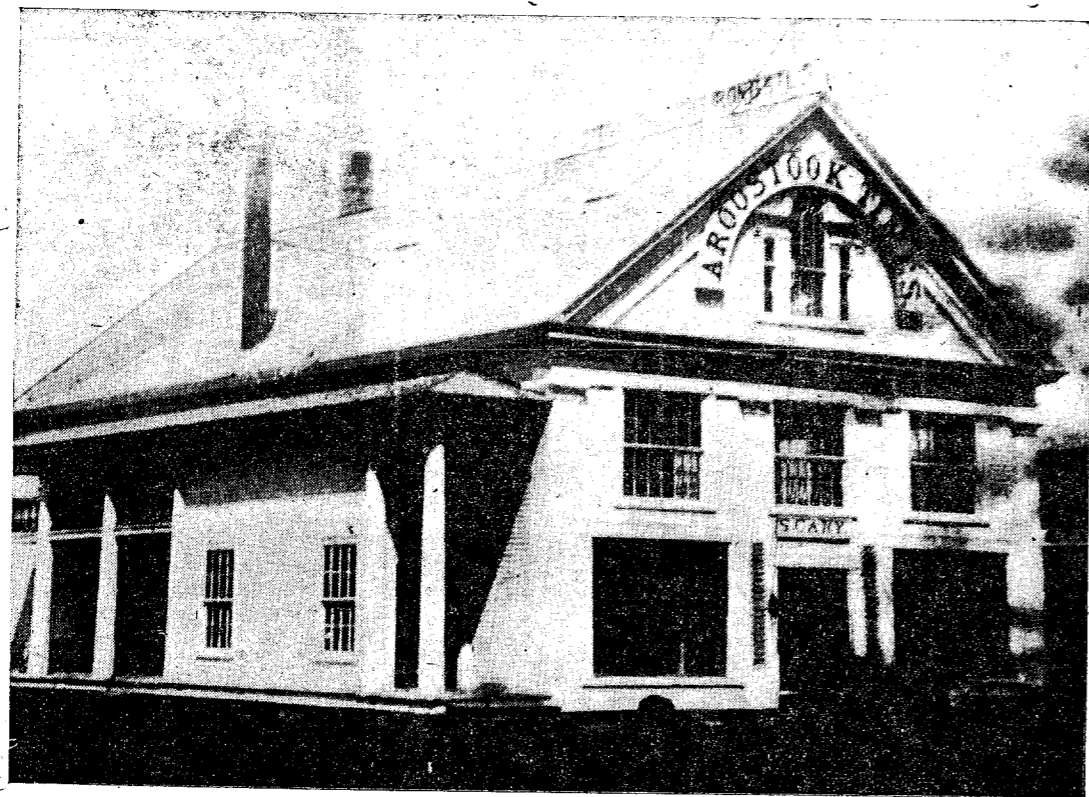
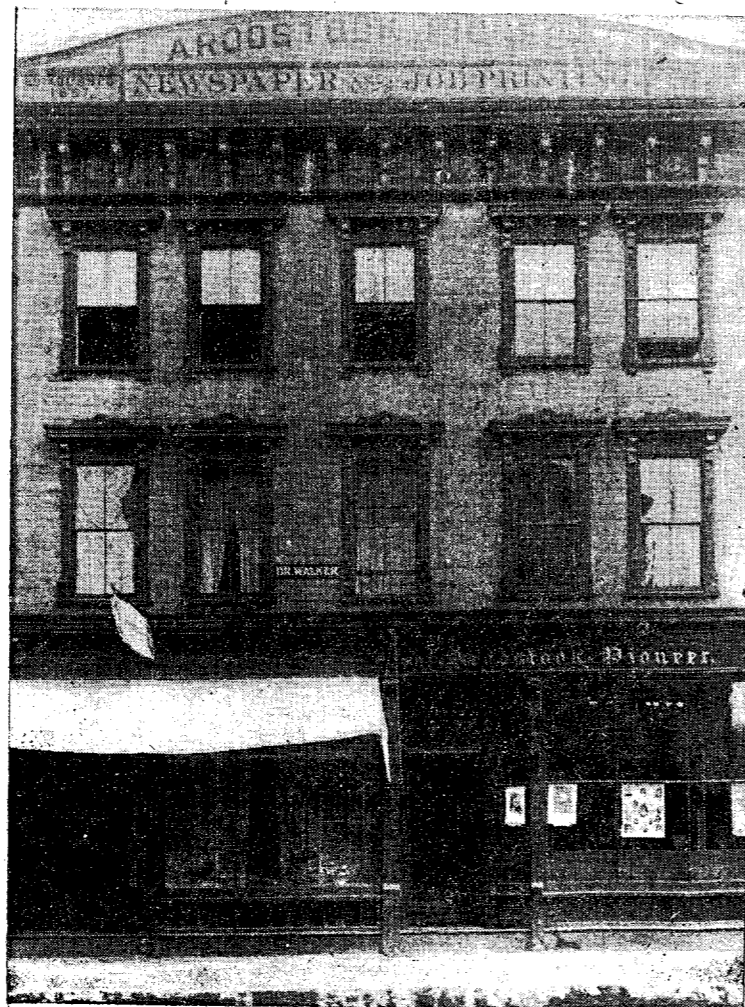


It Was Newspaper Row Fifty Years Ago



It was in these two neighboring wooden buildings on Court Street that the Aroostook Times and the Aroostook Pioneer were published in Houlton for many years. Structure at the top is what is now the Salvation Army edifice. It housed the Aroostook Times until the present building was built and occupied. Building at the right, long since demolished, stood on the north side of the present Court House lawn, facing east and from where the Aroostook Pioneer was circulated for about 60 years.



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Lydia Putnam Chapter, DAR Had Active History

By Mrs. Marjorie Lowrey

Lydia Putnam Chapter was organized in April of 1921 with Mrs. Stella K. White as Organizing Regent. The Chapter was named in memory of Lydia Trask Putnam, wife of Amos Putnam and first woman settler of Houlton.

The first officers were: Regent, Mrs. Stella K. White; Vice Regent, Mrs. Fannie Peabody; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Eliza B. Hodgins; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ada Palmer; Registrar, Miss Anna Barnes; Treasurer, Miss Ernestine Davis; Historian, Mrs. Mildred Dudley.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Charter members, other than officers mentioned, were Mrs. Caroline C. Matthews, Mrs. Nan H. Atchison, Miss Clara Barnes, Mrs. Amelia B. Eagers, Mrs. Mae W. Cleveland, Mrs. Harriet R. Ervin, Mrs. Alma L. Tarbell, Mrs. Jessie B. Henderson, Miss Iva N. Jackins, Miss Annie R. Bither, Mrs. Mary C. McGary, Mrs. Celia W. Porter, Mrs. Emily R. Porter, Mrs. Lydia H. Smith, Mrs. Essie S. Bamford, Mrs. Annie M. Barnes, Miss C. Diantha Brown, Mrs. Lydia W. Dalton, Mrs. Lucy A. Davis, Mrs. Margaret H. Pennington, Mrs. Matilda S. Lowrey, Mrs. Katherine S. Young, Miss Dorothy R. Lyons, Mrs. Sally P. McIntyre, Mrs. Lillian Hill Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hagerman, Mrs. Jennie Richards, Miss Ethel Jenks

The first project of the new Chapter was the restoring of the Hancock Barracks site and to keep the flag flying there.

EARLY DATA FOUND

In 1926 the chapter dedicated a flag pole on the spot where the first flag pole had been placed by the 2nd U. S. Infantry May 23, 1829. An interesting sidelight on the History of Houlton came to light, when workmen were digging the hole in which to set the flag pole. A bottle was found containing data written on sheepskin, part of which was well preserved establishing the date and location of the Post as well as the date of the first flying of the Colors.

In 1932 another flag pole was needed and supplied by the chapter. A new flag gift of Gov. Sum-

KEEP FLAG FLYING

It is one of the Chapter's aims to keep the former Hancock Barracks, now known as Garrison Hill, a perpetual memorial and to keep our American Flag flying there.

Chapter regents since its founding have been: Mrs. Stella K. White, Mrs. Ada Palmer, Mrs. Fannie Peabody, Mrs. Harriet Ervin, Mrs. Margaret Pennington, Mrs. Eliza B. Hodgins, Mrs. Nan H. Atchison, Mrs. Annie M. Barnes, Mrs. Caro L. Whitney, Mrs. Cora M. Putnam, Mrs. Essie S. Bamford, Mrs. Matilda S. Lowrey, Mrs. Katherine S. Young, Mrs. Ruth D. Titcomb, Mrs. Cora N. Crawford, Mrs. Isabelle R. Hess, Mrs. Isa P. Johnson, Mrs. Marjorie C. Lowrey.

JOINS FEDERATION

The club joined the State and National Federation of Music Clubs in 1922.

The charter members of the organization were the Misses Gertrude Attridge, Daisy Barrett, Claire Berry, Gladys Brock, Clare Browne, Mary Burpee, Louise Buzzell, Louise Chamberlain, Grace Clark, Helen Coan, Virginia Donnell, Rachel Foster, Lucy

Grant, Helen McKay, Bernice Newell, Lucretia Packard, Ildafauce Perry, Camilla Robinson, Goldie Smith, Florence Weiler, Florence Wheaton and Deborah Williams and the Mesdames Orin Goodridge, Fred Goud, Frank Pearson, Halson Richards, Cleveland Towers, Haddon Thomas, Ernest Thornton and Ervin C. Weeks.

The club studied under the direction of Dr. William R. Chapman for six years and took part in the Aroostook Music Festivals which were made up of the combined music clubs of Houlton, Presque Isle, Caribou and Fort Fairfield.

They were all female voices and the music critics pronounced the organization a really dramatic chorus.

MANY OPERETTAS

The club has presented many operettas over the past half a century, among which were, "The Japanese Lady," and "The Mikado." Prof. Hollis Lindsay conducted the "Messiah", from Handel's Oratorio, and a number of Cantatas were given.

Since the origin of the club, it has annually sponsored the "Christmas Vesper," a sacred concert, that has added much to the Christmas spirit of the community.

For several years a favorite project was the gift of a musical instrument each year to the High school band or orchestra. More recently the club has presented an annual scholarship, which enables a deserving pupil to attend the Maine Music Camp.

A Small Profit

The Centennial Committee reports that a balance of \$148.99 has been left over from the Centennial fund. The amount has been deposited in the Houlton Trust Company. It is the suggestion of the committee that this be the nest egg of a fund for a fountain for the new park or playground.—Aroostook Pioneer, Sept. 5, 1907.

Among the outstanding early conductors who gave freely of their time to assist the Music Club were Dr. William R. Chapman, Prof. J. Hollis Lindsay, Mabel Harris Rose and Bernard Archibald.

The officers for the year 1957-1957 are: President, Mrs. Ralph Longstaff; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Wendell Guy; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Earl Stoton; Treasurer, Miss Maxine Albert; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Rutledge; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Royal Crockett; Auditor, Miss Barbara Wilson; Librarian, Mrs. Eugene Gormley.

Mr. George A. Gorham has been elected cashier of the newly organized Farmers National Bank here. He has occupied the position of bookkeeper to the hardware firm of John Watson for a number of years and is a thorough accountant. He will acceptably fill this position in the bank which opens for business next Monday—Aroostook Times, May 29, 1890.

Happy Sesquicentennials start at the

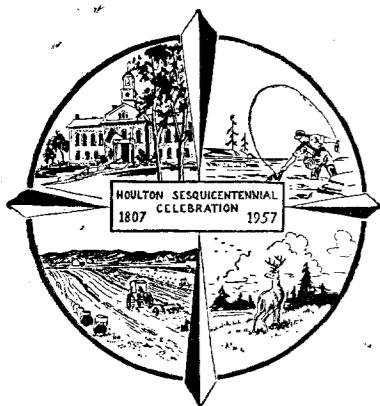


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Wash., he was elected president chairman of the association's legislative committee. of the National Editorial Associa-

Like his predecessors, he, also local and state and national posi- has found time to serve in many tions of responsibility and trust.

WE'RE NOT 150 YEARS OLD YET BUT . . .



. . . we do want to say
THANKS . . . for the pleasant years
that we have been able to
work with the people of Houlton . . .

AND WISH YOU WELL ON THIS
YOUR 150th BIRTHDAY . . .

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of Service
in Aroostook
County . . .

needed and supplied by the chapter. A new flag, gift of Gov. Sumner Sewell was also flown on this date.

In 1951 a stainless steel pole, given in memory of Mrs. George W. Richards was placed on this site. At the foot of the flag pole a large boulder was placed in which is embedded a bronze plaque, giving the history of Hancock Barracks.

CEMETERY RESTORED

Another project of the chapter was the restoring of the Old Soldiers Cemetery, this having been set aside by Joseph Houlton as a burial ground for U. S. soldiers and their families.

Still another project was the placing of a wooden shield in 1930, at the grave of Pvt. Hiram T. Smith of Company F, 2nd U. S. Infantry, who was buried in Haynesville woods the summer of 1828. He died while en route to Houlton. In 1944 a heavier, more permanent slab was placed at this site.

The chapter promotes American History in the schools by sponsoring an essay contest each year in the grammar school.

The Chapter also sponsors Good Citizen Girls in the high schools in Houlton and surrounding towns.

We contribute to many D.A.R. approved schools, such as Tomasse School of South Carolina, Kate Duncan Smith School of Alabama, Crossman School of North Carolina and Bascone (Indian School) of Oklahoma. We also contribute toward scholarships for deserving boys and girls.

Houlton Music Club Popular Here Since 1912

By Mrs. Royal E. Crockett

The Houlton Music Club was organized in 1912 by Miss Mary E. Burpee. The announced object of the club was "to develop in its members a higher artistic standard in the rendering of musical works and to advance the art of music in the community."

The first officers of the club were: President, Mary E. Burpee; First Vice President, Gertrude Attridge; Second Vice President, Lucretia Packard; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cleveland Towers; Corresponding Secretary, Ilda-

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Here's Hoping Houlton Has a Successful Sesquicentennial Celebration

and the Pioneer Times a Happy 100th Birthday Party



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