

TO: The Town of Hyde Park Historical Society Members & Friends

We now have two publications available for purchase that were written by Mr. Carleton Mabee, who just passed away on December 18th. He would have been 100 years old on December 25th. Professor Mabee spoke at one of our meetings a couple of years ago on "Father Divine," and has also written several other local history books.

Two of his books that we are currently offering for sale are:

1) "Bridging the Hudson -- The Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge and Its Connecting Rail Lines," which has a glossy soft cover and is 8.5" x 11", 296 pages with many photographs, and sells for \$24.00. It was published in 2001 and tells the story of the men who built the bridge and its related lines, and ran trains over them. It tells how maintenance men cared for the bridge, rowers raced under it, hoboes camped under its approaches. It also explains why the number of trains crossing the bridge gradually declined, and how after a fire, the bridge was abandoned. This abandoned bridge became the "Walkway Over the Hudson."

2) "Promised Land -- Father Divine's Interracial Communities in Ulster County, New York" by Carleton Mabee, which has a glossy soft cover and is 8.5" x 11", 248 pages with many photographs, and sells for \$22.50. It was published in 2008 by the Purple Mountain Press in the Catskills. This book concentrates on Divine's movement in the period from 1935 when it established its first community in Ulster County, in New Paltz. At one time Father Divine wanted to buy the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park, which was very much opposed by FDR and who persuaded Vanderbilt's niece Mrs. VanAlen to donate the property instead to the National Park Service.

Please fill in the form below to send along with your check. These will make nice gifts.

I would like to purchase _____ copies of the "Bridging the Hudson" book @ \$24.00.

I would like to purchase _____ copies of the "Promised Land" book @ \$22.50.

If you would like to pick up the book in Hyde Park, NY, call 845-229-2559. For mail orders, please add \$6.50 for one book and an additional \$5.50 for the second book. Enclosed is my check made out to the Town of Hyde Park Historical Society for \$_____.

Please mail to the Town of HPHS, P. O. Box 182, Hyde Park, NY 12538-0182.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

There is a limited supply...and our historical society will benefit from the sale. For questions email: Patsyc97@aol.com or call 845-229-2559