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This a day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! We as historians collect data from the past. We look forward to many changes in a blessed future. It is simple enough these days. In the land of the blind the one-eyed is king. The pandemic corona virus has determined the course for all of us. Who would know that an unseen germ would change what we do forever?

There is no choice. All are involved: no one is left out. Look to the future for unlimited change. We will experience viral contagion of historic interest in the past. Only when the tide goes, do you see who is swimming naked. Be brave enough to be bad at something new. Get outside of your box. Stretch your limits.

A great vote of thanks goes to all who contributed to our donation campaign. As the months come and go, many changes will affect our society. Hopefully, the Museum will open again following the safety guidelines in the near future. The possibilities are endless. I do feel very positive!

*Thanks to all, sincerely President Richard Axtell*

# The following was printed in the Deposit High School Newspaper in the 1940's.

We Proudly Present

We feel this poem has made Koo Koose News worthwhile at last. The author is Audrey Hartz's big sister, Helen. We are most grateful for the use of it.

What's all this talk of war bonds  
Just for investments sake,  
Say—to help us buy a cottage  
By some cool and sparkling lake?

There's Ramie Truesdale,  
The Linkroum's and "Tommy Tucker", too,  
The Judd's, the Hartz's, the Kelly boys,  
Their lives depend on you.

Now, isn't it a pity  
We're such a selfish race  
That they offer us incentive  
Just to keep in our good grace?

Let's give them everything we have  
For what does money mean  
If it will bring these boys back home again  
Still well and strong and keen?

Now take this place, for instance  
It's such a little town,  
But look what we have given,  
Just take a look around.

So dig down even deeper  
And spread the word around,  
That if everyone just does his part  
They'll soon be back in town.

We miss Milt Walker's whistle,  
And Bud McMurray's face,  
And Kenny Smith and Squeaky Lee,  
Can we keep up this pace?

## **Note: The following were serving during WW II.**

Linkroum: Theron, Ernest, Homer

Judd: Joseph, Peter, Gleason, Stephen, Richard, George

Hartz: Keith, Justin

Kelly: Walter, Verner, Eugene, Paul and Jack Kelley

## To our faithful Members and Friends,

Thank you ALL so much for your generous donations to our Deposit Historical Society and Museum in response to our recent fundraising appeal. We are blessed to have such dedicated and caring members and friends. Hope to see you as soon as possible when the Museum is able to reopen its doors. We will keep you posted!

Enjoy the fall season,

Board of Directors  
Deposit Historical Society

# NYS Mounted Police Troop “C”

The New York State Mounted Police celebrated their One Hundred Years of Service in 1917 (1917-2017). This NYS Police force was enacted in April 11, 1917 by the NYS Legislature to provide police in rural areas. Lew Palumbo provided their history of the NYS Mounted Police at our museum.

In 1913, a construction foreman named Sam Howell was murdered during a payroll robbery in Westchester County. Because Westchester County was a very rural area then, there was no local police department and Mr. Howell’s murderers escaped, even though he identified them before he died.

This vicious crime spurred Mr. Howell’s employer, Moyca Newell, and her friend, Katherine Mayo, to initiate a movement to form a State Police department to provide police protection to rural areas. George Fletcher Chandler was appointed by the governor to organize the New York State Police, named them “troopers” and served as the first Superintendent.



As a result of their efforts, the State Legislature established the New York State Police as a full-service police agency on April 11, 1917.

In 1917, the first 232 troopers rode out from their training. The first four troops were A, B, D, G. They traveled in pairs and rode horseback. Troop “C” was established on June 1, 1921. David Fox was the First Commander, with 55 men, 50 horses and 4 automobiles. Before there were social services, the State Police brought food and supplies to the needy.

When the mounted police initially started, they hired cowboys since many new troopers did not know how to ride. The horses were shipped in from the West, and there were two tracks in back of the barracks, one for performing and one for learning. In 1926, the Rough Riders won international fame with their horseback riding tricks.

They were out for days, stayed in local hotels and boarded their horses. They would be on duty or on call for 30 straight days. The officers would call back to the troop headquarters to see if they were needed anywhere.

Their first troop headquarters was in an old hotel in Sidney. In 1952 they moved to their current headquarters. The uniforms were made of wool and hard to keep clean. At times, there were competitions between the Windsor and Deposit troops to see who could get the most tickets over the weekend.

One story that Lew shared was that he was too short to become a trooper, so he took a typing test and was hired as a teletyper. In 1952, he went with 11 troopers to get new patrol cars from the armory in Syracuse. When they stopped to eat at a diner, Lew was sitting in the middle of the troopers when a person came up to him and said:” You must be one bad dude with all those troopers.”



Since the first 232 men rode out of their training camp in 1917 on horseback to begin patrolling rural areas, troopers have been there to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people of New York State with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism and integrity.

## *Membership Renewal Time Again*

If you are not a Lifetime member, it is time to renew your membership for 2019.

Membership rates are as follows:

Lifetime -- \$100

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Please submit your membership renewal promptly to Deposit Historical Society,

145 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754.

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

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