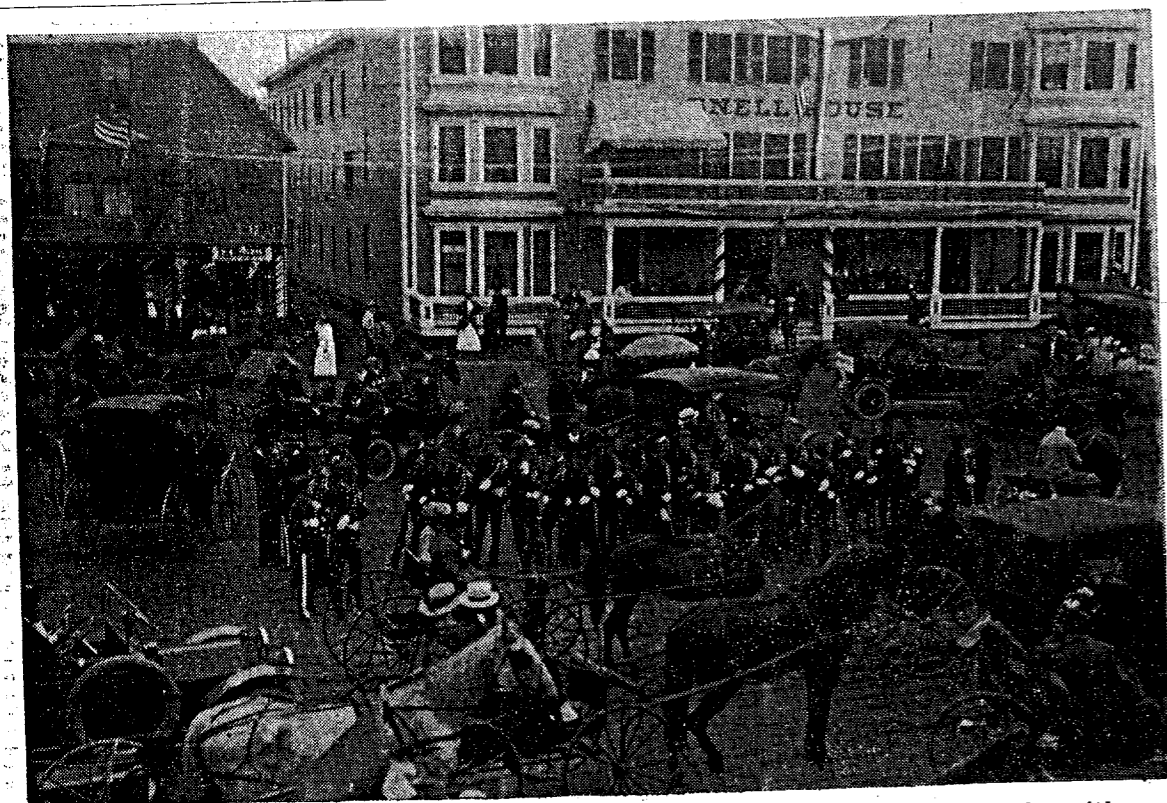


Horses Still Favored by Majority in 1915



Houlton has always been a great town to celebrate the Fourth of July with real enthusiasm. This is a view of Market Square taken in 1915 during the Independence Day celebration of that year. It will be noted that horse and buggy equipment still outnumbered automobiles.

The wooden fence on the south and west sides of the Court House was removed this week and it has been decreed that the lot shall remain hereafter without a fence.—Aroostook Pioneer, June 10, 1890.

The first slate roof on any building in the town of Houlton was on the dwelling erected by Walter Mansur on Water street in 1880. This is the present home of St. Mary's Convent.

The new Houlton Exchange Hotel is to be opened to the public this Wednesday evening with a dance and supper. It is one of the finest hotels in the State.—Aroostook Times, August 26, 1880.



Houlton Lions Club Has Been Active Since It Was Organized Here In 1934

On October 17, 1934 the Houlton Lions club received its original charter at its first charter banquet held at the Northland Hotel in Houlton. This affair added another Lions Club to the 2700 with 80,000 members already in existence.

Conceived as a service club for the needy, Lions originally concerned themselves with aid to those whose eyesight needed correction, white canes for the blind and medical care for corrective vision.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Organizer Larry Slater of Lions International prepared the groundwork for the local club and with the aid of interested citizens, secured the following men as Charter Members: Philip Tingley, Alfred Rogers, Lester Baker, Eugene Atchison, Burpee Berry, Edward Lynn, Hillus Ingraham, Frank Goodwin, Lee Friedman, Maurice Chirlin, Joseph McGillicuddy, Paul McGillicuddy, Mel Moir, Joseph S. Robinson, Kenneth Young, Thomas Vose, Byron Stewart, Nathan Solomon, Harold Rood, Basil Bamford, Leigh Cleveland, Clarence Dyer, Clifton Adams, Lewis Potter, Edward Grant, Charles Stockton, Smith Dow, Donald Ellis, Paulavenport, Ellis Anderson, Joseph Hatch, Joseph Gorham, George Barnes, Dr. Arthur Whitney, Whitney Tileston, and Dr. C. I. Swett of Island Falls.

District Governor Edmund F. Longley of Waterville presented the charter which was accepted by the first Houlton Lions Club president, Philip D. Tingley on behalf of the club and his officers, composed of vice presidents Lester Baker, Joseph Robinson and Byron Stewart, secretary-treasurer Alfred Rogers, Tail-twister Tom Vose and Lion Tamer Burpee Berry. Present at the ladies night affair were members and wives of the Bangor-Brewer Club, the sponsors, as well as members and guests from Millinocket, Danforth and other clubs.

CHARITABLE WORK STARTS

The late thirties being more or less a time of depression, Houlton

and International Councillor; Hillus Ingraham, Deputy District Governor, Cabinet Secretary; Jasper Lycette, District Governor and International Councillor; George Barnes and Wilfred Hannan, Deputy District Governors, and Humphrey Flemington and Ray Davies, Zone Chairmen. Prominent also was the late Charles G. Lunt, who was made an honorary life member for service to the Boy Scouts.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

At a District meeting held in Houlton in 1942, the local club was honored with a visit from International President Edward H. Paine of Philadelphia, Pa. In 1947, once again at a District Meeting held in Houlton, the club was privileged to see and hear another International President, Fred Smith of California.

Activities over the years have included organizing and sponsoring the first Sea Scout troop, Scout Cub Packs, Little League baseball teams, queen for the annual Aroostook Potato Blossom Festival and many other worthwhile projects.

The speaker's rostrum has been filled with many prominent speakers of world-renown, including Governors, Congressmen, Journalists, Military Experts, College Professors and Coaches, law-enforcement officers, including members of the F.B.I.

For the public's entertainment, Lion-sponsored outside talent has included Rubinoff and his Violin, the Colby Glee Club, Donkey Baseball, Bangor Male Chorus, Western Rodeos, the Boston Celtic-Rochester Royals basketball teams and, just recently, the world-famous U. S. Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants.

NEWSPAPER EDITIONS

The club was also privileged to sponsor three annual editions of the Houlton Pioneer Times, those issues including "first-edition" material of great interest to the Lions and public in general.

Benevolences over the later year period have included the complete furnishing of a room in each of the two local hospitals, contributing reading rack, mirror, alarm system and other necessities to the Mad-

High Stiff Collars and Sailor Suits the Mode in 1911



The Houlton High School North Star was well edited 46 years ago by this capable staff, most of whom will be well remembered by older Houlton citizens. The two girls in front are, left, Ruby Hawkins and Doris Cochran (Sullivan). In the second row the two girls are, left, Ouida Ward (Bamford) and Ruby Hartley. The three gentlemen in the back row are, left, Carl C. Gray, Leland McElwee and Edmund Kidder. Of this 1911 editorial staff, three are still living. Ouida Ward Bamford lives in Milc Doris Cochran Sullivan in Wilbraham, Mass. and Ruby Hawkins in Portland.

AAUW Founded Here In 1929

On March 9, 1929, 15 charter members founded a branch of the American Association of University Women in Houlton. The purpose of the branch was to unite the college women of the vicinity for work on the educational, civic and social problems of the community, and to cooperate with the American Association of University Women in its general work.

Membership remained small for a good many years, but when plans were being made for the State Division, Houlton sent an enthusiastic representative; then at the first annual meeting it presented one of the most stimulating reports of the session. Within the next few years the branch more than doubled its membership.

The Houlton branch meets once a month from September until June. Programs for the most part have been given by speakers on topics of educational, political and world interest. A Fellowship Fund provides graduate study for exchange students and various local projects have been carried out by the branch, such as forming a P.T.A.; providing public discussion on legislative and tax problems; promoting an art exhibit in the schools; encouraging women's participation in public offices and contributing to local institutions.

PAST PRESIDENTS

When the Houlton branch was organized, Mrs. Charles P. Barnes was elected president. Succeeding

presidents have been Mrs. Leo Howe, Miss Helen Mitchell, Miss Irene Dwelley, Mrs. Donald Waller, Miss Jean Watson, Miss Sigr Tompkins, Mrs. Arnold Peabod Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. William Terry, Mrs. John Perry, Mr George Ebbett, Mrs. Woodr Peabody and Mrs. Paul Wheeler

It is understood that O. French, B. L. Staples, and S. Gray will build one large block (instead of three separate buildings) on their lot at the corner Court and Main streets. The building will be three stories high and will have a front of 93 feet Main street and 65 feet on Court street.—Aroostook Times, April 1880.





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The late thirties being more or less a time of depression, Houlton Lions concerned themselves with providing many pairs of glasses to school children, complete outfits of clothing, nurse expenses for dental clinics, transportation of crippled children to school, several Christmas parties held annually for over 100 underprivileged children, the setting up of an annual scholarship at Ricker and many more worthy projects. Working on a slim budget, many activities were organized which have carried on through the club's 23 years of existence.

During this period, the first annual Lions Musical Minstrel came into existence and continued for 15 years. Without fanfare, the club produced directors, musicians, singers, actors, carpenters, electricians, script-writers, decorators, designers, dressmakers and all the necessary personnel for a hit musical show.

PLAYED TO PACKED HOUSES

Every show played to a two-night theater-packed audience whose appreciation and continued patronage produced many thousands of dollars for charitable work.

World War II intervened and active members during the early forties period left for the various Armed Services. Serving in the Navy were Harry Baulch, Chauncey Robbins, John McLauchlan, and Clayton Currie; in the Army and Air Forces, Kenneth Young, C. Leigh Peabody, Norville Reid, James Ross, Carlisle Stieler, Emerson Saunders, and J. Fred Donald; in the Marines, John MacInnis.

In 1938 District 41 held its convention in Houlton at the Northland Hotel. This was a week-end affair with many planned conferences, banquets, prominent speakers and entertainment. International Directors J. Nelson Alexander of Providence, R. I. and Reid Murdoch of Toronto, Canada took a prominent part in the speaking program as did the Rev. Ashley Smith of Bangor.

FIRST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

At this convention, District 41, comprising all Maine, was split in two districts and Past President Philip Tingley was elected Governor of 41B, serving in this capacity for a year. This district became one of few, if not the only really International district, having clubs in Maine and New Brunswick.

The club has many members on whom Lions honors have been bestowed, including Past Presidents, Philip Tingley, District Governor

urnishing of a room in each of the two local hospitals, contributing reading rack, mirror, alarm system and other accessories to the Madigan Memorial Hospital iron lung, sponsoring a girl each year to attend Girls Dirigo State, and the adult polio clinic. Ricker College has benefited by several thousand dollars from benefit dances, musical shows and varied program events.

Recent fund raising activities to provide for a continued charity income and round-the-year active club program have included the innovation of an outdoor Chicken Barbecue to which the public generously responds. Charcoal broiled over an open pit, half-chickens, tastefully prepared with a special barbecue sauce, are served with all the fixin's.

FAME HAS SPREAD

The fame of such delectable feasts must have spread because out-of-town requests keep pouring in for this catering service. In 1956 nearly 1500 individual meals were served to Anah Temple Shriners. A regatta at Pleasant Lake, Island Falls received the club's services for nearly 500. In July of this year Anah Temple Shrine met in Houlton where the Barbecue was served to over 1200.

The public gets a chance to enjoy about three barbecues a year. The Sesquicentennial will receive such services when some 2000 servings are now planned.

Efforts have been made toward making generous contributions to Maine Sight, the leading Lions responsibility, and many financial activities have been conducted with this worthwhile cause in mind.

An innovation in 1956 was enlisting the aid of all Lions in the Salvation Army bell-ringing for their Christmas Basket fund. Considered highly successful by the Army, this activity will probably be continued.

Past Presidents include Philip Tingley, Hillus Ingraham, Kenneth Young, Paul McGillicuddy, Percy Campbell, Joseph S. Robinson, George Barnes, Jasper Lycette, Norman Mullen, Donald Ellis, Humphrey Flemington, Tom Vose, Ned Joy, Ralph Ellis, James Ross, J. Fred Donald, Wilfred Hannan, Gilford Colbath, Newell Titcomb, Leland Longstaff, Ray Davies and Joseph E. Robinson.

The club now has 48 active members and eight Members-at-large. Of these members, six are original Charter members. Deceased Past Presidents include J. Norman Mullen and Joseph S. Robinson.

Presently the following men fill the various offices: President,

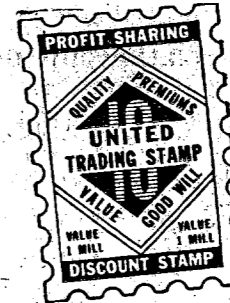
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FORM STATE DIVISION

In May, 1946, a State Division was formed by the five active branches: Waterville, Orono-Old Town, Bangor, Lincoln County and Houlton. Since then branches have been formed in Brunswick, Mt. Desert Island, Presque Isle and York County. An annual meeting in the spring and a Fall Workshop bring the members of the State Division closer together.

Frank P. Rogers; Vice Presidents, David Harbison, Earl Stoton and Raymond Salisbury; Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Taggett; Lion Tamer, David Dunn; Tail Twister, Joel F. Mills and Directors Lloyd Niles, Donald Dunphy, George Wilson and Sylvio Raymond.

The club meets regularly on Friday evenings with a supper meeting at the Northland Hotel. The Houlton Lions Club is proud of its 23 years existence, its around-the-clock activity and its ability to contribute generously where it is most needed. Proud also to belong to the largest Service Organization of its kind with over 13,133 clubs and 564,297 members in 82 countries and geographical regions all over the world.



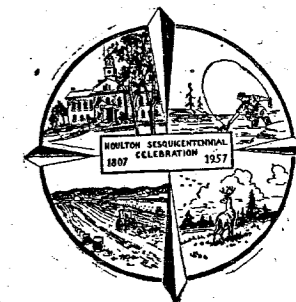
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