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August 10, 1957

Mr. Bernard E. Esters, Publisher,
The Houlton Pioneer Times,
Houlton, Maine

Dear Bernard:

It is a privilege for me to express through the columns of the Houlton Pioneer Times my sincere congratulations to the Town of Houlton on the attainment of its One Hundred and Fiftieth Birthday.

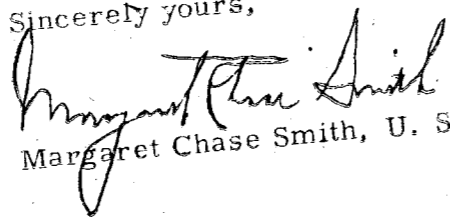
The unusual coincidence of the same year being the Centennial of your newspaper is also the occasion for acknowledging the part that both have played over the years in the affairs of the State of Maine.

I understand that an appropriate observance is to be made of this Sesquicentennial during the month of August and it is my hope that your program will be widely attended and serve once again to focus attention on one of Maine's finest and most progressive towns.

What I observe about Houlton and the Pioneer Times also applies to you -- with the exception of the age -- for while you are no more than half the age of Houlton and the Pioneer Times, you have by your admirable deeds established yourself as one of the foremost and illustrious sons of Houlton and the State of Maine.

It is a pleasure for me to be afforded this opportunity to extend my personal best wishes, not only to your splendid newspaper but also to the citizens of the community it has served for so long.

Sincerely yours,


Margaret Chase Smith, U. S. S.

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July 1, 1957

Mr. Bernard E. Esters
Publisher
Houlton Pioneer Times
Houlton, Maine

Dear Bunny:

It is indeed a banner year for Aroostook County's shire town -- celebrating its own sesquicentennial at the same time the Houlton Pioneer Times is observing its centennial.

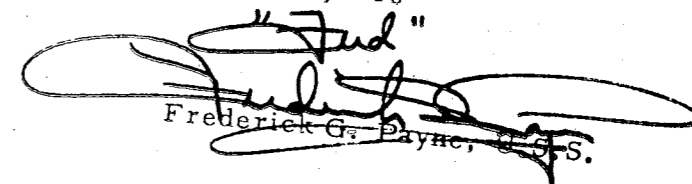
It is doubtful if Joseph Houlton would recognize the countryside along the banks of Meduxnekeag Stream if he were to return to the town he founded which today bears his name. Although the landscape has changed and a beautiful New England town has replaced the wilderness of 1807, the same sturdy pioneer spirit motivates the citizens of Houlton now as it did 150 years ago.

As the "capital" of Aroostook County with its thriving agriculture, its vast woodlands, its yet untapped mineral resources including the Nation's largest manganese ore deposits, Houlton and Aroostook face the future with the confidence of a maturing youth.

The history of the Houlton Pioneer Times is inextricably interwoven with that of the community which it serves. For the last hundred years there is probably no better chronicle of events in Houlton than the pages of this fine newspaper which so admirably fulfills its civic responsibilities.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to salute the citizens of Houlton on their Town's 150th birthday and the Houlton Pioneer Times on its 100th birthday. May the next century bring both Town and newspaper continued prosperity and success.

Sincerely yours


Frederick G. Payne, U. S. S.

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