

Houlton Iota Sigma Chapter Second In U.S. To Be Founded

By Mrs. Gladys Sweet

The Houlton Iota Sigma was organized February 15, 1934 by Mrs. Charles B. Barnes. The first name by which it was known was Young Woman's Christian Temperance union and this name was used until November of the same year when the name of Iota Sigma Woman's Christian Temperance Union was adopted. This was the name recommended by the national organization for these groups of young professional and college women and young mothers. This organization was to meet in the evening to accommodate the women who could not attend afternoon affairs.

FIRST OFFICERS

Founders were: Mrs. Elmer Brown, Mrs. Chauncey Benn, Mrs.

Clyde Gardner, Miss Evelyn Fogg and Mrs. Benjamin J. Sweet.

The officers elected were president, Mrs. Clyde Gardner who served until November of that year, Mrs. Benjamin Sweet finish- Mrs. Chauncey Benn, secretary, ing the year, vice president, Mrs. Mrs. Benjamin Sweet, treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Brown. When Mrs. Sweet was elected president it left a vacancy in the office of secretary and Mrs. Chauncey Benn was elected to finish the year.

The supporting officers of the first board of general officers were vice presidents in the churches: Mrs. Chester Perry, Mrs. Viola McIntosh, Miss Helen Dill, Mrs. Doris Jackins, Miss Marion McKinney.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

The following Directors of de-

partments were appointed, Child Welfare, Mrs. Willard Hovey; White Ribbon Recruits, Miss Jo Rideout; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Chester Perry; Health, Medical Temperance and Narcotics, Miss Evelyn Fogg; Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Charles Noyes; Parliamentary Usage, Mrs. Clyde Gardner; Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Albert Erickson.

The Charter members were Mrs. Elmer Brown, Mrs. Clyde Gardner, Miss Evelyn Fogg, Miss Marion McKinney, Mrs. Benjamin Sweet, Mrs. Chauncey Benn, Mrs. Roy Libby, Mrs. J. E. Spooner, Mrs. Caroline Ayer, Mrs. Irving Smith, Mrs. Lawrence Peabody, Mrs. Albert Erickson, Mrs. James Jackins, Mrs. Willard Hovey, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Frank McKenzie, Mrs. Viola McIntosh, Mrs. Herman Porter, Mrs. Millard Moore, Mrs. A. S. Humphrey, Mrs. Jennie Chase, Mrs. James Hagan and Mrs. Waldo Small.

FIRST ADVISORS

Mrs. Charles Barnes and Mrs. L. L. McLeod, members of the

Houlton WCTU were the advisors for the union during its early years.

The women who have served as presidents in the order of their service, some having served several terms are: Mrs. Clyde Gardner, Mrs. Benjamin Sweet, Mrs. Chauncey Benn, Mrs. Angus Tom-ilson, Miss Helen McKechnie, Mrs. Virgil Tracy, Mrs. Edwin Fleming, Mrs. L. L. McLeod.

The present officers are: President, Mrs. Edwin Fleming; Vice President, Mrs. Chauncey Benn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lauris Carson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Libby; Treasurer, Mrs. Verdi Rhoda.

LARGEST IN STATE

At the present time the union is the largest in Aroostook County and the state with a membership of 126 members. For many years it was the second largest union the state being outnumbered by the Houlton WCTU Union. The Houlton Iota Sigma is the second Iota Sigma to be organized in the United States.

The principles and purposes of the Iota Sigma WCTU are the same as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union but it is organized to attract and accommodate the young women in the community.

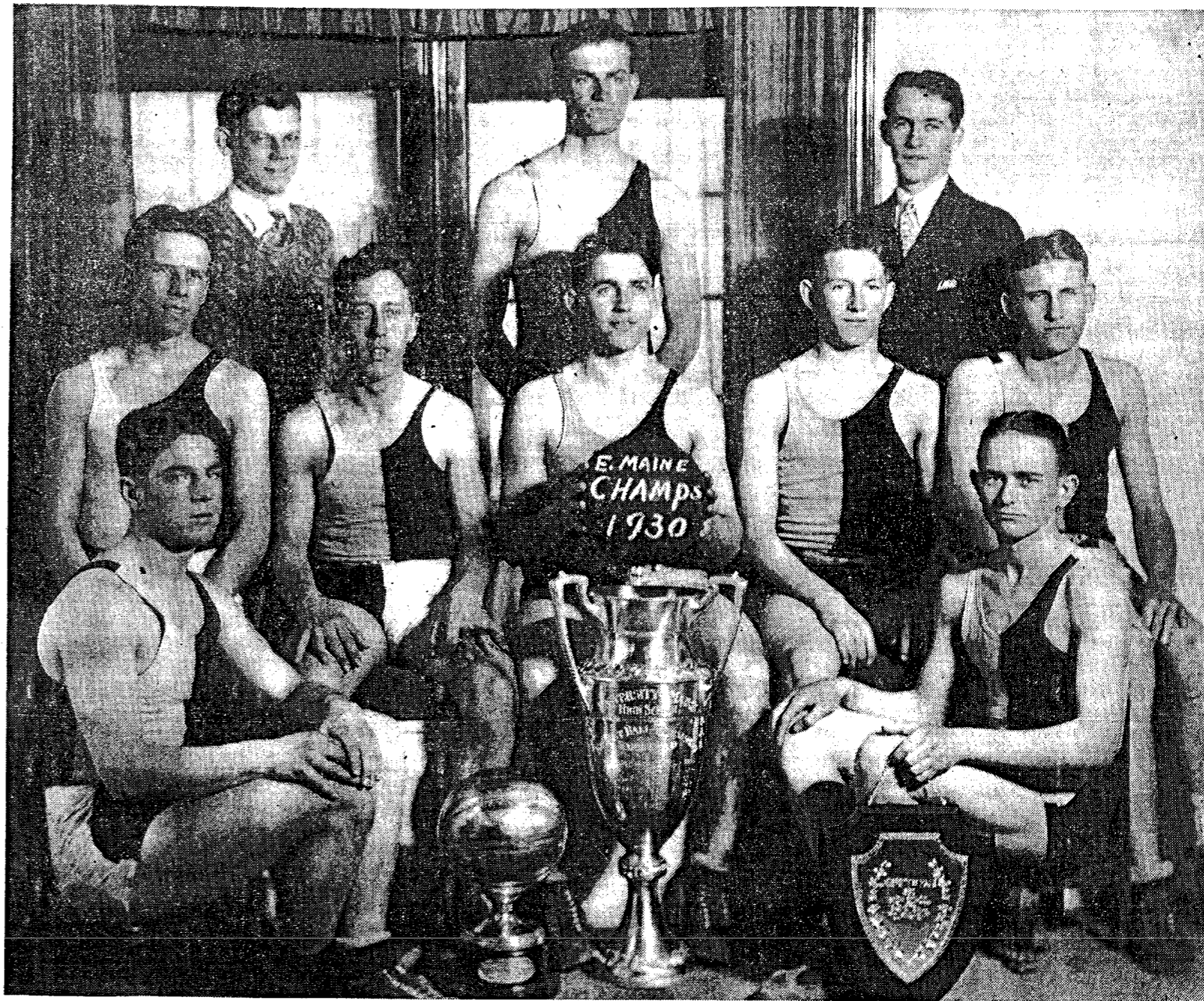
The vice presidents in the churches, for 1957 and 1958 are: Methodist, Mrs. Elsie Boulter; Christian Missionary Alliance, Mrs. Wendell Campbell; Court Street Baptist, Mrs. Effie Ackerson; Military Street Baptist, Mrs. Elmer Brown; Salvation Army, Mrs. Verdie Rhoda.

Directors of Departments are: secretary of Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. Robert Decker; Armed Services, Mesdames Walter Day and Wendell Lycette; flower mission and relief, Mrs. Lauris Carson; international relations, Mrs. Orman Noble; natural fruit products, Mrs. Effie Ackerson; parliamentary law, Mrs. Carl Bateno, publicity, Mrs. Benjamin Sweet; scientific temperance instruction, Mrs. Chauncey Benn; speech contest, Mrs. Donald Harding; spiritual life, Mrs. Verdi Rhoda; temperance and missions, Mrs. Virgil Tracy.

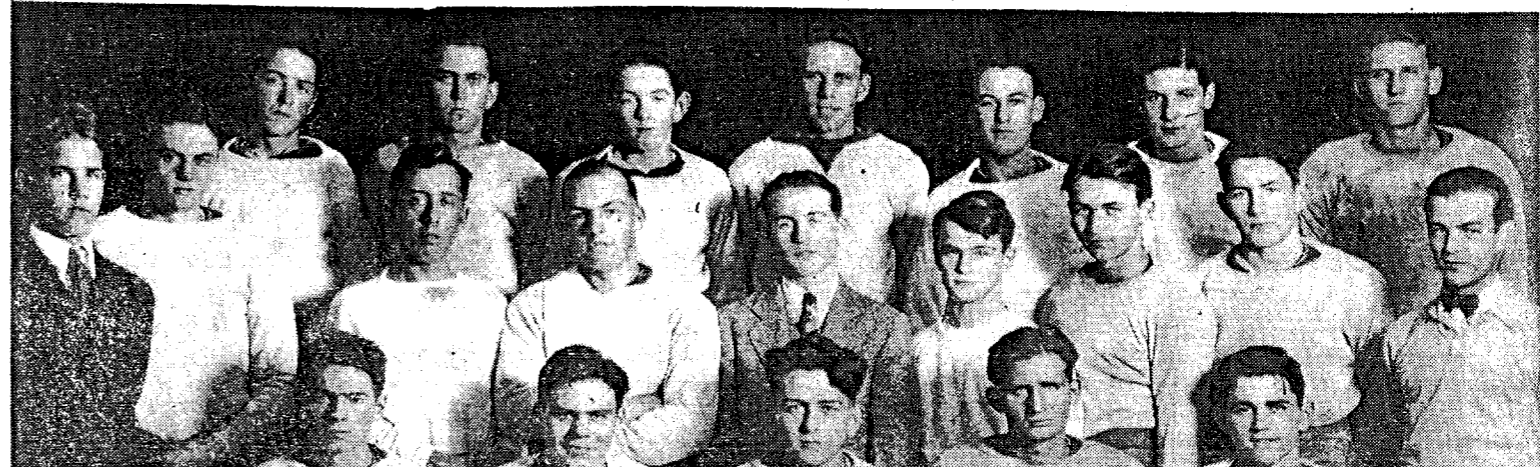
HELD COUNTY OFFICES

The members of the union have been active in county and state affairs of the WCTU. Mrs. Benjamin Sweet served the county as its president for seven years. During her tenure the membership

Two Houlton High Championship Teams of 1929 and 1930



This team went all the way to the Eastern Maine basketball tournament title. Seated, left, Albert Putnam, right, Allston Williams. Second row, left to right, Roland Way, Perley Adams, Woody Peabody (Capt.), Ralph Peabody, Cecil McCready. Back row, Ken Sharp, manager, Earl Parsons, Huse Tibbetts, coach.



SERVING HOULTON FOLKS ... for over 20 years

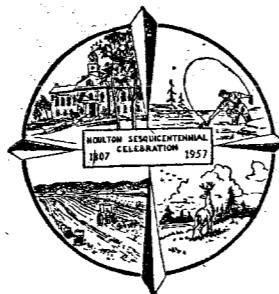
... its been our pleasure to serve the people of the Houlton area with FARM SUPPLIES for over 20 years. During this time we have made many, many friends ... without whom, we would not have been able to serve you as well. So, its only natural that we enjoy a pause at this time to wish you well, in your celebration.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO HOULTON ON ITS 150th BIRTHDAY... and to the Houlton Pioneer Times for its 100 Years of Service in Aroostook County...

EASTERN STATES FARMERS EXCHANGE

OFF BANGOR STREET

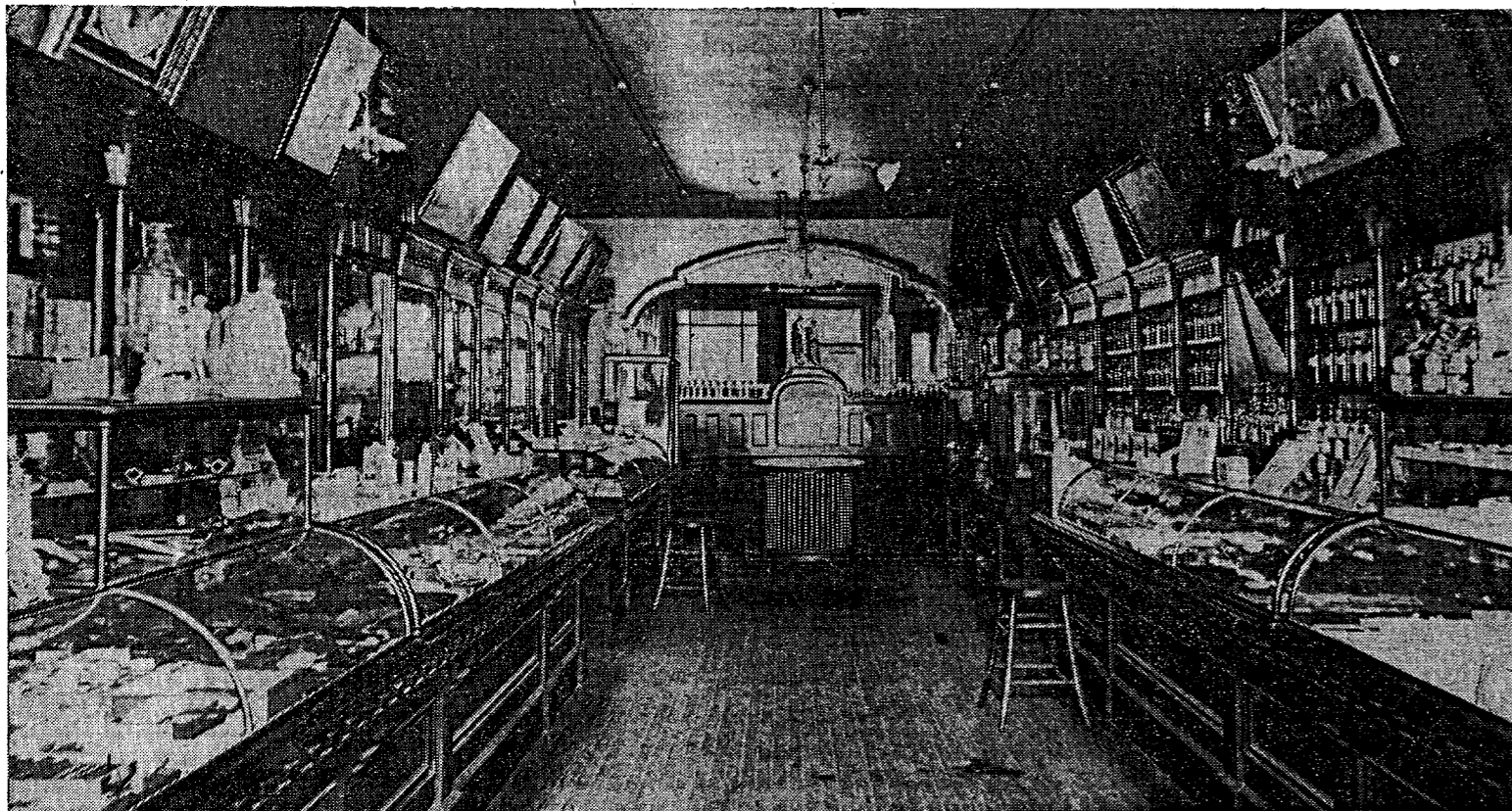
HOULTON



... Mrs. Sweet served the county as its president for seven years. During her tenure the membership reached 1000. Mrs. Angus Tomilson has served in the capacity of County Corresponding Secretary and is now Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Charles Noyes was for many years auditor and when she resigned Mrs. Etta Porter Batleno was appointed to fill the vacancy and this year Mrs. Batleno has the

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From this you can readily see that in this past sesquicentennial year the advances of the drug business have been tremendous. Most of the present life-saving drugs and antibiotics were unknown . . . just 20 years ago. However, we do pause at this time to enter into the festivities for Houlton's 150th birthday celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS HOULTON on this your
150th BIRTHDAY . . .

AND TO THE HOULTON PIONEER TIMES
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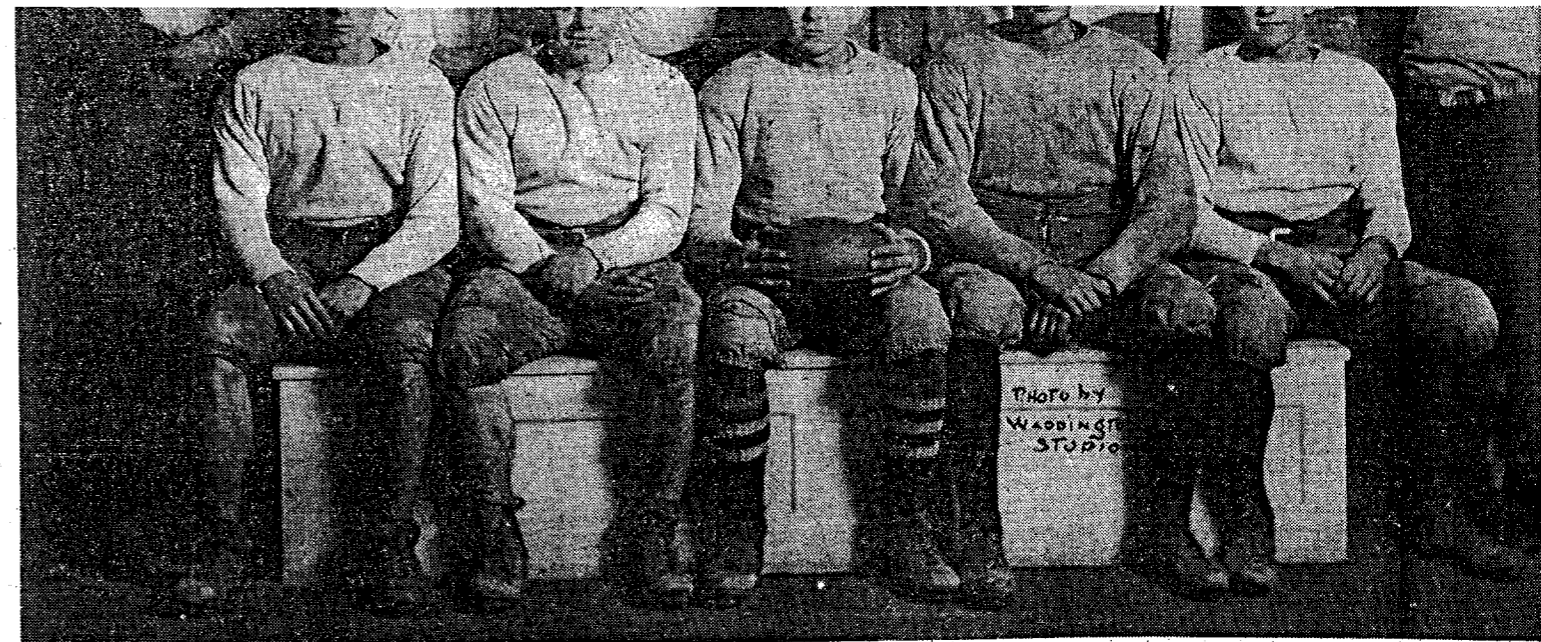
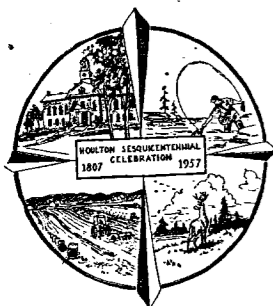


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STUDIO

One of Houlton High School's many county championship football teams was this aggregation that copped the county title in 1929. On it are several players who later made good on college gridirons. The college appears after their names. Front row, left to right, Albert Putnam (Capt. Bowdoin), Jim Archibald (Bowdoin), Merle McCluske (Capt. Bates), Clair McCreedy, Woody Peabody (Colby). Second row, standing, Francis Barnes, manager, Halso Richards, Jr., Perley Adams, Jimmy Albert, Huse Tibbetts, coach, John Crawford, Donald McIntyre, Ralph Peabody (Colby), Herman Young, assistant manager. Back row, Keith Lambert, Linwood McCreedy, Dean Lambert, Roland Way, Spofford Crawford, Jimmy Dow (Maine), Cecil McCreedy.

office of county parliamentarian added to her responsibilities. Mrs. Chauncey Benn is Director of Armed Services. Others who have served are Mrs. Lloyd Boulter, Mrs. Helen McKechnie Davis, Mrs. Edwin Fleming, Mrs. Ralph Harraden and Mrs. Donald Harding.

Miss Helen McKechnie was a delegate to the World Convention from Maine, in Washington, D. C. in 1937.

ACTIVE ON MAINE BOARD

Those who have been active on the board of the Maine WCTU are Mrs. Helen McKechnie Davis who served as secretary of Youth Temperance Council and while she held that office she attended the Leadership Training School which is promoted by the National WCTU in Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Benjamin Sweet, who was assistant recording secretary is now Vice President at Large and membership director.

Mrs. Angus Tomilson held the office of corresponding secretary and is now treasurer. Mrs. Etta Porter Batleno is the Parliamentarian for the Maine WCTU. Others who have served the Maine WCTU are Mrs. Ralph Harraden and Mrs. Edwin Fleming.

Two of the Iota Sigma members have received the honor of being sent to the Leadership Training School conducted by the officers of the National WCTU at Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Sweet was the

guest of the Maine WCTU in 1943 and Etta Porter Batleno was the guest of Aroostook County WCTU in 1955.

LOCAL PROJECTS

The members of the union have taken a keen interest in community affairs. To name all their combinations would be impossible but there are a few that deserve mention. Many books on religious and temperance subjects have been placed in the Cary Library. One of the books is Alcoholics Anonymous which was given when the book was first published.

Scientific Temperance Instruction has been one of its major projects and to promote it speakers, temperance literature, moving and slide films have been made available to the schools.

The playground on Bridge street was a project which was promoted in cooperation with the Houlton WCTU. Part time supervision was provided for a few seasons.

Speech contests using temperance readings have been promoted resulting in contestants participating in county and state contests.

Among the national projects supported are money going to the following funds: Lillian M. N. Stevens, Frances Willard Memorial, and for Christian Citizen Education.

Last year the members of the

union were responsible in the organization of two new unions, in Monticello and Danforth.

This Union was organized to meet in the evening and at the

present time the meeting is the second Monday evening of each month. The business meeting followed with a tea and a social hour.



It's our
PLEASURE
after
25 Years
IN BUSINESS IN
HOULTON

. . . to extend to the residents of Houlton Birthday Greetings on this your 150th Celebration.

. . . and to the Houlton Pioneer Times on Your 100 Years of Service in Aroostook County . . . "Best Wishes".

B. MILLS

Court Street

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