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Sesquicentennial Choir: directors, Gladys Tarbell, Philip Cafarella; accompanist, Edna Arnold, members James Ross, Louise Johnston, Arlene Baker, Helena Lawlor, Mary Jarvis, Marjorie Coffin, Helen Smith, Madeline Braley, Carol Howe, Joan Carr, Vernabelle Stewart, Irene Bell, Mary Mitchell, Pauline Merrill, Dorothy Watson, Karen Milner, Dorothy Hand, Alice Boutilier, Marilyn Hoar, Roy Thomas,

Charles McLean, Donald McCready, Clayton Currie, David Arnold, Fred Purington, Gwen Clark, Allen B. McFadden; narrators: Helen Ingraham, Bus Tozier, Father Regan, Helen Atchison, Nancy Peabody, Perry Maines and Sanford Gregg.

An added sidelight to the Kangaroo Court was the jailing of Major Stephen Plowman of the Bangor Recruiting Station until he had paid his fine of two dollars for a Little Shavers Permit. The affair was all a gag of course with the Major being a good sport about the whole matter.

#### DUCKED IN TUB

The real Kangaroo Court complete with Keystone Cops was held Saturday afternoon August 10 in the Houlton Theatre parking lot when a half dozen offenders were haled before Magistrate Ozzie Grimm. The judge

meted out various punishments including the use of stocks. One culprit was dumped into a tub of water completely clothed, another one had his clean shaven face brushed with honey and then a liberal portion of loose tobacco applied to the sweet mixture. While in the head and arms cell, a third prisoner was unceremoniously plastered in the face with a whole pie keeping the crowd of spectators in stitches.

All in all, the Court, jury and judge did a wonderful job thanks to the good sports that allowed themselves to be arrested notwithstanding the several escapes made by the shavers and would-be shavers. Rev. Royal Davis was in charge of this smoothly performed operation.

#### RAINBOW GIRLS

The Rainbow Girls, led by Mrs. Dorothy Mead played a wonderful

role in spreading the Sesquicentennial message to members of the weekly bus tour that stopp'd at the Northland Hotel through the summer. Making their own dresses and bonnets a dozen or so girls availed themselves as hostesses each Wednesday afternoon at the hotel taking the visitors around town on a guided tour of the community. This no doubt helped spread Houlton's fame far and wide as all of the tourists were from out of state.

Not content with the publicity dispensed through the usual media of Aroostook County, Leo Spain and Forrest Clifford dreamed up the idea of a car caravan to visit all the towns in southern and central Aroostook over to Patten and up north to Caribou.

Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish rode as passengers in the autos and in this way, the Sesquicentennial story was

carried far and wide with a personal touch included.

#### BOOTH AT FAIR

Another nice piece of promotion was having a booth at the Northern Maine Fair staffed with Sesquicentennial personnel telling the summer visitors what Houlton was planning to do the week of August 17th. The booth was kindly donated by the Northern Maine Fair Association as one of their contributions to this town's efforts.

Credit too, must go to Day's Jewelry Store on Main street who installed an outdoor gallery depicting all the bearded men in Houlton plus the Sisters of the Swish in their sunbonnets. Ken Carson, manager, originated the idea with the cooperation of the Polaroid Land Corp. of Cambridge, Mass., who kindly donated the film for the Polaroid photos taped on Day's windows. This proved to be a very popular stop for all local shoppers.

On August 1, the general committee announced the full program for the eight days of the Sesquicentennial celebration in Houlton. The program printed elsewhere in this issue gives a complete idea of what the spectator can expect here.

#### HISTORICAL WINDOWS

Houlton merchants were asked and complied with the request to decorate their windows with historical items. Shoppers in town are afforded a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the hundreds of antique items that have been saved through the years. Dresses, rockers, butter churns, old sewing machines, bedspreads, quilts, kettles, paintings, books, rifles, shotguns, pistols, dishes and photographs are part of the hundreds of articles that can be seen now and through the Sesqui week.

An interesting note will be the visitation of Ralph Stowell, secretary-treasurer of New Salem Academy here next week. He will bring with him a photostatic copy of the original grant given to his Academy permitting the institution to sell lots of land in northern Maine. These parcels of property eventually were settled creating Houlton.

#### AIR FORCE BAND

Other highlights of Houlton's 150th birthday celebration will be the appearance of the Mitchell Air Force Band secured through the efforts of Chauncey Robbins, now assistant Deputy Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. The Air

## Young Ladies of Another Day



This group of Houlton maidens pose in an attractive arrangement for the camera of J. Bryson and Son about 60 years ago. The two girls at the top are Nell Bussey Adams and Harriet Hume. An unidentified guest peers over the shoulder of the former Hortense White, left, while at her left is Geneva Kidder and Cassie Page. In the bottom row, Martha Nye at left and Maria Burnham Cochran, at right, are the only ones identified.

## WCTU Has Been Working For Temperance Here Since 1881

By Mrs. Gladys Sweet

The Houlton Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in the Court Street Baptist Church March 30, 1881 by a delegation of ladies from the various churches. This was done to fulfill a request made by the President of the Maine WCTU at that time, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Portland.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. I. Record; Vice President, Mrs. F. H. Peckham; Secretary, Mrs. Kate L. Carpenter; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Bumpus. There were 13 charter members.

#### UNION REORGANIZED

ship, Drama and Pageantry, Health and Medical Temperance, Institutes, International Relations, Legislation, Music, Natural Fruit Beverages Parliamentary Law, Radio and Television, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Visual Education, Speech Contest, Temperance and Missions, Temperance Education in Church Schools.

#### 72 YEARS SERVICE

The organization in Houlton has continued to function without interruption for 72 years and is the second oldest union without reorganization in Aroostook county. The women took an active part in the affairs of town, county and state.

The women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have always taken an active part in the civic and religious life of the community. They worked to secure woman's Suffrage and the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

#### CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

In 1914 the Child Health Clinic has been established in Houlton and has been promoted each spring for the past 40 years. Much credit for success in its early years was due to Mrs. Charles P. Barnes who worked faithfully to secure nurses to weigh and measure the children and the securing of the prizes to be presented to the outstanding children attending the Clinic. Through it mothers have become conscious of the importance of having the health of the child checked and any ailments corrected at an early age.

In 1934 the Houlton Union felt the need of something to attract young women to the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and with the able leadership of Mrs. Charles Barnes they organized the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union which is now known as Iota Sigma.

#### UNIONS WORKED TOGETHER

The two unions have worked together on many projects. When the Iota Sigma became a working organization some of the community work was given to them thus relieving the older union of some responsibilities.

The WCTU became interested in a playground for the children in the Bridge Street area. They contributed money for equipment and, in cooperation with Iota Sigma, were instrumental in securing a part time playground supervisor.

The officers leading this Union at the present time are Mrs. Mabel White, President; Vice President, Mrs. Samuel Boutilier; Secretary, Mrs. Willis Longstaff; Treasurer, Mrs. Edith Carson; Vice Presidents in the churches, Methodist, Mrs. Frank Jarvis; Court Street Baptist, Mrs. Norman Hurd; Military Street Baptist, Mrs. Frank Skofield; Episcopal, Mrs. George Russell; Congregational, Mrs. Robert Ingraham; Unitarian, Mrs. Charles Wood; Christian Missionary Alliance, Mrs. Robert McPherson; Pentecostal, Mrs. John Davis.

The directors of Departments are: secretary of loyal temperance legion, Mrs. Robert Ingraham; public relations, Mrs.

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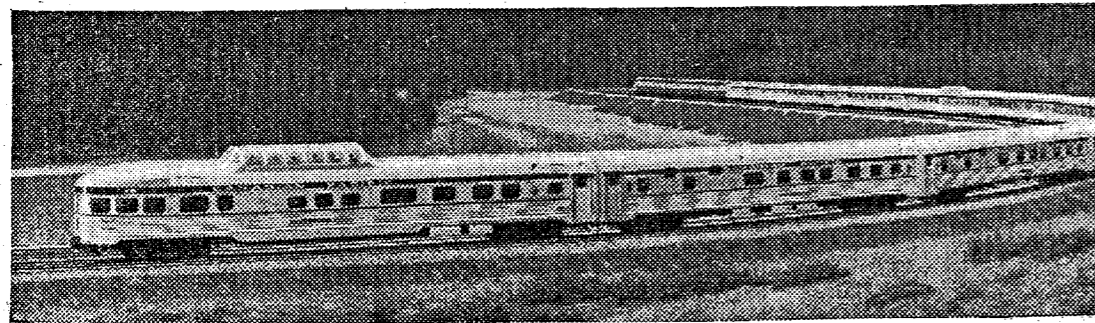
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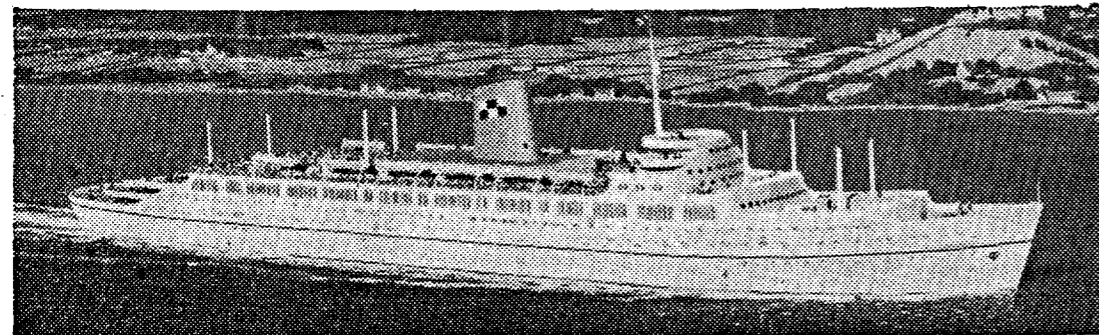
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fense for Public Affairs. The Air Force musicians will be here Friday, August 23, to march in the parade and possibly give a concert the night before.

Appearing the day after will be the Bath Junior Drum and Bugle Corps state champs for 1957. The 55 hule blowers and drum beaters will also compete this year, the American Legion convention in New Jersey for national recognition. Houlton has also been fortunate to secure the services of a Baton Twirling team from down state to strut in one of the many parades.

**LOG CABIN GIVEN AWAY**

Notwithstanding all the other goings on the general committee voted to give away the log cabin used as their headquarters for the summer. Some lucky person attending the street dance Wednesday, August 21, will win the cabin that could make a nice camp for someone.

**\$500 CASH PRIZE**

A \$500 cash prize will also be presented to a lucky shopper during Houlton' Sellabration Days when prices will be rolled back to the last century. Over 100 merchants are expected to participate in this move that should gain national recognition for Houlton through various media. The Department of Economic Development is cooperating with the local group to try to obtain nationwide publicity with this gimmick, which is also a good bargain for the buyers in this retail trading center.

And last but not never least, public thanks should be given to the Bangor Daily News, WAGM-TV WABM and the Pioneer Times for their wholehearted cooperation in publicizing this, the 150th birthday of Houlton. (Not to be forgotten too are the other media throughout the state and New England, who gave space and time to their northern Maine neighbor. Credit, too finally goes to Polly Thompson Sesquicentennial secretary for her wholehearted cooperation in making the Sesquicentennial promotion a success.

The ladies residing on Main street have subscribed to a fund for the purpose of having the sidewalk cleared of snow. It being leap year, we are glad to see the ladies asserting their rights in this direction. It is a reproach to the citizens that the sidewalk has been allowed to remain buried in snow all this winter.—Aroostook Times, March 11, 1880.

**UNION REORGANIZED**

There is a record of a meeting April 6, 1881, when nine more ladies joined bringing the membership to 22. There is no further record until January 13, 1885 when a meeting was called by Mrs. Young of Caribou to reorganize the Union. A Mrs. Foster, an able temperance advocate and speaker, was invited to attend and speak at the meeting. Mrs. Young presided and presented Mrs. Foster who lectured on temperance, and the need of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Houlton.

Following her address the ladies voted to organize a union and elected the following ladies for officers: President, Mrs. N. L. Dutton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George B. Page; Treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Wentworth. Twenty-five ladies enrolled themselves as members. The next day another meeting was held in the Court Street Baptist Church and these other officers were chosen: Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. Minard; Vice Presidents in the churches, Mrs. Charles P. Tenney, Mrs. E. W. Merritt, Miss Eunice Merritt, Miss Clara Furbush, Mrs. Julia Ward, Mrs. George Richards, Miss Mary McGinley.

**MASS MEETING HELD**

Following the organizing meeting on January 13, a mass meeting was held in the evening at eight at the Opera House which was filled to capacity to hear Mrs. Foster speak. The ladies of the newly formed union sat on the platform wearing on their dresses the white ribbon bow, the symbol of the organization. Following this mass meeting 27 more women united with the union. At the meeting the next day in the Court Street Baptist Church 30 more women became members, making the membership in three days 82.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a social welfare organization which is non partisan and non sectarian and organized with the purpose of promoting total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages. It was organized to discourage the use and sale of alcoholic beverages and to carry on a needed reform. The work of the organization is carried on through the various departments. The first department adopted was Flower Mission which is now known as Flower Mission and Relief. Other departments are Armed Services, Character Education, Child Welfare, Christian Citizen-

and state.

WCTU unions were organized in Amity, Hodgdon, Linneus, Ludlow, and Monticello under the auspices of the Houlton Union. These unions were active for many years and when they disbanded many of the members united with the Houlton Union.

The members of the Houlton Union have been active in both county and state WCTU. The county officers furnished by the Houlton Union over the years are: county corresponding secretary, Mrs. Amelia Page; county treasurers, Mrs. Belle Downs and Mrs. L. L. McLeod, the latter served in that office for 30 years, Mrs. Charles P. Barnes, Director of Child Welfare for many years; Mrs. Annie Crockett, Auditor. Others who served in the early days of the organization were Mrs. Charles Dunn and Mrs. Julia Ward.

At the present time Mrs. Mabel White is Director of Child Welfare and Mrs. Thomas Cummings is Director of Character Education.

Women who have been prominent on the state board are Mrs. Charles P. Barnes, Mrs. L. L. McLeod, Mrs. George B. Page, Mrs. E. Merritt, Mrs. A. L. Page, Mrs. B. Minard and Miss Belle Downes.

and state. Mrs. Robert Augustham; public relations, Mrs. Thomas Cumming; child welfare, Mrs. Charles Dickinson; Christian citizenship, Mrs. Stanley McIntyre; flower mission and relief, Mrs. Elizabeth Green; music, Mrs. Waldo Carmichael; natural fruit beverages, Mrs. Fred Anderson; parliamentary law, Mrs. Willis Longstaff; armed services, Mrs. George A. Stevens; spiritual life, Mrs. Sam Boutilier; temperance and missions, Mrs. Ora Titcomb; temperance education in church schools, Mrs. Sam Boutilier.

Originally the meetings of this union were convened in the afternoon and followed by a tea and social hour but now, due to many women working, meetings are held on the third Friday evening of each month with a tea and social hour following.

The Houlton Union has been hostess itself or in cooperation with Iota Sigma, to the convention of the Maine WCTU on five different occasions.

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