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Blackstone Valley Historical Society member and Lincoln resident Dan Bethel returns to share his Saylesville ephemera Sunday, April 21 at North Gate

By Francine Jackson

On April 21st, in the downstairs hall, consummate collector Dan Bethel will once again regale us with his unbelievable memorabilia. This time, he will concentrate on the village of Saylesville, a part of Lincoln. As usual, his amount of materials will be in incredible: post cards, documents, any type of materials dedicated to this small area of a significant part of our Blackstone Valley. For years, the Blackstone Valley Historical Society has been the fortunate organization that Dan has allowed to view his collections. Come down to the Society, at 1873 Louisquissett Pike Sunday, April 21st, at 2:00 P.M., to once again be able to walk down a part of our region's Memory Lane.

These images Courtesy Dan Bethel

SAVE THE DATE

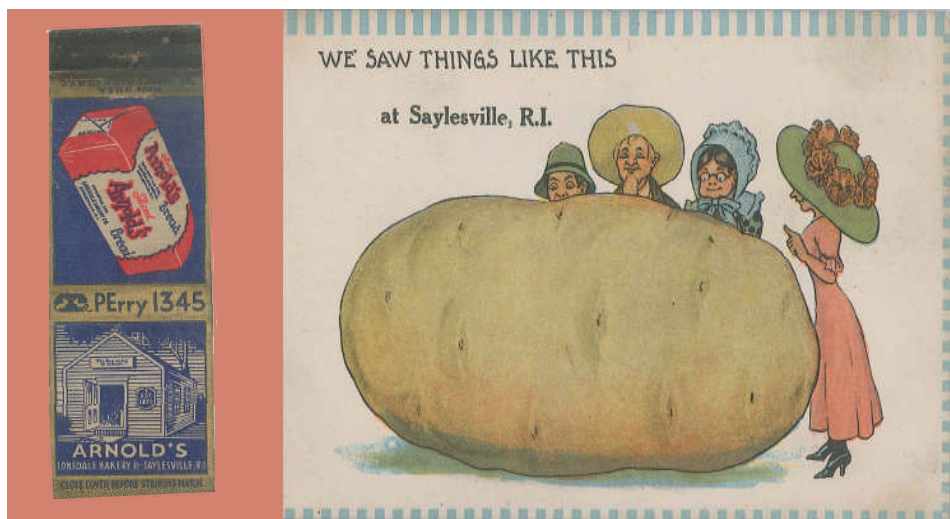
Sun. May 19 ~ 1:30 pm Downstairs
Annual Member Meeting
2:00 pm

Al Klyberg talk
"Chris Nowak & the Blackstone
Valley Writers Guild"

Saturday June 15
BVHS Honors Lime Rock Grange
WWII Veterans
And
"Stars & Stripes Canteen"
USO Revisited Dance



This is a picture postcard of (note that they are women) workers during World War I at an aircraft fabric inspection station in Saylesville. You can see the propeller in the middle. WWI planes were mostly covered with cotton fabric.



A matchbook, probably from the 1950's, showing the original Arnold bakery and a loaf of Arnold bread. An example of an "exaggeration" postcard from Saylesville, RI. On the back it is dated 1908.

BVHS introduces *Chris Nowak Lecture Series* with talk about Blackstone Valley Writer's Guild May 19

By Francine Jackson

Come join the Historical Society on Sunday, May 19th for the first of our very special annual meetings. At 2:00 P.M., Al Klyberg, BVHS board member and local historian extraordinaire, will introduce the first annual Chris Nowak presentation.

Upon her death Chris Nowak, a past president and a member of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society for many years, bequeathed \$14,000 to the Society. She was a respected journalist in the area and as a part of her legacy, we will dedicate our annual

meetings to her great work for the Blackstone Valley region.

This, the first presentation, will have Al Klyberg talk about the tradition of writing local history as represented by the Blackstone Valley Writer's Guild and the part Chris played in this journalistic tradition.

This meeting will be held in the upstairs hall, North Gate, 1873 Louisquisset Pike, beginning at 2:00 P.M. Please join us, and, if you have any remembrances of Chris, we would love for you to add to our presentation.



CHASE FARM

Chase Farm in Lincoln another silent treasure, located in the Blackstone Valley, residents can smile with pleasure.

Once workable with sweat, everyone did their part, many wondrous acres of earth, with memories to warm one's heart.

As the sun of summer sets, Chase Farm sparkles with pride, there are no flaws or scars this landscape has hide.

Then the snows of winter creating an awesome sight, like a soft white cloud on land seen both day and night.

When spring arrives again the grass will turn green, an emerald among diamonds, another spectacular Valley scene.

By Bob Ferri, Central Falls

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FROM the BVHS



ARCHIVES

Look what we discovered in our archives. Can you identify the vehicle & year?
How about the cute driver and her companion?
Don't know, take a peek to your left!

Original Lime Rock Fire Truck
with Walter Parish and
Gertrude Harris Crombe
Between 1916 and 1923



Clipping Bee

We have been busy clipping newspaper articles and sorting them by Blackstone Valley communities. Now we are sorting these clippings by subject matter and creating archive file folders. Come join the fun!

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

Monday, April 8

Monday, May 13

Call us and to let us know you are coming

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