

OAKFIELD

Margaret L. Lamb (1913-2002) was born in Otsego County and attended Cornell University under a scholarship and by milking cows twice a day to pay for her education. She graduated in 1936 from the College of Home Economics. She was the first chairman of the Women's Committee of the Farm Bureau and probably the first woman in the nation to serve in that capacity. In 1978 she was the first woman to receive the New York Farm Bureau's Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture of the Empire State. She represented the Farm Bureau at the Conference Board of Farm Organizations, American Country Wife Council, Rural Women of the World and the Council of Women of the USA. She was a Cooperative Extension Agent and founder of the Oakfield Thrift Shop, past president and founding member of the Corfu PTA and she served on the New York State Rural Education Committee.

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Katie Brownell (1994-) is among the youngest to have an item on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. On May 14, 2005 during her second game pitching in the Little League season, 11 year old Katie tossed a perfect game, striking out every boy she faced. She donated her "Dodgers" jersey from her team the Oakfield-Alabama Little League to the National Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. It is believed to be the only perfect game ever pitched by a girl in Little League history. Her feat was featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, CNN, ESPN, the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Sports Illustrated*. She also got to meet President George W. Bush during his trip to Rochester, New York. [In 1974 there were approximately 30,000 girls registered to play Little League. In 2005 the number increased to 400,000 or one out of every seven Little Leaguers was female.]

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