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28 COPIES OF RUTLAND IN RETROSPECT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Last year Sharp Offset, printers of covers in their storage. The Society original paperback edition, printed and put on these copies. The Society is reserving six copies for its Library's future needs. Twenty-eight copies will be sold at \$50.00 each.

Because it is anticipated that the demand for these books will far outstrip the number available, the Board of Directors has decided that, in order to provide as fair a system as possible, the following procedures must be followed:

1. Members Only

The sale will be to members in good standing only. A check to cover membership renewal may be enclosed with the purchase check. Even a new membership will be honored.

2. One Per Membership

A request for only one copy per membership will be honored.

3. All Requests By Mail Only

To give all members equal opportunity, all requests must be by mail

4. Earliest Request Postmark Date Is March 1st

Requests must be postmarked no

For over a decade, Rutland In Retro-earlier than Monday, March 1st. spect, has been unavailable. This Earlier postmarked requests will be extremely popular pictorial history returned. All March 1st requests will completely sold out three printings. be considered. If these requests are more than 28, the Board will make a the book, found 34 copies without random drawing of 28 requests from all March 1st requests. March 2nd has had paper covers, as on the requests will be considered next if any books remain. A random drawing similar to that for March 1st will be used if necessary. Additional postmark dates will be considered in the same manner, date by date, if any books remain.

> 5. Book Will Cost \$50 Plus \$5 S&H The cost of the book is \$50.00. If the book is to be mailed, a \$5.00 shipping and handling fee must be included with the request. Local requests may eliminate the shipping and handling fee if they will include a phone number for notification for pickup.

> On Monday March 15th the requests will be processed and the necessary notifications made. This will allow sufficient time for requests from our members from a distance to arrive. Unsuccessful request checks will be returned to the senders.

IF ORDERING RUTLAND IN RETROSPECT PLEASE READ THE PROCEDURES VERY CAREFULLY

VIDEO TOUR OF DOWNTOWN RUTLAND IN 1890

Video cameras were not around in 1890 but still cameras were. A wonderful panoramic view of downtown Rutland was shot from the steeple of the Grace Congregational Church in about 1890. Through the medium of the video camera and some special lens equipment that is available to the Rutland Historical Society, Jim Davidson has put together a 14 minute video exploration of this one photograph of a time over 100 years ago. As part of the program, he has arranged a three-map study of downtown Rutland in 1890. With a short review of what buildings were where, the viewer is then able to enjoy a camera stroll up, down and around the streets of downtown Rutland.

Recently this program has been presented to the residents at Linden Terrace, the Parker House and Sheldon Towers.

DRIVE FOR NEW SPONSOR MEMBERS

As part of its 30th Year activities, the Society is mounting a drive to greatly increase its business sponsor members. At this time the exact details of the drive are in process. If you can help in any way please call President Elaine Purdy at 773-6819 or Helen Davidson at 773-7525.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A number of events are scheduled for the next few months that may be of interest to members.

On Sunday 2 May 1999 your Society will have a float in the annual Loyalty Day Parade in Rutland. Come out and cheer us on.

The Society will again offer dances with the recorded music of the "Big Bands" every Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m. from 25 June to 20 August 1999 at the Godnick Adult Center. More details will be forthcoming in our next Newsletter. Plan a dance party with your friends. Dances are free and all ages are welcome.

Sunday 8 August 1999 the Society will have a public celebration of its first 30 years. Mark your calendar for activities that afternoon. More details will be in our next Newsletter.

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RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS 30th ANNIVERSARY

For the past 30 years the Rutland Historical Society has undertaken the task of preserving information and artifacts pertaining to our community's 229-year existence. The community includes Rutland Town, Proctor, West Rutland as well as Rutland City.

Now the Society is asking citizens and business establishments for assistance in maintaining and expanding its current level of public service.

The Society is presently engaged in:

Meeting an increasing demand for research and genealogical information from visitors at its Nickwackett Fire House headquarters on Center Street.

Producing public programs and exhibits.

Providing slide shows and speakers for area schools and other institutions.

Publishing newsletters and Quarterlies dealing with local history.

Planning presentations of historical interest for airing on Public Access Channel 15.

Exploring the possibility of establishing an internet website.

All these endeavors are supported by Society members and a core group of dedicated volunteers. An inordinate amount of time is spent each year by these same volunteers in reminding local and out of state members of the ongoing need for their annual support. It would be extremely helpful and gratifying if local business organizations would now show their support and appreciation for the work of the Society by making a generous membership pledge. An automatic yearly renewal of the pledge would be a boon to our bookkeepers.

In addition to the knowledge that you are helping us to preserve our community's heritage, you will receive a newsletter informing you of current events and programs, plus a subscription to our Quarterly publication.

Please join us in celebration of our 30th anniversary - and do consider becoming an active member.

Elaine Purdy President

Editorial Comment: This message from the President of the Rutland Historical Society seeks individual and business support, both financially and actively. The Society seeks to bring its volunteerism into public view and to make the Rutland area community aware of the benefits provided by the Rutland Historical Society. Thirty years marks a generation of service. The next thirty years will look to new faces, new resources and new avenues of service to the community. Will you help to pass the torch of heritage to the next generation?

SPRING PROGRAMS

The Program Committee of the Society has The Exhibit Committee has installed an announced the following Spring program series. exhibit on the life of Ella Bean Livingston who All programs will be held at the Fox Room of was responsible for bringing a wonderful the Rutland Free Library which is located on collection of western Native the northeast corner of Court and Center artifacts to Rutland. Mrs. Livingston was an Streets. This facility is handicapped accessible, astute observer of the people with whom she All programs are on Wednesdays and begin at lived and worked. Her diaries and photo albums 7:00 p.m.

WED. 24 FEB 99 "Wedding Dress Heirloom Restorations" - a lecture demonstration by Carole Curry.

Age" - Michael Dwyer.

WED. 7 APR 99 "The Story of A Farm: The Williams Farm" - Charles Fish and Sherwin In concert with the above exhibit, the Exhibit Williams.

WED. 28 APR 99 "The History of Lake Bomoseen" - a slide/lecture by Holman Jordan.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT FOR **OPENING OF NEW** RAILROAD STATION

The Society will provide an exhibit for the official opening of the new railroad station in Rutland on Monday 1 March 1999. Later in March the exhibit will return to the Society where it will be on view for a few weeks.

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DUES SCHEDULE

Sponsor \$50.00 Students \$8.00 Contributing \$20.00 (18 & under) Regular \$10.00 Senior citizens \$8.00 (62 & up)

Life Membership \$200.00 Memorial Membership \$200.00

EXHIBIT CHANGES

note many personal observations of another culture. For years she shared this knowledge and and her artifacts with friends, community and groups and especially school children. Today the Livingston Collection of Western Native American Culture resides at the Rutland WED. 24 MAR 99 "Genealogy in the Computer Historical Society, a testimony to the efforts of this woman to help the Rutland community to understand western Native American culture.

> Committee is currently displaying the Sioux portion of the collection. In 1916 Mrs. Livingston took a position in the U.S. Indian Service at Fort Yates, North Dakota, where she remained for two years. She later served in other areas where her interests added new items to her collection.

> The Navaho and Pueblo portions of the collection will be the subjects of subsequent exhibits.

IF YOU HAVE A "98" ON YOUR MAILING LABEL DON'T FORGET TO **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

THE FACILITIES OF THE **RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON: MONDAYS** 6-9 PM SATURDAYS 1-4 PM