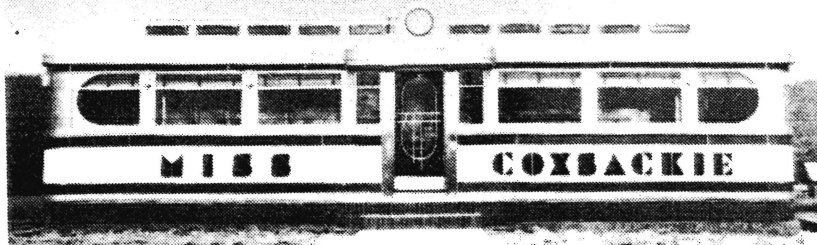


Greene County Gleanings:



Coxsackie Diner

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It all started with a letter of inquiry from Virginia E. Pisano of Sound Beach, a letter which had for its subject the "MISS COXSACKIE" DINER. The correspondent, now a widow, was making a scrapbook of memories for her children and to be included was a menu from "Miss Coxsackie."

Somewhat uncertain of the time of the first visit, Mrs. Pisano did know she and her husband, a for-

mer called-up Korean War soldier, had stopped at Coxsackie on a trip in October, 1990, but could not find the diner and as she writes, "Everyone I asked looked at me as if I had two heads."

Inquiries by this columnist among local historians finally led to Frances Adams. She recollected the diner on Route 9W and the names of the proprietors, but was uncertain as to the exact location near the Institution.

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We Specialize In
SUNDAY FULL COURSE **DINNERS**
 Chicken - Turkey - Steak
 Tender Oven Roasts
 65c - 75c - \$1.00

SECOND CUP OF COFFEE ON THE HOUSE Served With Pure Cream	
Something Different	
Peanut Butter and Bacon - - - 20c	Cheese Burger - - - - - 15c
Toasted Cream Cheese - - - 15c	Canadian Bacon, Lettuce and Mayonnaise - - - - - 20c
Cream Cheese and Olive - - -	Tomato and Lettuce on Toast - 15c
Served with Sliced Pickle: Bermuda Onions, or Sweet Relish	
SANDWICHES MADE THE WAY YOU LIKE THEM Well Buttered With Sweet Creamery Butter on Rolls or Bread	
Hot Roast Beef or Pork with Gravy 25c Served with Potatoes	Cheese (American) - - - 10c
Juicy Waffle Steak - - - 20c	Swiss Cheese - - - - - 15c
Boiled Ham - - - - - 10c	Chicken (Fresh) - - - - - 35c
Ham and Egg - - - - - 20c	Chicken Salad Sandwich - - - 25c
Bacon - - - - - 15c	Olive & Egg, Lettuce & Mayonnaise 15c
Bacon and Egg - - - - - 20c	Cream Cheese and Olive - - - 15c
Ham and Cheese (Boiled Ham) - 20c	Ham and Cheese - - - - - 20c
Egg - - - - - 10c	Sardine on Rye - - - - - 15c
Western Egg - - - - - 15c	Baked Virginia Ham, Lettuce and Mayonnaise - - - - - 20c
Toasted Cheese - - - - - 15c	Fried Ham (Smoked) - - - - - 20c
Tuna Fish with Lettuce and Mayonnaise - - - - - 15c	Cold Pork or Beef - - - - - 15c
	Hamburg (Steer Beef) - - - 10c
Beverages	
Pot of Tea - - - - - 10c	Coffee with Pure Cream - - - 5c
Hot Chocolate with Cream - - 10c	Orange Drink (bottle) - - - 5c
Milk (in bottle) - - - - - 5c	Coca Cola - - - - - 5c
Chocolate Drink (bottle) - - 5c	Jumbo Milk Shake - - - - - 15c
	With Egg or Malt 5c Extra

Griddle Cakes
 With Maple Syrup and Butter
 (1 or 10)
20c

Grilled Hamburg Special
 Mushroom Gravy, French Fries,
 Cole Slaw
20c

BRISKET
Corned Beef
 SANDWICH
 (On Rye)
20c

Always a source of local information, printer Bill Bergman was also most helpful. By sheer coincidence, during the past week or two, he had been studying an old "Miss Cocksackie" menu. A few days later he telephoned me to stop in the print shop; he had also found a snapshot of "Miss Cocksackie".

The location is now definite, being on the west side of Route 9W; the present Bronck Museum Shop, then an unused outbuilding, shows in the right distance. A central entrance door diner, "Miss" appears across the left front and "Cocksackie" on the right.

The scanning of the menu is an experience and reminds one how much the buying power of the dollar has evaporated with inflation. The full course Sunday dinner, with a choice of chicken, turkey or steak was priced as 65 cents, 75 cents and \$1. The regular grilled Beef Tenderloin accompanied by French fries, lettuce salad, hot rolls and

butter set the customer back 60 cents.

With the exception of these aforementioned items, nothing on the large menu was over 50 cents. Sandwiches ranged in price from 15 cents to a hot turkey at 40 cents.

The menu advertised "24-hour service", seven days the week. It also contained a brief historical sketch of Cocksackie.

Available information indicates the war years with its shortage of gasoline made the diner unprofitable. Bill Bergman believes it was removed to Schenectady and operated as a restaurant in a location across the roadway from the General Electric Employment Office.

That owners, Webb and Van Schaack, approved customers taking the menus is indicated by the printed statement: "A Souvenir To Remember Us By". And that is just what the Pisanos did. We hope she has space in her scrapbook for this page of the *Greene County News*.