# NNHS NEWS LETTER

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## **RACE TRACK IN NORTHVILLE 1899**

TROTTING AT NORTHVILLE.

Company Organized and Incorporated for the Maintenanca of a Course in That Village. A company, which will soon be fo-

corporated under the laws governing race tracks, has been formed at Northville for the purpose of building a now trotting, course. The track will be located on the east side of the Sacacdaga river, below the bridge leading to Northville.

The officers of the company, which have already been elected, are as follows; William Harris, president; C. J. Robinson, M. D., vice president; Scott Partridge, freasurer; John A. Cole, which The capital stock. secretary. is divided into shares of \$10 each, has already been subscribed for to the amount of \$1,800. Work will soon be commenced on the track, which it is expected will be ready for use by the Fourth of July.



Gloversville Daily Leader May 22, 1899

This race track was on the east side of the Sacandaga River. There was a road at the end of the iron bridge as you entered the village.

It was located down over the bank by the present NCS playground/ soccer field.

MUSEUM Opening July 1 -August 30, Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 to 2 New displays

#### Check this Out

The NNHS has a new Face Book page. **Northville -Northampton NY Historical Society**. Join today and read about local history and have a chance to chat about our history, and view old pictures of Northville.

### Are you a Syracuse University Sports Fan?

Did you know that a well known Northville athlete was on the Syracuse Football team for 4 years



G. Bryan Thompson No. 18

George "Bryan" Thompson was born 1897 in Manhattan, NY. to Dr. George Russell and his wife Ellen Scofield. Bryan's father and grandfather were medical doctors. They had medical practices in Luzerne, NY.

Bryan, a big and fast lineman, is the only Syracuse athlete to play on four football teams for the Orange against Colgate. (record as of 1961)

After his third year at Syracuse he joined the Marines during World War 1, where he served for one year. He returned to Syracuse to play his fourth varsity grid campaign against the Red Raiders.

In 1932 he was employed by the Hudson River Regulating Board where he worked until his death in 1961.

Bryan married Helen Thompson in 1932. They had 2 daughters; Martha, (1933) that died when she was 3 yrs old and Georgia Thompson (Jacquard).



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The 2023 NCS Graduation will soon be history. Here are some memories of a few past NCS graduations.



NCS Graduating Class of 1917 Philo Chambers, Eleanor Bass, Alice Eleanor Tanner, and Archie Farr

According to William H Bass, a lawyer in Northvillek in the late 1890s and early 1930s, "In 1849 or 1850, some folks were having a 4th of July celebration, and were making plenty of noise by firing an old cast iron cannon which stood at the side of the old Northville House. The cannon exploded, a piece of the side blew out, just missed the head of Gilbert Edwards of Edinburg and went through the side of the hotel. No one was injured."



#### CLASS OF 1926

President, Miss Edith Langr Miss Nancy Benson Miss Margaret Blann Miss Clara Blann' Vice-President, Mr. William Mosher Mr. Olof Johnson Miss Dorothy Mead Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Cecil Hull Miss Amy Mosher Mr. Gordon Mosher Mr. Lloyd Young



NCS Graduates Class of 1953 Gail Crannell and Bev Fountain

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