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Emma Dunlop Shop

Located on the Mid-way in Sacandaga Park. She was the wife of the well-known photographer, Joseph Dunlop, who's pictures are on hundreds of Sacandaga Park Post Cards. More about the Dunlop family in next months newsletter.



The NNHS Historical Museum has opened up for the summer. June 26 to August 28th.

Last year we added a new addition with new displays. Because of the pandemic we were not able to open.

We have a new Sports Display which includes early snow and skating pictures, skiing, basketball, and other local high school sports.

A display of the history of our bridges including pictures and artifacts of some of the old bridges.

Come in and check out the history of our beautiful town and village. Our museum guides will be glad to answer questions during your selfguided tour.

Feel free to take pictures. We are open 10 a.m. to 2 p. m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.



Arnold and his wife Ruth Chase Arnold. Celebrating their Golden Anniversary.

Arnold Whitman

was a house hold name back in the 40s and 50's. Whitman's Barbershop was a well known name in Northville ever since Oct. 23,1928 when he set up his first shop at the corner of Second and Division Streets. Later, in 1931 he moved to the Langr property on Bridge Street. There he added hair dressing and was assisted by his wife, Ruth, later moving to various locations, all on North Main Street.

He was asked how he became interested in the business. He said," When I was a kid about 10 or 11, I carried the paper for the Grit newspaper, and they offered various prizes, I chose a barber tool set. When it came, I tried it out on my father, and that got me started."

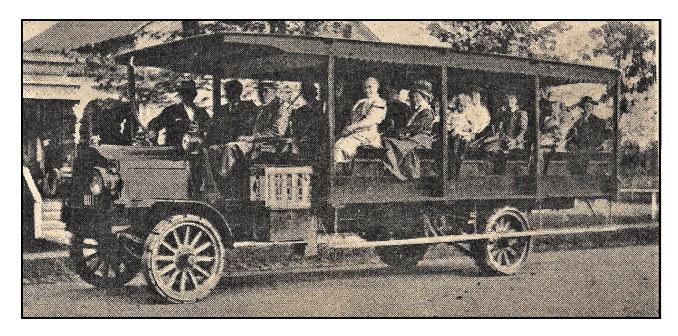
At least five girls worked for him at different times, and he trained all of them in how to cut hair, and later some of them owned their own shops.

Formal training was not required when he started his barber business. Arnold told that he just learned by doing, and ingenuity. He had a jovial personality and love of people which added the necessary ingredients to make his work a success

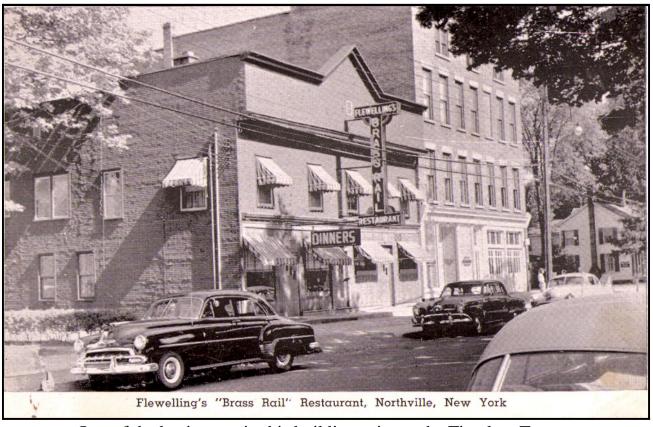
Arnold was a civic-minded citizen, and was president of he Northville Rotary club in 1954-55.

The Whitman's had 4 children: Arnold Jr., Durwood, Roy, and Rae





Early public transportation between Broadalbin and Amsterdam was provided by this "auto stage". The bus made two round trips daily. The bus body was mounted on a Packard truck body of World War I vintage. (Photo credit from Leader Herald)



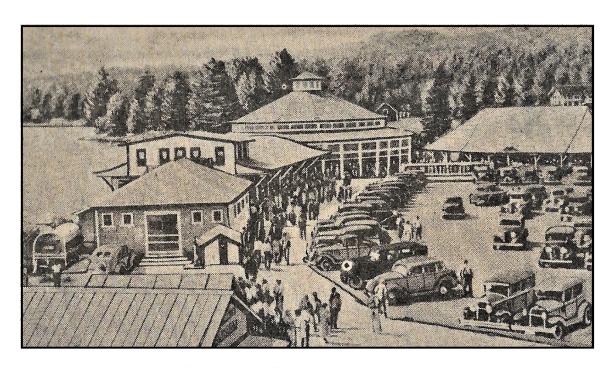
One of the businesses in this building prior to the Timeless Tavern.



THE "GYPSY TOUR CLUB", ready to start out on an all-day tour "around the Horn" (Gloversville, Arietta, Piseco, Speculator, Wells, Northville, Mayfield and back) in, or about, 1922. The motorcycle club lined up in front of what is now the Del Negro Pharmacy, Sowle's Hardware and the First Baptist Church on S. Main St., Gloversville. The stores at that time were occupied by, from the left, Sackheim, hasterly & Sweeney Leather Dealers, George T. Dence Motorcycles, a pocket billiard parlor and cigar tore, Harry Joe's Laundry, the Young Company, the Knights of Columbus and the M. J. Kavanagh Co. Photo courtesy of Fred Corey, Gloversville)

This motorcycle club had a ride that came through Northville.

Can you imagine the spectacle in the 1920s?



SHERMAN'S AMUSEMENT PARK,

on West Caroga Lake. This photo was taken in the early thirties. (Leader Herald; Postcard courtesy of Pearl Estey, RD Johnstown)

Remember this? It was probably one of the most popular place to "go to" for years. Most NCS classes had a day off to attend. Bumper cars, Ferris-wheel, the Whip, Merry-G- Round, the Monkey, Arcade Building, candy apples, popcorn, cotton candy and probably some things I've forgotten.