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*Democratic Register*  
8.25.1880

**Grand Regatta at Oscawanna Island**  
A Three-Mile Race with Turn, for Professional Scullers, for Purse of \$200, free to all, in Single Sculls. \$100 to first, \$60 to second, \$40 to third.

The following well-known Oarsmen, who made the extraordinary fast time on the Thames at Norwich, Conn., July 29<sup>th</sup> have entered:

George H Hosmer of Boston  
George W Lee of Newark  
James A Ten Eyck of Peekskill  
Fred Plaister of Brooklyn  
Frenchy Johnson of Boston

Grand Excursion and Picnic at the Island that day. A first-class String Band will be in attendance. Dancing commences at 10 A.M.

At 1 o'clock there will be a Band Concert by a Celebrated Brass Band from New York on the Pavilion, which is one of the finest in the State.

At 1:30 P.M. there will be a Glass Ball Shooting Match between Frenchy Johnson and a gentleman from New York.

At 2 P.M. the Race will be called.

The managers of the Island will spare no pains to make this one of the most enjoyable events of the season, and promise that the affair will be conducted in an honorable manner. There will be squad of police on the ground to maintain order.

Entries to be made at "Martin's Cigar Store", Peekskill NY

Entries close on Monday, Aug. 23d.

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*Democratic Register*  
9.01.1880

**The Oscawana Regatta** The regatta at Oscawana Island on Friday last was attended by about two thousand people. The water was very rough and only the double-scutt race was rowed. The entries for this race were: Dan and Edward Ward, Lyons and Nolan, Donovan and Greig, and Dolan and Turney. The Ward brothers won it by over a half a mile in 26:26<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> with Dolan and Turney second, and Donovan and Greig third. The other races did not come off.

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*Democratic Register*  
5.24.1884

**Boat Race** There was an exciting boat race for double-scutt working boats on the Hudson on Tuesday afternoon, the contestants being employees of the Brandreth Works and the prize a purse of \$10 offered by Mr. Franklin Brandreth. The crews were as follows: Albert Tompkins and Romeyn Williams; Norman Minnerly and John Kenney; Patrick Flynn and Thomas Thompson; Horace Cummings and Wm. Kidd. George Bruce and William See were chosen judges, and Morgan Hyatt starter. At Five o'clock the five crews were in line off the Upper Dock, the course being from that point to Moore's Dock, a distance of about half a mile. The tide was flood and the wind south, raising quiet a choppy sea, but as the race had been postponed twice, it was determined to have it then if any way possible. It was a fair for one as the other. At the word "Go!" they darted off well together, but Minnerly and Hart forged ahead with the others following in a bunch behind. The race looked as though already won by this crew, when they got behind the spiles on which the Brandreth bathing house use to stand and had to virtually stop and pull out. While they were doing this Tompkins and Williams shot ahead and won the race about a length. Merritt and Kenney were second, Minnerly and Hart, third; Flynn and Thompson, fourth; and Cummings and Kidd, fifth. The time of the winners was ten minutes. Owing to

the mishap to Minnerly and Hart, it is probable they and the wining crew will have another brush pretty soon. The race was a very close and pretty one, and was witnessed from the stone wall along the railroad tracks by a large crowd of interested spectators who speculated considerably on the prospective result of the contest.

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*Democratic Register*  
06.06.1885

**Canoeing.** There was a convention of the Hudson River Canoeists at Newburg last week. Among those represented were several from the Shattemuc Canoe Club, of this village. They were Capt. W M Carpenter, of the Dawn; T J Hand Jr., of the Katydid; H M Carpenter of the Gypsie; J K Hand of the Midget; G Fisher Secor, of the Laura; and George P Watts Jr., of the Cricket. They paddled over to Rockland on Thursday of last week and there boarded the Walter Brett, which conveyed them to Newburg. T J Hand Jr., was one of the judges in the races while at Newburg.

They returned on Monday after passing the intervening days most pleasantly. Capt. W M Carpenter, H M Carpenter and Mr. Secor returned by water "paddling their own canoes". They did not enter for any of the races, but offered a flag for a prize to be contested for by the others. This was a burgee, 10x18 inches in size, of blue satin with gold trimmings<sup>1</sup>. On it was a view of Croton Point, painted by Miss Wicks of Ossining Institute. It was a very beautiful trophy and won the admiration of all. It was won by Mr. Gibson of the Mohegan Club, in his famous canoe Snake.

Shattemuc Club is in a most flourishing condition, has fourteen members and a good house and float at Wheeler's Dock. During the summer they intend to have half a dozen regattas, the first to take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>This was similar in shape and color to their own club burgee, except for the gold trim. Miss Wicks later made a similar pennant for the Shattemuc canoe races.

*Democratic Register*  
6.13.1885

**Spring Regatta** The spring regatta of the Shattemuc Canoe Club of this village will be held off the club house at Wheeler's Dock, to-day, commencing at 4 o'clock. The Regatta Committee is composed of H M Carpenter, F D Arthur and T J Hand Jr. There will be two mile sailing races for two classes, a sailing race over a two-mile course for all classes, and a paddling race, half a mile in length for two classes of boats. The regatta will, no doubt, be very interesting.

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*The Republican*  
5.06.1886

**Along the Upper Docks.** There is good prospect of increased business in the future on the dock properties outside the line of the railroad. The E G Blakslee property, extending from the middle of the Kil river to the south line of the property of E G Blakslee M'fg Company, is being filled up and graded preparatory to the erection of a foundry building to be of brick and 140x93 feet in dimensions. The foundation for the north wall is being laid in concrete by T. Mapelsden & Son. A mammoth dredge has made a slip in the center of the property and raised about one thousand yards of sand per day, which is used for filling purposes for which it is admirably adapted.

The new dock recently completed for Isaac T Washburn, has been leased to Brown, Howard & Co. of the new Croton Aqueduct, where they intend landing all their supplies. Heretofore they have been using the Northern Railroad very extensively.

The adjoining property on the north, formerly occupied by David Reed, as a coal and lumber yard, a part of which lies east of the railroad, has been purchased by Chas. G Washburn from Stephen Collyer. The property has a water frontage of one hundred and five feet, and a depth of one hundred and seventy-nine feet. Mr. Washburn has contracted with William Parrott<sup>2</sup> of

Newburgh, to rebuild the bulkhead from low water mark.

Col. Franklin Brandreth has made arrangements for the complete repair and enlargement of the frontage of his docks.

The new boat house for the Shattemuc Canoe Club is almost ready for occupancy. It is on Col. Brandreth's property and was built by that gentleman for the use of the club. The landing float is very conveniently placed in a slip between two docks, and the canoeists can enter and leave their boats in smooth water no matter how rough it may be outside.

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*The Republican*  
6.10.1886

**The Shattemuc's Regatta.** The Spring regatta of the Shattemuc Canoe Club of this village came off on Saturday afternoon last. The wind and tide were unfortunately so nearly in accord as to make it very unpleasant for the contestants, especially as the wind was very unsteady.

There were three events set down for the day, the first being for a challenge silk pennant, very handsomely worked, painted and present by Miss Wicks, of Ossining Institute; a sailing race for a pair of field glasses presented by Col. Franklin Brandreth; and a tandem paddling race, for which a set of silk colors was present by Wm. M Carpenter.

The contestants for the first event were as follows:

BOAT	SAILED BY
Wah-ta-Wah .....	Wm E Barlow
Gipsev.....	H M Carpenter
Nellie.....	W M Carpenter
Dingbat.....	W S Phraner
Dash.....	F D Arthur
Goanaware.....	G F Secor

The course was triangular from a stake off the boat house to one out on the edge of the channel, thence to one a short distance above the Main street docks and thence to the starting point. This course was to be traversed twice, the

first time under sail and the second time paddled.

The boats were started somewhat straggling; as it was evident they could not be either in line or close to each other owing to the wind and tide. The Wah-ta-Wah took the lead and held it until the third stake was passed, when the Gipsev went to the front. As each boat completed the first lap, sails were lowered and the paddles were used for the second lap. The Gipsev, Wah-ta-Wah, and Goanaware started on this lap in the order named, at the second stake the Goanaware passed the Wah-ta-Wah, but the crew of the latter spurted and speedily regained second place. These three were the only boats that completed the course, the others dropping out after passing the second stake in the paddling lap.

The second race was under sail twice around the course. The contestants were as follows:

BOAT	SAILED BY
Gipsev.....	W M Carpenter
Wah-ta-Wah .....	Wm E Barlow
Dingbat.....	W S Phraner
Nellie.....	W M Carpenter
Midget.....	J K Hand
Tuneta.....	J H Carpenter
Dash.....	F D Arthur
Greg.....	C B Carpenter
Goanaware.....	G F Secor

The start for this race was made with the boats in a cluster, and in the run to the second stake presented a beautiful appearance, but here the strong flood tide and head wind were too much for the boats that were lightly rigged, and several dropped out being unable to round the lower stake. The usual chapter of accidents in a sailing race ensued, only the Gipsev and Wah-ta-Wah, completing the race. These two came in the order named, making all through a close and exciting contest, in which there was shown great skill in handling the boats, especially on the part of W E Barlow, who jibed handsomely around the home stake boat.

The last event was a tandem paddling straightaway race from the steamboat dock to the boat house, in which the following were the contestants:

<sup>2</sup> Parrott moved the SSYC clubhouse from Oscawana to Sing Sing in 1914

BOAT	SAILED BY
Gipsey.....	W M Carpenter
	H M Carpenter
Goanaware.....	G F Secor
	C B Carpenter
Edith.....	Fred Fisher
	J H Carpenter
Wah-ta-Wah .....	Wm E Barlow
	E J Becker
Dash.....	F D Arthur
	W S Phraner

The boats were started rather closely and as they were to cross the line inside the home stake, which was but a short distance out, a collision between the Goanaware and Edith quickly ensued, and they were just stretching out when the Dash dashed in to them and dashed all hopes of either of the three boats crossing the line as victors. The Gipsey for the third time came in winner, beating the Wah-ta-Wah by a couple of lengths.

This event concluded a very successful regatta, in which the several participants showed marked improvement in the handling and rig of their boats, and considering the small number of members, great interest was displayed in this manly and health giving recreation. A noticeable feature was the promptness with which the races commenced, the first signal having been given only seven minutes after the hour named. The afternoon was very agreeable for the spectators as a pleasant breeze was blowing and the sun was not too strong.

In accordance with the conditions of presentation, Mr. Carpenter, the winner of the Wicks' challenge pennant, has been challenged for a similar race, by W E Barlow, which is to take place next Saturday afternoon, after which there will be a paddling race between G F Secor and W M Carpenter

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*The Republican*  
6.17.1886

**The Shattemucs and the Pennant.** The challenge pennant offered by Miss Wicks to the members of the Shattemuc Canoe Club has already elicited two spirited contests, and, from the appearance of things, many more are to follow before the season is over.

At the first race, which was a part of the programme for the annual regatta on the

5<sup>th</sup>, the pennant was won by H M Carpenter. Of course, as soon as he crossed the winning line, the other Shattemucs resolved to carry the conditions of the pennant into effect and challenge for it. W E Barlow was the first to move, and, the challenge being of course accepted, the race was set down for 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The conditions of the race being altered so as to admit any other members to enter, the following six canoeists appeared at the post when time was called: H M Carpenter, W E Barlow, G F Secor, Franklin Brandreth, W S Phraner and C B Carpenter. The race was over the usual triangular course, which was to be encircled once sailing and once paddling.

To a fairly good start H M Carpenter led with Secor second. Going along the first stretch Secor closed, however, and took the lead at the first stake, the others being considerably scattered. The two leaders kept well together on the second stretch, and Carpenter turned the tables on Secor by reassuming the lead. After turning the second stake and entering the homestretch of the sailing lap, however, a dark horse appeared in the person of C B Carpenter who came away from the rear ones as if they were tied and not only overhauled the leaders but passed them, and, by the time the lap was finished, had secured a good lead.

The paddling lap was less exciting as C B Carpenter had such a lead that his victory was assured, and he eventually won with a long stretch of water between the second man H M Carpenter. The victor has been already challenged by the former custodian, and the race is set down for Saturday afternoon of this week at five o'clock. It seems likely that the pennant will be changing hands with almost clockwork regularity all summer. The weather is seldom twice alike, and each different condition seems to be favorable to some particular canoe. However, it will make the season lively, and that is what the Shattemucs and their friends want.

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*The Republican*  
7.01.1886

**The Shattemuc Canoe Club.** N R Everts has resigned the post of Commodore.

--Geo. F Secor has challenged J H Carpenter for the Wicks trophy, and the contest has been set down for Saturday afternoon this week.

--The Shattemucs are preparing to celebrate the Fifth of July in royal style. The programme comprises an interesting series of races at 10 a.m., and an illumination and display of fireworks in the evening. The Club are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

--The way in which Mr. Ralph Brandreth sailed over the challenge course last Saturday was a tremendous surprise. His new canoe is evidently a gem and a flyer, and, if he does as well in future races as he did last Saturday, the challenge trophy seems to be at his mercy.

--The third race for the Wicks challenge trophy took place last Saturday afternoon, and, as usual, the holder of the trophy was unable to maintain his grasp upon it, and, as also is usual, the race was won by a party other than the one who challenged. G F Secor was the Referee, and the starters were C B Carpenter, the holder of the banner; H M Carpenter, the man who knocked the chip from C B Carpenter's shoulder; Ralph Brandreth, J H Carpenter, Franklin Brandreth, W S Phraner, W M Carpenter and W E Barlow. Barlow led at the start, but before he had completed one half of the first stretch of the sailing lap, J H Carpenter took the lead. The sight at this junction was a very pretty one, all the canoes being well together. As they approached the stake boat, however, Ralph Brandreth forged ahead and was thereafter never headed. In fact he continually added to his lead, and eventually finished first by a sixth of the distance. It seems that he had gone the wrong side of the first stake boat, however, in consequence of which the referee was forced to disqualify him and give the race to the second man, J H Carpenter.

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*Democratic Register*  
8.25.1906

**Twenty Years Ago.** A shark was seen several times swimming about the river near here. One day he "sized up" a

boating party consisting of John T Adcock, B C Feeny, Miss Birdie O'Brien and Miss Alice Adcock, but was unable to get at them.

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*The Republican*  
9.09.1886

**The Brandreth Medals.** The three medals, which Commodore Franklin Brandreth, of the Shattemucs, ordered to be manufactured and offered for competition among the members of the organization, are now finished. Jeweler E R Stockwell, of Ellis Place, whose place of business is in John street, New York, executed the work, and the designs are very handsome.

The first prize medal is round in shape and inside of the border of gold the words "First Sailing Trophy" are shown in letters of gold surrounded by blue enamel. The inner border is a silver rope, the ends of which form a "half hitch" made fast to a staff which flies the club colors in blue and white enamel, the initials "S.C.C.", in heavy gold letters, being raised upon the middle of the medal, nearly flush with the borders. The figures "1886" are placed in gold on the sides of the knot.

The second prize is also of gold, shaped something like a Maltese Cross, upon the arms of which the words and figures "Shattemuc Canoe Club, 1886" appear in blue enamel. Between the arms of the cross are two double bladed paddles upon which is the club ensign and a wreath, containing the words "Second Sailing Trophy" in gold surrounded by blue enamel. In the center of the medal is a canoe under full sail.

The third prize is of silver and around the outside edge are the words "Third Sailing Trophy", in blue enamel letters, and the center of the medal is taken up with a canoe sailing on the wind, with the skipper with an eye open to the windward

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*The Republican*  
9.30.1886

**The Shattemuc Races.** A puffy southeast wind prevailed on the river on Saturday and the bold canoe navigators

of the Shattemucs had enough of the breezes to push their crafts around in quest of the handsome prizes that were offered for them to contest for. The gathering clouds and the general unpleasant look of the weather didn't deter a large number of their friends from making their way to the little pier in front of the club quarters and witnessing the event, and they were all seemingly deeply interested in the movements of the little crafts and the outcome of the various contests.

The first contest was a sailing race, to the leeward and return, for a silver syrup pitcher, offered by Gen. Ralph Brandreth. The following canoeists squared their crafts over the starting line: Harry Carpenter, Ralph Brandreth, J. K. Hand, Wilson Phraner, William E. Barlow, Herbert Carpenter, G. Fisher Secor, William Carpenter. The boats all got away in a bunch and the run up the river to a buoy just above the Brandreth works' store house was very pretty, all the little craft carrying their booms over to port, and looking like so many butterflyflies, with everything drawing. Most of the fleet had to tack and wear around the buoy before trimming in, then they all strung out in a southwesterly course in order to make the finish line with a free sheet. Then the fleet commenced breaking up and each navigator began trying to work in a good position for the run home. B. Fisher Secor, who was about the last to round the outer mark, had picked up to the majority of the other craft and was working well to the windward when he run his mainsail over a lonely fish net stake and the next feat he performed was to hang on the stake and sit on his canoe to prevent any familiarity with the chilly flood beneath him. He was speedily rescued by an oarsman in a rowboat and he and his craft escorted to the slip, and he began getting things to rights again for the next race. Herbert Carpenter finally got over the finish line and was awarded the prize, the rest of the canoeists following at a respectable distance.

The next event on the programme was a sailing race over a triangular course for Commodore Franklin Brandreth's medal. The entries were the same as in the first race, and after another fine

contest, Herbert Carpenter again crossed the finish line a winner, and thus secured first mortgage on the first prize, while Messrs. Ralph Brandreth and Harry Carpenter secured a grip on the second and third medals respectively. The hero of the capsizes, G. Fisher Secor, came in fourth.

Then came a paddling contest for an elegant silk pennant offered by William E. Barlow. The course was up the river about two hundred yards and return and the following paddlers entered: Roger Haddock, Ralph Brandreth, William Carpenter, G. Fisher Secor and William E Barlow. The latter took the lead from the start and was never headed, and won what was the prettiest contest of the day. Then the plucky paddler waived his right to the prize, as he had offered it, and it was awarded to William Carpenter who came in second.

After this an attempt was made to decide who would be the wearers of two gold scarf pins offered to the two paddlers who came in first in a tandem paddling race over a straight-away course. The prizes were offered by Commodore Brandreth, and the following teams entered. Roger Haddock and Wilson Phraner, in the Caona; William and Harry Carpenter in the Nellie; Herbert Carpenter and G Fisher Secor, in the Winnekce; Ralph Brandreth and William E Barlow, in the former's new paddling canoe which is yet unnamed. The start was made down by the Lower Dock and the finish was in front of the club house. The Caona came in first, but did not finish on the right side of the stake so they were disqualified, and the rest of the crews were disqualified for fouling one another so the contest was declared off. The "Class A" paddling race was postponed on account of the approaching darkness

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*The Republican*  
10.07.1886

**The Shattemucs in a Gale.** Two of those medals offered by Commodore Franklin Brandreth to the members of the Shattemucs have probably found their permanent owners. On Saturday afternoon the canoeists tried it once

more despite the heavy wind from the northwest and the disagreeable coldness of the day. The race was postponed from the usual hour until after five o'clock in hopes that the heavy breeze would die down some, but in didn't, and the captains bold of the several craft tucked in reefs and went forth in the hunt for the medals.

The course was triangular, from an imaginary line drawn off of the Club House<sup>3</sup> to a buoy off of Washburn's dock, thence out in the river some three hundred yards to and around another buoy, and from there to the starting line. This course was sailed over three times as in previous races for the medals.

The canoes went over the starting line in the following order with their sails off to the port side: Tuneta, J. Herbert Carpenter; Nellie, William M. Carpenter; Gypsie, Harry M. Carpenter; Goanaware, G. Fisher Secor; Nameless, Ralph Brandreth. The heavy weather was hard on the steering geer [sic] of the tiny crafts and the Tuneta and Nellie soon retired from broken rudders. The latter was leading the fleet when the accident occurred. Then the Gypsie lead until the outer mark was made on the second time round, when the Goanaware took the lead. The Nameless afterwards assumed the advance and held the advantage until the last time over the course, when the owner run [sic] his craft too far past the outer mark to windward, and the wily navigator of the Goanaware seized the opportunity to take the lead and hold it to the finish. The following give a summary of the race:

CANOE	START	FINISH	LAPSED
	H.M. S.	H.M.S	M.S.
Tuneta.....	5 27 00.....		Broke rudder
Nellie.....	5 27 05.....		Broke rudder
Gypsie.....	5 27 10.....	6 26 00.....	50 50
Goanaware.	5 27 10.....	6 16 00.....	49 49
Nameless...	5 27 15.....	6 20 05.....	52 50

Thus the Goanaware beats the Nameless by 3 minutes and 10 seconds and the Gypsie by 10 minutes 1 second.

The conclusion of this race makes J Herbert Carpenter and G. Fisher Secor tied with one race each for the first medal, while Harry M Carpenter takes the third medal, having won it twice. The crew of the Nameless will undoubtedly wear the second medal as he has navigated his craft over the finish twice as second boat in.

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*The Republican*  
5.14.1887

**Boating Notes**

--There have been many additions made to the membership of the Shattemucs already this year. This is destined to be one of the leading canoe clubs along the Hudson

--Mr. Harry Carpenter has housed his handsome new canoe<sup>4</sup>. It is built in the latest improved style of the art and we shall expect her to make a good record for herself this season.

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*The Republican*  
5.28.1887

**Canoeists in Camp** The annual spring meet of the Hudson River Canoeists is being held this year under the auspices of the Shattemuc Canoe Club of this village. They went into camp last (Friday) evening and will continue there until Monday afternoon. This morning and Monday will be devoted to racing when it is expected some excellent records will be made. At the spot selected there is a good sand beach, a fine place for pitching their tents with an abundance of pure spring water handy. The following clubs are expected to be represented: Amsterdam, Essex and Ianthe of Newark, NJ; Newburgh, Rondout, Yonkers, Poughkeepsie, Mohawk of Troy; Knickerbocker and New York of New York, and the Mohegan of Albany.

Commodore Franklin Brandreth of the Shattemucs has presented a beautiful gold medal for the trophy for the sailing races on Monday and it will be well worth competing for. We wish them a thoroughly enjoyable time.

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<sup>4</sup> Sea Gull

*The Republican*  
6.04.1887

**The Canoe Meet** The Hudson River Canoeists, who went into camp at Croton Point on Friday evening of last week, were not blessed with as good weather as they might have ordered, but then it might have been worse, whereas, it might have rained all the time, it only threatened and dropped a few sprinklings. The temperature had no suggestiveness of dog days about it, for it was quite cool all the time and really cold at night. However, we are informed that they had a good time and took as bright a view of things as possible. There was nothing much done on Saturday more than getting themselves at home in their new quarters and their boats in working order for the coming races.

On Sunday the clubs represented were the Amsterdam, Essex, Ianthe of Newark NJ; Newburg, Rondout, Poughkeepsie, Yonkers, Mohawk of Troy; Knickerbocker of New York, and the Mohegan of Albany. Newburgh headed the list with 17 members. They were all entertained by the Shattemucs of Sing Sing. Throughout the day canoeists were paddling and sailing up and down the river. Commodore Franklin Brandreth, Harry M Carpenter, and G Fisher Secor, of the Shattemucs, were the "Meet Committee".

On Monday – Decoration Day<sup>5</sup>—the canoeists brought their meet to a close with a series of sailing and paddling races. The first race was a Class A, one and a half miles, sailing. The competitors were two Newburgh canoes, the Rat, owned by Brant E Edgar, and the Dido, by Alfred Kane. The latter won in 23:15 and was given the prize, a pennant.

The second was a three-mile race for sailing canoes, Class B. The following were the entries: Annie O., Lloyd Thomas, of Albany; Stranger, G Van Dusen, of Rondout; a nameless canoe, Daniel Rice of Amsterdam; Mermaid, L. Prince of the Mohegans; Daisy, J Keeler, Jr. of Yonkers; Rat, Grant E Edgar of Newburgh; S X, G Cox of the

<sup>5</sup> Memorial Day

<sup>3</sup> At Camilla dock, north of Pete Smiths pier, now the former Sellazo property.

Essex Club; Nellie, J Herbert Carpenter of the Shattemucs, Sing Sing; Sea Gull, H M Carpenter of the Shattemucs; Wah-tah-wah, J M Thomas of the Amsterdam Club; nameless canoe, Philip Wackerhagen of the Mohegans, and another without a name owned by Alfred Kane of Newburgh. This, the event of the day, was won by Mr. Wackerhagen's canoe in 40 minutes. The prize was a gold medal given by Commodore Franklin Brandreth of the Shattemucs. It is a Maltese Cross, the arms handsomely finished, and bearing the words, "Hudson River Meet, May 30, 1887" in blue enamel. A broad strap of gold is raised in the center of the cross, upon which are the words "Shattemuc Trophy" in gold letters surrounded by blue enamel. In the center is a handsome engraving of a canoe under sail.

The third event was a novice race, one and a half miles. F M W Bartlett, in the Dido, won in 24 minutes.

In the afternoon, there was a race for all canoes, one an half miles. Brant E Edgar's Rat won in 26 minutes.

The special unlimited race for sailing canoes was won by Mr. Wackerhagen in 17 minutes. A banner was the prize.

In the paddling race of one mile for the fourth class Frederick S Smith, of Newburgh, won in 20 minutes. In the two-mile paddling race for Class 2, J Stern of the Essex Club won in 18:42.

The paddling tandem race for Classes 3 and 4, one mile, for a prize of two Canadian paddles, was won by William E Barlow and Byron E French, in the Oneco of the Shattemuc Club, in 6 minutes.

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*The Republican*  
7.09.1887

**The Shattemuc's Races** The Shattemuc Canoe Club intended to have a regatta on the fourth, but some of the members were away out of town and others had engagements which prevented them entering, so there was not a regatta, strictly speaking, but they had several

pretty races which were watched with interest from the club house or from the steam yacht Camilla, owned by Commodore Franklin Brandreth, who kindly took some guests over the course and a little further.

The first was a sailing race for Class B boats for which J Herbert Carpenter entered the Nellie and Harry Carpenter the Sea Gull. The wind was blowing briskly from the south and kicked up quite a sea. The skippers of these two little craft had to sit out way to windward to prevent capsizing. They were to sail twice around their old triangular course and did it. The one winning the best two out of three was to receive the prize – an elegant glass and silver pickle jar. The Sea Gull won the first heat and the Nellie the second and third. It was a very pretty race throughout, and the only pity was there was not more in it. The Nellie was declared the winner and took the prize.

The second event was a paddling race between Francis Larkin Jr. in the Oneko and Frederick Fisher in the Edith. The start was from the old club house on Wheeler's dock, and the finish off the present club house. Fisher maintained the lead until the finish when Larkin spurred and crossed the line about a third of a length in the lead. They had had all they could do to prevent capsizing in the rough water. Mr. Larking took the prize – a pretty glass pitcher.

The last race was a tandem race, in which two get into each canoe and paddle together. The contestants in this were H M Carpenter and Frederick Fisher in one canoe and Talbot Simpson and Paul B Rossire of the Yonkers Yacht Club in another. The latter crew with several others had been camping out since Saturday at Underhill Point<sup>6</sup> and were on their way home. They had just stopped to pay a fraternal visit and went into the race for the sport of it. As it turned out, they won by about two lengths.

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<sup>6</sup> Croton Point

*The Republican*  
9.03.1887

**Brief Mention** William E Barlow of the Shattemucs was a winner in the tandem race at the canoe meet last week at Lake Champlain.

--Ralph Brandreth, James T Blandford, James P Howland, and Capt. William Jones are off on a week's cruise on Long Island Sound on the steam yacht Camilla<sup>7</sup>.

--Harry and William Carpenter, of the Shattemuc Canoe Club, have been spending this week in cruising along the shore of Long Island Sound from New Haven and Connecticut River to various places of interest. They expect to arrive home this evening.

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*The Republican*  
1.07.1888

**Shattemuc Canoe Club.** This club held its annual meeting last week at the residence of Col. Franklin Brandreth and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Col. Franklin Brandreth, Commodore; H M Carpenter, Purser; and F M Fisher, Captain. The club was handsomely entertained and starts off on another year most auspiciously.

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*The Republican*  
7.08.1888

**Shattemuc Canoe Regatta.** A regatta was held by the Shattemuc Canoe Club on the Fourth. There were two events, one was a canoe yawl race to and around the buoy off Northwest Point, six miles in all, in which G F Secor sailed the "Nunky" and H M Carpenter the "Marie B". Following this came a canoe sailing race over the triangular club course, with the following entries:

Theo. Oxholm,	Yonkers C. Club,	.....	Nesta
P B Rossire,	"	"	Kelpie
J W Simpson,	"	"	Daisy
T Simpson,	"	"	Lanark
A B Patton,	"	"	Goblin
J H Carpenter,	Shat.	"	Toned
W E Barlow,	S. S. B.	"	Naurless

The yawl race was won by the "Marie B", after a very close race by twelve

<sup>7</sup> Camilla was Ralph Brandreth's yacht, which he kept at Camilla dock, where the Canoe Club was located.

seconds. In the canoe race, the Nesta won, the second being William E Barlow of Sing Sing B.C. by 45 seconds. Commodore Franklin Brandreth gave the prizes, a handsome dressing case for the yawl race and a silver cream pitcher for the canoe race. The wind was very strong from the southwest. Just after crossing the line P B Rossire capsized, but with no further damage than a ducking. There are only three canoe yawls in the county, the other being owned by W P Stephens, of *Forest and Stream*. This was the first canoe yawl race in this county.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
7.14.1894

**The Big Canoe Meet.** The greatest event of the season among the canoemen is always the annual meet of the American Canoe Association. This organization, which was founded in 1880 at Lake George, seeks to unite the canoemen of the Eastern States for the purpose of cruising, camping, and racing. It is a union of individuals and not of clubs, through the leading canoe clubs of the country are all well represented in it, some to the extent of their entire membership. Its total membership is nearly two thousand.

The Sing Sing members of the Association are: J Herbert, Harry M and William M Carpenter and W E Barlow – all enthusiastic canoeists and members of the old Shattemuc Canoe Club, which at one time flourished hereabouts.

Each year, in October, the Executive Committee of the Association holds a meeting, and among other things decides upon a place for the next year's camp. Generally a site on Lake Champlain, Lake George, or the St Lawrence River is chosen, as it is accessible to all. Sometimes a site on salt water is chosen, usually near New York. The meet was held at Lake George in 1880, 1881, 1882 and again in 1888. Lake Champlain was chosen in 1887, 1891 and 1892. The Thousand Islands of the St Lawrence River were selected in 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1889, and 1893. The first salt water meet of the Association was a Jessup's Neck, near Sag Harbor, Long Island, in 1890,

and this year's camp at Croton Point will be the second.

Croton Point, the site of this year's meet, is on the east bank of the Hudson River, thirty-three miles from New York above Sing Sing, and owned by John V Cockcroft, of this village. Two miles in length, it stretches out into the river like a huge arm. Above it is Haverstraw bay, three miles in width; below it stretch for ten miles the broad waters of the Tappan Zee. The ground is high, but slopes gradually to the water, and is well shaded. A better site has never been obtained, nor one with more beautiful surroundings, even on Lake Champlain or the famous St. Lawrence, and the member are unanimous in its praise.

The camp formally opened yesterday (Friday) afternoon, and will last fifteen days, closing on July 28. The racing will begin next week, and will extend over five or six days. Twenty events are scheduled, including the championship contests. Some of the races are very amusing, as for example the hurry-scurry race, where the men run a hundred yards to the beach, plunge into the water, swim to their boats, and after getting in then paddle to a finish line. It is a good test of the all-round ability of the canoeman, who is expected to be just as much at home in the water as upon it. There are upset races, too, for sailing and paddling canoes, where the sailor, at a signal, upsets his craft completely, rights it unaided and then paddles or sails it to the finish line.

A race is also provided for the big war canoes of the clubs. These are great canoes twenty-five, thirty or even thirty-five feet in length, modeled after war canoes once used by the Indians. They carry crews of fifteen to twenty men, and can be pushed through the water at a lively rate. There will probably be half a dozen of these big boats in camp, and the races between them should be very interesting.

On account of the nearness of the camp to New York there will be an unusually large attendance for the local clubs. The Knickerbocker Canoe Club engages space for twelve tents near the

headquarters tent, and will have a big delegation in camp. It includes Commodore Julius H Seymour, Vice-Commodore James K Hand, Frank C Moore, who will represent the club in the principle races; Robert H Peebles, Warren T Berry, L W Seavey, S A Wotherspoon, and W L Dudley. The club has its big war canoe in camp.

From the Yonkers Canoe Club are H L Quick, T S Oxholm, D B Goodsell, Thomas Hale, Jr. and others. They also have their war canoe the Ko ko-ho-ho, which is thirty-five feet in length and the largest in the waters.

The Ianthe Canoe Club of Newark has a strong racing delegation, including their famous club four which has never been defeated.

The Orange Canoe Club has sent George Manley, who has done some good work for them on the Passaic during the past year or two.

From the New England clubs have come some of the best racing men in the Association. Paul Butler, the present holder of the sailing championship, and David Goddard represent the Vesper Boat Club of Lowell, Mass. The Puritan Canoe Club of Boston has sent James W Cartwright Jr., and the Shuh Shuh-Gah Canoe Club of Winchester, will be represented by Raymond Appollonio. The Springfield and Hartford Canoe Clubs are also well represented.

But the meet will not be wholly given up to racing, for there will be hundreds present who will take no part in the races. For them will be the cruises up the Croton River or to nearby points on the Hudson, excursions to Rockland Lake and other places of interest, and the usual pleasures of camp life. There will be open-air entertainments and evening campfires in plenty, besides an occasional dance. They will be formally entertained by the Sing Sing Yacht Club and will entertain them in return.

For the convenience of visitors to the camp, the Lewis D Black will run from this village to the camp at 9 AM, 12 AM and 4 and 6 PM. The place can also

easily be reached by rowboats from Sing Sing.

The ladies camp will be located at the southerly end of the camp.

For the water parade and illumination, the members will provide themselves with colored lanterns and flags and colored fire. The illumination parade will take place, if possible, also a review of the fleet, and a special effort will be made to illuminate the camp.

The principle officers of the Association are: Commodore, Irving V Dorland of Arlington N.J.; Secretary and Treasurer, George P Douglas of Newark N J; Regatta Committee H L Quick, Chairman; E C Knappe, W J Stewart; Camp Site Committee R J Wilkin, R Appollonio, R F Cutter; Signal Officer C G Belman; Fleet Surgeon, Samuel R Upham, MD.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
7.21.1894

**American Canoe Association's Romantic Surroundings at Croton Point.** That long peninsula extending out into the Hudson River, known as Croton Point, is the delightful spot where the American Canoe Association is at present having its annual meet, and a more eligible spot could hardly have been found.

It has had a variety of names before it became the property of John V. Cockcroft of this village, and it has an interesting history with more or less of romance connected with it. Croton Point is the most northerly boundary of the town of Ossining, an Indian name signifying "stone upon stone". The Croton River, that is, that portion of it that is not caught at Croton Lake and other dams and reservoirs of the New York Water Works Department, eight or ten miles back in the county, finds its outlet at the south boundary of the Point. What finds its way down to the Hudson is an inconsiderable stream and at low tide is hardly navigable for even such light vessels as rowboats. Perhaps the canoeists will find it possible to navigate up a considerable distance.

The general terminus for all craft is the old Wire Bridge, where the water is very deep, in a ravine, and where the fishing is said to be very good. The water is remarkably clear and very inviting for a plunge into its cool depths.

The scenery in and about Croton Point, which is some two miles in length, extending out from the mainland, is full of the varied and striking beauty, which has gained for the Hudson River and its surroundings a fame throughout the world.

The Indians along the east bank of the Hudson were subdivisions of the great Mohegan Tribe. Those north of the Kitchawan, or Croton River, were the Kitchewonks, and they were very numerous. South of the Croton River were the Sint Sincks, after whom Sing Sing takes its name, and the Tankiteeks. Across the Hudson were the Haverstraws, a band of the Minsi belonging to the Delaware nation, and after whom, it may readily be imagined, the thriving little village of Haverstraw took its name.

The Kitchewonks had two important villages, one of which was upon Van Cortland's Neck, connecting Senasqua, or Croton Point, with the mainland. Here they had a strongly built stockade, which overlooked Haverstraw Bay, as the Hudson north of the Point is named, and guarded important oyster beds there. The first white men ever to behold the shores about Croton Point were Hedrick Hudson and his crew, on their exploring expedition in 1609. Off Verplank's Point, that peninsula extending out into the Hudson about three miles north of Croton Point, on Oct 1 of that year, his vessel the Half Moon, was anchored.

Hudson was visited by some of the Indians, who were struck with wonder at the superiority of his craft to their own frail canoes and marveled at the peculiar weapons of the strangers. One of the Indians lingered in a canoe beside the vessel with evidently thievish intent, and, although warned away, watched his opportunity and climbing up the rudder into the cabin window, stole a pillow and a few articles of wearing apparel.

He was discovered by the mate with his plunder and shot.

The other Indians fled in alarm, some of them in their terror leaping into the river. The ship's boat was sent out to recover the stolen articles, when one of the Indians in the water seized hold of the boat with the intention, as was believed, of over turning it. A stroke from the sword of the cook cut off his hand, and he was drowned. This was the first Indian blood shed during the voyage. After this severe punishment for so slight an injury the boat returned to the ship, which dropped anchor near Teller's Point, which was another name for Croton Point.

At a very early period William and Sarah Teller occupied the peninsula, which became known as Teller's Point. It was also called Sarah's Point, from Mrs. Sarah Teller, who survived her husband. The Tellers were descendants of a Dutch clergyman of some distinction, and one of the family, Andrea Teller in 1671 married Sophia, daughter of the right Hon. Oloff Stevenson Van Cortlandt.

The Teller heirs consisted of eight brothers and sisters, "the children of Pierre Teller and Margaret Haines, his wife."

Subsequently the Point came into the possession of Dr. Underhill, who turned it into a vineyard and manufactured the celebrated Croton Point wines, which were noted in their day for their medicinal qualities. His son, W A Underhill succeeded to the title to the Point, and still lives there, in what is called Northwest Point. John V Cockcroft a wealthy resident of this village, a few years ago, came into possession of the property, and he has had many flattering offers for it for hotel, excursion, and race-track enterprises, but he has resisted them all.

Thus it will be seen that the American Canoe Association has pitched its tents on historic ground, and a place, which for the purpose desired cannot be, surpassed anywhere.

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The Knickerbocker Canoe Club has a war canoe in camp, besides the Yonkers Club. The camp is now conducted with all ceremony. Reveille is sounded by the camp bugler at 8 in the morning, a gun is fired from the big brass cannon on the end of the bluff, and all flags are hoisted. At sunset the retreat is blown, and with its last note the cannon booms out once more, and the flags flutter to earth again.

Visitors have become so frequent that a camp guard has been organized and the camp is now regularly patrolled by a force of five pickets under the command of the officer of the day. In addition to this camp guard a constable is on duty both day and night.

No trace has yet been found of the thieves who stole the property from the tent of Paul B Rossire and H Lansing Quick of Yonkers on Sunday. Among the property taken were two silver watches, which had been won by Quick in canoe races in former years; both of these have inscriptions on the cases. Clothing belonging to Mrs. Quick and to Mrs. Rossire was also taken.

The race for the cup presented by the Sing Sing Yacht Club will take place off the club house this (Saturday) afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
7.28.1894

**At the Canoe Camp.** This has been racing week at the Canoe Camp on Croton Point. They began on Monday.

The first contest was the unlimited sailing race, and an important one, as the starters in the trophy sailing race are to be selected from it. The distance was 6 miles and the time limit two hours and a half. The sailing race for novices, 3 miles, began at the same time. This was open only to members who had not sailed a canoe before Sept 1, 1893.

A lot of men started, but comparatively few finished. C E Archibald, in the Mab, crossed the line first, and kept the lead until the finish. The wind was from the east and blew in puffs. The course was a triangular mile and a half, starting from in front of the headquarters tent.

Archibald covered the six miles in 1 hour, 37 minutes and 29 seconds.

The novice race was won by H B Backus, of Rochester, in Zaidee. He was never in a canoe before May 1, and he up set no less than seven times.

Then came the record paddling race, half a mile straightaway. L B Palmer of the Ianthe Club, in the Cricket, won this in 6 minutes and 25 seconds.

After luncheon, the four and a half mile record sailing race was called. Palmer came in first, covering the course in one hour, 11 minutes and 11 seconds; Goodsell was second and Hale third.

M T Bennett of the New York Canoe Club, in the canoe yawl LaGloria, easily won the unclassified sailing race in 1 hour, 15 minutes and 29 seconds. Nate S Smith, of Newburg, in the yawl Manawitt, came in second.

The most interesting race to the greenhorns was the last. It was the upset and maneuvering race. Only three men out of the six who entered started; the distance was a quarter of the mile to the westward and back. On the way out to the buoy a signal was given, and each man dropped his paddle overboard, then came about to pick it up. While heading for home, at another signal, they upset their canoe until the tops of the masts touched the water, and then stepping over the side on the centerboards, pulled the boat up right again, and went on. Archibald did all this and finished in 9 minutes and 10 seconds; F C More, in the Torrent came in second; Sparrow was last. The first race called Tuesday morning was for open paddling canoes, single blades. There were five starters C E Craggs, Bullwagga Canoe Club, Port Henry, N Y; R Easton Burns, Catarqui Canoe Club, Kingston, Canada; J W Sparrow, Toronto Canoe Club; George P Douglas, Ianthe Canoe Club, Newark, N J; and C E Archibald, Pointe Claire Boating Club, Montreal, Canada. The start was made at 11:10. Archibald, although being handicapped by having the outside place, drew ahead at once and won easily. Time – 6:40. Burns was second, Douglass third,

Sparrow fourth, and Craggs fifth. The course was one mile straightaway. The next race was the trophy for the paddling championship of the association, and the big silver trophy, which represents it. The course was one mile straightaway, and the race was paddled against a strong flood tide. Duson led from the start and won, by twenty lengths. Time 10:27 ½. Scott was second and Tilley third.

The most important sailing race of the meeting took place Wednesday morning. It was a contest for the ACA sailing trophy, and was won (as usual) by C E Archibald, the Canadian. The course was nine miles. There was a fair breeze at first, but it almost died out near the finish.

The race open only to members of the Central Division, for the Jabberwock trophy, was sailed at the same time as the trophy race, and H V Backus, in the Zaidee, won it.

Another race, the one for the Orillia Cup, open only to members of the Northern Division, was also sailed at this time. Archibald won it.

The most interesting contest of the day was the club sailing race, which was called about 4:30 PM. Each club competing had to enter three men at least. These were the entrees: Rochester – Backus, McBean, and Martin; Yonkers – H L Quick, Oxholm, and Goodsell. Oxholm had a hard time. He got a good lead and kept it till near the end, when the lacing near the top of the mainsail gave way, and Quick won the race, covering the four miles and a half in fifty-two minutes and fifteen seconds. Oxholm came in second and Goodsell third, so Yonkers got first, second, and third places, and naturally, won the race.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
7.28.1894

**Canoe Race.** A canoe race for a silver cup, given by the Sing Sing Yacht Club, was sailed last Saturday afternoon on Croton Bay, off the clubhouse. The course was triangular, one half a mile on each side, and was sailed over four

times making a distance of six miles. The wind, which was from the north, was strong at the start but quite light at the finish. There were eleven starters, as follows: Mab, C E Archibald, Point Claire Boat Club, Montreal Canada; Chiquita, F X Oxholm, Yonkers Canoe Club; Cricket, L G Palmer, Ianthe Canoe Club, Newark N. J; Beta, Thomas Hale Jr., Yonkers Canoe Club; Zaidee, H V Backus, Rochester Canoe Club; Eel, W J Sparrow, Toronto Canoe Club; Bo Peep, D B Goodsell, Yonkers Canoe Club; Claire, F C Johnson, Point Claire Boat Club of Montreal, Canada; Massawippa, W A Martin, Rochester Canoe Club; Fineen, J M Hamilton, Red Dragon Canoe Club, Philadelphia, Penn; Dolphin, Prengwell, Yonkers Canoe Club.

The start was made at 2:47, and the boats got away well together. The Mab was the first to cross the line, and was closely followed by the Bo-Peep and the Chiquita. The first two were forced out of their course by a schooner, and Oxholm, in the Chiquita, obtained a lead which he kept till the last round, where on the half mile, he was passed by Archibald, in the Mab, who finished first. Time, 1:16:46. Oxholm, in the Chiquita, was 39 seconds behind Archibald. The others finished in the following order: Cricket, Beta, Zaidee, Eel and Bo Peep. The last two tied for sixth place. Oxholm's work was remarkably good, as his canoe is a bilgebound cruiser.

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*Democratic Register*  
7.26.1896

**Reorganization of the Shattemuc Canoe Club.** On Wednesday evening last several of our prominent canoeists met, pursuant to a call, at the club house of the Mount Pleasant Field Club, and re-organized the Shattemuc Canoe Club. This club was originally organized in the spring of 1884, and for several years following was known, not only locally but also generally throughout the country, as one of the leading canoe clubs.

The American Canoe Association, of which several of the Shattemucs are members, holds its annual camp this

year at Grindstone Island, in the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence River, from August 14 to 28. The Shattemuc Canoe Club will be represented by a party of ten from this village, and the old blue and white burgee will once more float in the breeze of the Canadian border as it did in '85 and '86.

The object of the club is the advancement and betterment of the members interested in canoeing and in the American Canoe Association.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

*Commodore*-Wm. M Carpenter  
*Vice-Commodore*-Wm E Barlow  
*Purser*-H M Carpenter

Long may the Shattemuc's burgee wave.

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*Democratic Register*  
8.29.1896

--The Shattemuc Canoe Club had a camp fire at their quarters on Grindstone Island, one of the Thousand Islands, last Monday evening.

--Two very handsome canoes belonging to Edwin Gould were down at the railroad station Tuesday morning and were the admiration of all who saw them.

--The Shattemuc Canoe Club was beaten by the Yonkers Canoe Club in a game of baseball on Saturday last at the American Canoe Association Camp, in the Thousand Islands, by a score of 7 to 6.

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*Democratic Register*  
11.28.1896

**American Canoe Association.** The American Canoe Association held its annual meeting at the Toronto Canoe Club House, on Saturday. Commodore J N McKendrick of Galt, presided. Among the American delegates present were Vice Commodore H M Stewart and Rear Commodore A L Smith, Rochester; Vice Commodore J S Murray, Philadelphia; Rear Commodore W E Barlow, Sing Sing, and Thomas Hale Jr., Yonkers. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at

Grindstone Island, between Clayton and Gananoque, from August 6 to 20.

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02.02.1905  
by William M. Carpenter,  
Treasurer Shattemuc Y.C.

**Shattemuc C.C. of Ossining, NY** The Shattemuc C.C. was organized in the early part of the month of December 1884, the officers being as follows: Com. J. Herbert Carpenter; Captain, Wm. M Carpenter; Purser, Thos. J. Hand, Jr. The membership numbered about twenty.

The first canoes in the club were of the canvas construction design, being constructed of paper and canvas over a frame of rattan ribs, with a heavy coat of white lead liberally applied to the canvas. A number of these were built by the members and used on the Hudson, weather and elements permitting. Their length was about 16 ft.; paddles of 14 ft. in length were at first used with the idea of balancing poles. From the birth of the club the interest grew until it was necessary to seek larger quarters than those occupied on Wheeler's Dock. The Commodore, Franklin Brandreth, built a most comfortable and well planned building on his property near the upper dock, and here the club moved in the spring of 1886, still growing and taking its place as the New York press had frequently to say in reports of regattas and cruises, as one of the leading canoe clubs of the State. In March 1887, the crab was adopted as the totem.

The spring meet of the various clubs along the Hudson was held under the auspices of the Shattemuc on Croton Point, on Decoration Day<sup>8</sup>, 1887. Speaking of this successful meet, one of the "dock rats" of the Newburg Canoe and Boating Association had the following to say on the subject: "The cordial invitation of the Shattemuc C C to their brother canoeists to take 'pot luck' with them on Decoration Day seems to me to be about the right thing. The custom of a little meet along the river on that day was successfully

<sup>8</sup> Memorial Day

started three years ago. Why give it up? Personally it meets my views to a fraction. The southern delegation should be a large one – good it always is; Brooklyn, New York, and Knickerbocker are generally there in force. It is too early in the season to speak of those Indians up at the frozen North, but nevertheless I hope to see the Mohicans out in force, and Rondout by the time will have given up ice-boating and should be ready to join in the ‘love feast’ at the Shattemuc beach – the ‘corn dance’ will come later up on at each place to warm their toes at the big camp-fire and help ‘roll the main down’ is the toast of a Dock Rat.

The Indians from the frozen North turned out in goodly numbers, and Wackerhagen of the Mohicans carried off the gold medal presented by Commodore Brandreth for the three-mile sailing race, class B; time 40m. Wackerhagen also won the unlimited race in 17m, a silk banner being the prize, presented by Miss Secor.

With the exception of two or three years, the Shattemuc C C has been represented at the annual meet of the ACA<sup>9</sup> by one or more of its members. While the tendency has been to go into larger boats, especially on the Hudson during the past few years, there still remain in the present club house a number of canoes, both sailing and open. Consolidation of the club with the Sing Sing Y C being effected, the Shattemuc lodge was vacated and the membership added to the yacht club roll. The name and flag of the S C C was maintain, and thus the organization became as a wheel within a wheel, keeping its place among the canoe clubs in the ACA.

The fleet has two division and two flags, as follows: The yacht division has the club signal – a pointed flag; the device a red five-pointed star in the center of a white pointed ground five-twelfths the length of the flag, all on a red field. The canoe division has (the Shattemuc flag) a burgee, 18 in. by 20 in. blue field with 1½ in. white boarder

The present<sup>10</sup> Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club was incorporated under the name of the Sing Sing Yacht Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1888, the officers being as follows: Com. Ralph Brandreth; Vice-com, William W Washburne; Sec’y William B Stewart; Treas. S Olin Washburne; Meas., Benjamin R Smith.

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*Democratic Register*  
1.27.1906

**Twenty Years Ago** The Shattemuc Canoe Club gave an entertainment to their friends at the home of Azariah Carpenter in Main Street. The committee of arrangements was composed of Rev. N R Everts, J H Carpenter and J K Hand.

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*Democratic Register*  
5.05.1906

**Twenty Years Ago** The Shattemuc took possession of their new club house at the Upper Dock.

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*The Observer*  
2.15.1927

**Formation and History of the Shattemuc Yacht Club.** Fred Smith, our local photographer, did a good job last week in making such a fine picture of the boys belonging to the Shattemuc Yacht & Canoe Club, sitting at their annual banquet. In looking over the picture we could recognize some faces who have been members of the old Shattemuc Yacht & Canoe Club since its birth, or nearly so. Among the number we could discern the picture of Harry Carpenter, a might good likeness too; William Barlow, J Curry Barlow, and Philip Fleck, commodore for two successive terms<sup>11</sup>, whom I hardly think has been a member of the Yacht Club since its beginning but nearly so. The rest in the picture are men who have joined in more recent years.

<sup>10</sup> This second part of the text is copied from an article printed in the *Illustrated Ossining* of December 1901

<sup>11</sup> 1925 and 1926 of Shattemuc Canoe Club.

Now the following is written for the entire Yacht Club, charter members, the old members and the new arrivals.

During the spring of 1879, the then members of the Shattemuc Yacht & Canoe Club<sup>12</sup> wondered who the newcomer was paddling alone in his canoe headed toward Croton Point. He was an expert, and it was not long before he was installed as a member, and if there is such an office in the Yacht Club now, or if it has been abolished, for at least six or seven years after the new member was installed he was more than a chaplain to his members. Once a year he had a sermon for the members who would attend in a body at the evening service held in the church of which he was pastor, and many Sunday evenings during the year they were regular attendants and many of the great discourses or sermons which he preached he laid the foundation for while out in his canoe. One in particular just prior to the annual sermon in honor of the Shattemuc Yacht & Canoe Club.

There had been a tremendous gale blowing up and down the Hudson for a number of days, scattering boats and making havoc. That Sunday night he preached from the text, “The Lord on High is Mightier than the noise of many waters, Yea, mightier than the mightiest waves of the sea.” But our story comes down to the evening of October 5, 1886 which was a farewell reception given in the parlors and Sunday School rooms of the First Baptist Church of Ossining<sup>13</sup>, to their then retiring pastor, the Rev. R Everts<sup>14</sup>. Sitting on the platform of the Sunday School room were Mr. Noxon, Mr. Everts, Rev. Messrs Mickle, Jennings, Soule, Walsworth, Lent and Dr. George Fisher, who represented the Presbyterian Church, their pastor Rev. Dwight was very sick and unable to be

<sup>12</sup> I.e.. Shattemuc Canoe Club, which was evidently formed prior to 1879.

<sup>13</sup> The village was called Sing Sing until 1903.

<sup>14</sup> Everts resigned from his post as commodore of Shattemuc Canoe Club in June 1886.

<sup>9</sup> American Canoeist Association

present, Rev Mr. Phraner<sup>15</sup> was away and Dr. Holbrook not being able to leave his school.

There was singing by the choir, which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. E T James, Miss Jennie Thompson, Miss Mae Miller, Messrs Hughes, Ben Hapgood and David Benedict, Mrs. George Kipp was accompanist.

Rev Mr. Mickle made the first address. Rev Jennings made the second. Rev Lent of the North Sing Sing Methodist Church the third. Mr. Herbert Carpenter a member of the Club was called upon to play some music on a violoncello. His first selection was "Berceuse" by Reber. For his encore he played "Le Reve" by Hauser. It was beautiful.

Dr. Fisher was then called upon and a couple of letters were read from Henry D McCord and J Howe Allen complimenting the work, which had been done by the retiring pastor. J Irving Gorton, in a few well chosen words present an engrossed [embossed?] copy of resolutions passed by the church. Mr. Frederick James presented a red plush rocking chair. Mr. Noxon then made a few remarks. Sitting in a body in seats of honor were the members of the Shattemuc Yacht & Canoe Club to a man.

Finally as Mr. Everts rose to respond, he was warmly applauded. He said, "My dear friends, I could not stand unmoved before this audience tonight or I would be on the level with the brute. I could not hear all that has been said and feel that I was worthy of it all however a real, sincere expression. I realize that I am not looking alone into the faces of my late congregation. I am touched with the fact that the whole community is here represented. There are those present who have been gradually coming to know me, I shall carry the remembrance of this meeting with me all my life. I have at home testimonials of regard given me in other places during the past 20 years, and know that I can go back [to] them all and of all

<sup>15</sup> Rev. Phraner was also an active member of the Canoe Club.

dominations. This though is one of the largest denominations I have ever had. I have simply been among you as a man and minister of the Gospel. I am glad to have heard some of these things said. I commend the Baptist itinerary to our Methodist friends. Let them lengthen out their two or three years to six or eight and it will be an improvement. I am sorry to have been a thorn in the side of Brother Jennings, and I do not see how he could have concealed it from me all this time. I have enjoyed the society of this people and am glad to see so many here tonight. I am impressed with the Catholic spirit manifested and which seems to be growing. A man must keep along with the times. It is not the difference in views that makes different denominations as much as the different ways of expressing those views. Such a harmonious meeting as this would not have been possible fifty years ago. We all hold a good many things in common.

I am getting broad in my views. I never expect to see only one denomination and do not want to. It could not exist. Wherever I have been successful in any work here it has been because of what you have done to help me. I appreciate all this and hope God will bless these pastors and that they and their churches may have continued success. I did not solicit the call I have taken. It came to me and I accepted it, believing that someone else could easily step into my place here and that it is all the Lord's work. As I look upon that chair and take comfort in it, I shall often think of you tenderly.

Now I want to say a word to the Shattemuc whom I see sitting before me. Gentlemen every one of them. I have seen them sitting together in the church and felt glad that I could preach to them. Gentlemen, I shall try to see you often. They have a canoe club in Albany, but I shall always wear the white and blue flag of the Shattemucs in preference to all others. When I come down here I know there will always be a canoe at my service. I shall be a Shattemuc to the end of my days. May God bless you all. When in the capital I want you all to call upon me. I shall reside at No. 58 Lancaster St near the Capitol.

The choir then sang "The Old Canoe" after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev Mr. Walsworth. It would not be a very bad thing for the church and the Shattemuc to take on a chaplain of like order.

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**Costumes Have Changed, But Shattemuc Club Has Grown.** The original members of Shattemuc Yacht Club must have appeared very natty when they took to the river in their canoes.

According to the bylaws of the club, organized June 28, 1884, under the name of "The Shattemuc Canoe Club" uniforms for members included: Brown corduroy knickerbockers, blue stockings, blue sack coat, blue flannel for dress, canvas shoes and blue cloth yachting cap with the club burgee or signal embroidered on the front in colors.

**Emblem: A Crab.** The bylaws also required that each member be a canoe owner. The club "totem" was a crab.

The Rev W E Phraner was the first<sup>16</sup> commodore of the club, organized by a group of 24. The club's name comes for an Indian word<sup>17</sup> "Shattemuc", said to mean "river that flows both ways".

In 1896 a boathouse, 33 feet by 20 feet was built on the "Camilla Dock" located just south of the present clubhouse which is on the river front north of Broadway, and the boathouse was leased to the club at the annual rental of \$75.....

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<sup>16</sup> William Carpenter, Treasurer of Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club, writes in 1905 that the first commodore was J. Herbert Carpenter. The Rev. Phraner is not identified in contemporary accounts as being a commodore.

<sup>17</sup> The Indian word was spelled with one "t", Shatemuc.

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**Shattemuc Yacht Club: Donna Destroyed Dock.** In 1868 20 men gathered along the banks of the Hudson on many pleasant summer weekends for canoeing and sailing and the common bond that existed among them soon ripened into friendship. The friends established no formal relationship but they were known as a band of fun-loving weekend sailors and their friendship was the basis for a club formed and incorporated in 1884. It was on June 28, 1884 that 24 men banded together to form the Shattemuc Canoe Club<sup>18</sup>.

The name "Shattemuc" was chosen from the Indian word for the Hudson River..."The river that flows both ways". Two years after the founding of the club, the members built a boat house which served as a congenial gathering place for the members until it burned<sup>19</sup> down in 1914.

The first commodore of the Shattemuc Canoe Club was the Rev. Wilson S Phraner. The Rev. Mr. Phraner served as commodore until 1895 when the Shattemuc Canoe Club joined with the Sing Sing Yacht Club to form the Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club<sup>20</sup>.....

The craft that the early members commended were far from imposing. The canoes were made of canvas and paper stretched over rattan rigs. The first recorded race for Shattemuc was a three mile Class B sailing event that was won by a Mohican named Wackerhagen in 40 minutes.....

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reside at the Ossining Historical Society  
in Ossining, New York*

<sup>18</sup> This text was apparently taken from the 1951 Golden Jubilee article published by the same paper.

<sup>19</sup> The Sing Sing Yacht Club house burned down in 1914.

<sup>20</sup> J Herbert Carpenter was first commodore. The club dissolved about 1889, but re-organized 1896