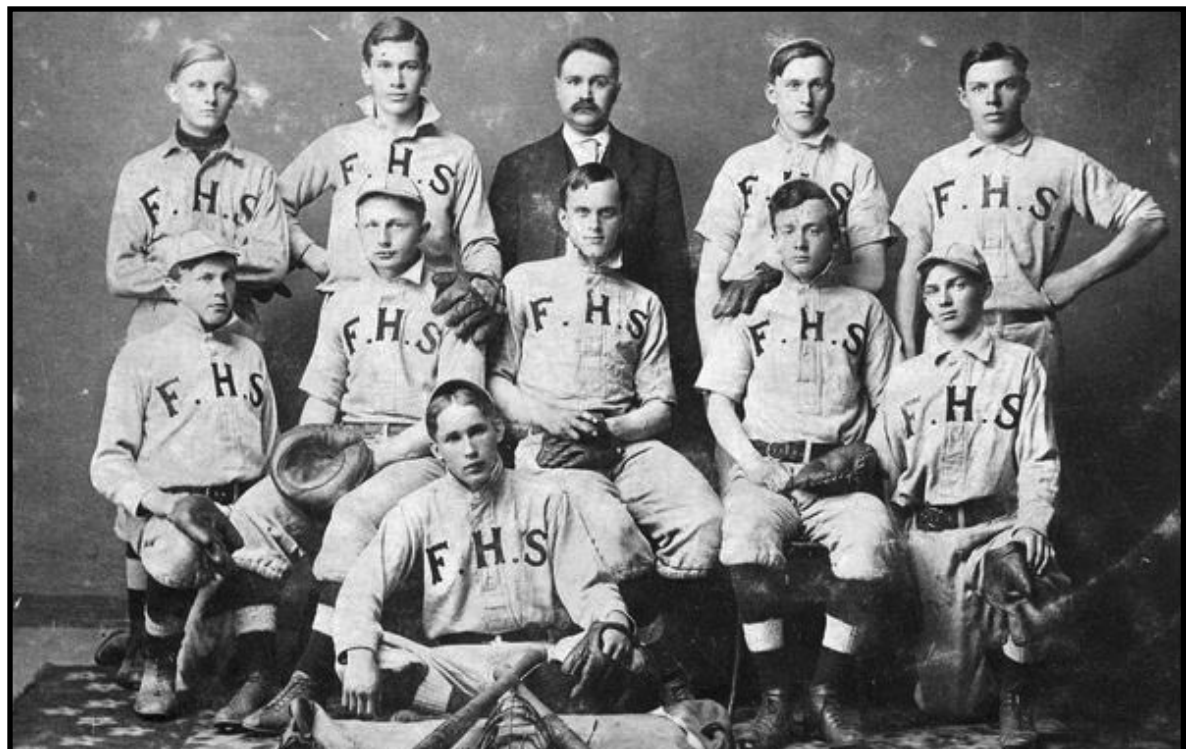
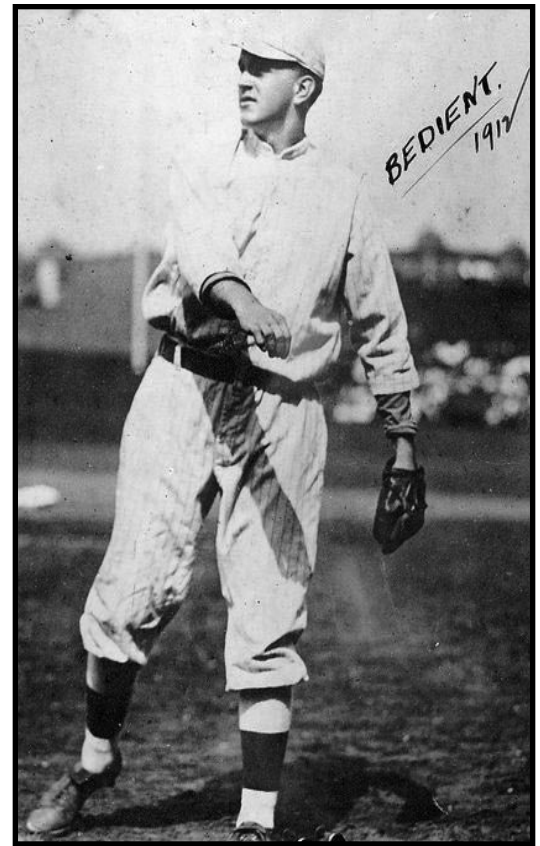
Career highlights and awards

* World Series champion: 1912

Hugh Bedient (the well known) ball player to this area and to big leagues years ago. Sherwood Michael (who grew up in Ross Mills) shares information about Hugh and his players that lived here. Sherwoods father Johnny and his uncle Lud were players at times with him. The Michael's farm was on the Gerry-Levant road (where later McChesney built a saw mill). Carl Larson lived in here in Ross Mills and was part of that team (Carl came from Sweden, sponsored by Swan Holmquist.) There was a field known as the Salisbury field. Lud played 1st base, Johnny played 3rd base , Hugh played short stop while Carl played in the outfield. There were others mentioned, one was a ? Linqvist and another guy that pitched who they called Dummy (he was deaf and dumb ?). Hugh and (Swat) Eric Erickson who lived on Mattson road Hough Hill shared pitching. Swat had pitched for the Washington Senators. A lot can be said about Swat, he was a great ball player. Hugh and his team played for the Celeron Spiders on weekends and holidays and they played for Falconer during the week. Hugh had a farm for many years between Levant and Kennedy and he all so owned the Mobile gas station and garage on East Main Street in Falconer.

Sherwood all so told about Hugh playing in the big leagues but a lot of information we have printed is from the internet. We also heard that there was a field called the Hugh Bedient field near where the Methodist Hardens is now in Falconer.

The 1st professional baseball in Jamestown was played in Celeron for 1 year in mid 1930's then was dropped for a few years - then the Jamestown Falcons entered the pony league and they playes at Allen Park until the stadium was buit about 1940.



Falconer High School baseball team is from around 1907 or 1908. Hugh Bedient is in the center of the second row. Photo courtesy of Greg Peterson.

FLAGS

The idea of flags is very old. When the soldiers of ancient times went into battle they needed to know where their leaders were. In the confusion of the fighting it was not easy to tell. The leaders therefore formed the custom of showing where they were by carrying a tall pole of some kind. As long as soldiers could see the pole carried by their leaders they fought on. If it fell, they knew that their leader was lost. The pole usually had some emblem at the top. It might be a shield, or a fan of feathers, or a figure of a god. The emblems were the forerunners of our modern flags. They were fastened to crossbars at the end of the spears. The idea of fastening flags to the side of a pole came from the Mohammedans.

Flags of countries were not common until the last 200 years. The flag of the United States was one of the first to mean a great deal to the people of a whole nation.

Every flag has a meaning. The 13 stripes of the American flag stands for the 13 colonies that became the first states. In the blue square there are stars. They stand for the states now in the United States. The colors of a country's flag are not just colors that were chosen by chance, either. George Washington, a story tells, explained the colors of the American flag in this way: "We take the stars and blue union from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing we have separated from her; and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

There are many rules telling how a flag should be treated. These rules are called "flag Etiquette." Flag etiquette says that the "Stars and Stripes" should never touch the ground. It says that the flag should fly only from sunrise to sunset. There are many other rules telling how it should be flown and handled.

One of the newest flags is that of the United Nations. Some rules of flag etiquette had to be changed when it came into use. For it stands not for one country but for all the countries in the United Nations.

All countries love their flags and are often mention them in patriotic songs. The national anthem of the United States, for instance, is "The Star-Spangled Banner." Taken from: "The Golden Book Encyclopedia - book 6.

Ross Grange Hears From Essay Winners

FALCONER - Ross Grange members were hosts to 4-H essay winners and their families at their May 10 meeting.

Youth were asked to write about what they had learned from their meat animal project in 4-H. Steven Overend and Melanie Walters wrote about their market lamb projects. They are from the Levant Live Wires 4-H Club. Makayla Keefe of the Chautauqua Snowdrifters 4-H Club wrote about her market hog project. Shelby Sek, of Silver Creek Grape Stompers 4-H read about her market steer project. Market goat projects were read by Jacob O'Brien, a lone member from Stockton and Devin Friscaro of the Levant Live Wires. Holly Lehman, a lone member who was not present, wrote about her hog project. Each 4-H member received a check for \$50.00 for their efforts and was given a brochure explaining various scholarships provided by New York State Grange.

A report of Regional Grange Legislative Day was given by Opal Sprague and Betty Wakefield. The event was hosted by the Cuba Grange, with Roger Halbert, a Gilbertsville resident and state grange legislative chairman, as master of ceremonies. State Sen. Cathy Young, R-Olean, and state Assemblyman Joe Giglio, R-Gowanda, spoke about the state budget and answered questions.

Eleven hats for "Kids with Cancer" were donated for the County Pomona Grange project.

A Resolution of Respect for Allen Engstrom was read by Sylvia Holmquist. Members voted to have a display booth at the Chautauqua County Fair July 16 through August 1. Rebecca Sprague gave an overview of plans for the booth.

A note of thanks was received from Gloria Anderson for being chosen as the Community Citizen of the Year at the Grange Awards Night in April.

A donation was received from member Betty Mee, with the grange matching her gift to help the National Grange program to save the grange name.

An invitation was received to participate in the Town of Poland Memorial Day Parade. Plans for a float were discussed.

The next meeting will be Monday with Chaplain Doris Overend presenting the annual memorial program.