

# Moultonborough Historical Society

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"Preserving the Past for the Future"

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## *In This Month's Issue of the Newsletter* by Bruce Garry

The Society had it's elections at the January meeting. We only changed the names of the officers and committee members we were aware of. All the other names have stayed the same until we receive the new lists of names on the committees. Check the next issue for the new committee members.

In this issue Jane and I put some extra articles of interest for your winter reading pleasure. Jane has done a nice piece on some Moultonborough History, along with several articles on things of interest.

While working the "History of Moultonborough" project, George Pohle turned in his history of the Lions Club. Using George's great research as my main base of information, along with some other information from other Lions, I've put together an informal history of the Moultonborough Lions Club. In working on this article, I came to learn that the Lions work is so extensive over the last 38 years, it was difficult to do the organization justice in the minimum amount of space we have in this newsletter. My humble apologies to the Lions for any information or people was I failed to acknowledge in this piece.

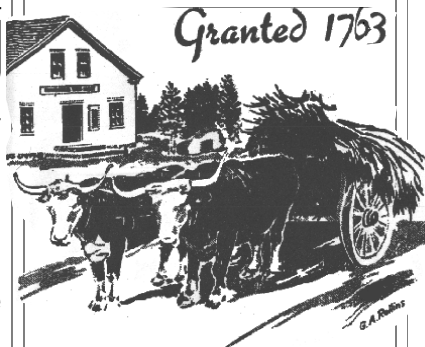
You will also find a articles from our President, Bill Depuy. Upcoming Society events from Sandy Barnes. Nan Baker is still keeping us up to date on the Lamprey House Museum, and the assessment. Finally, Ron Baker and Jan Metcalf have filed their report on the Society finances for the year 2000. So sit back and enjoy this issue of the newsletter.

## Society Officers

President	Bill Depuy
VP	Vic Hamke
Rec.Sec'y	Marion Powers
Corr. Sec'y	Jane Rice
Treasurer	Jan Metcalf
Ass't Treas.	Ron Baker
Auditor	Dick Vincent

## Directors

Frances Vincent	2001
Cynthia Oxtan	2002
Stewart Lamprey	2003



**Moultonborough  
was granted in 1763  
and incorporated in  
1777.**

**The Town House  
was built in 1834  
and Town Meetings  
were held in it from  
1835 to 1949.**

## *History of Moultonborough Lions Club* by Bruce Garry and George Pohle

This is the 38<sup>th</sup> year of the Moultonborough Lions Club, serving the community proudly and providing the gathering place for many of the town's community events. In 1963, 21 members of the Lions Club of Laconia/Gilford, who resided in Moultonborough, Center Harbor, Tuftonboro, and Sandwich met and decided to form a "Service Club" on this side of Lake Winnepesaukee.

As required by the Lions International, in Oak Brook, Illinois, the 21 members formed an "Independent Service Club" and applied to the Lions Club of Laconia/Gilford for sponsorship. The Moultonborough Lions Club was granted it's charter on October 29, 1963. In a ceremony held on December 7, 1963, the first elected President of the Moultonborough Loins Club, Russell Lamprey, was presented the charter.

The early meetings of the Lions Club were held every third Monday at the "Country Fare Inn", at the intersection of Route 25 and Route 109, currently known as "Maurice's Family Restaurant". The members discussed how the role of the Lions Club could fit in the community, by taking care of some needy residents and the community as a whole. Most of these members were already active in community affairs outside the Lions Club, and had many ideas in what they would like to do to improve

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## *From the President's Desk*

*By Bill Depuy*

Our Society's By-Laws call for Annual Meeting, and election of officers and directors, to be held in January following the regular monthly meeting. Last month this was done and the Nominating Committee proposed the following nominations, for a one year term (2001) except as needed.

For **President:** Bill Depuy  
 For **Vice President:** Vic Hamke  
 For **Recording Secretary:** Marion Powers  
 For **Corresponding Secretary:** Jane Rice  
 For **Treasurer:** Jan Metcalf  
 For **Assistant Treasurer:** Ron Baker  
 For **Director Class of 2003:** Stewart Lamprey  
 For **Auditor:** Dick Vincent

### **Directors Continuing to Serve:**

**Class of 2001:** Fran Vincent  
**Class of 2002:** Cynthia Oxtan

There were no other nominations from the floor, and the recommended slate was elected unanimously.

The first task of the President each year is to appoint/reappoint the Chairpersons of each standing committee, and then they appoint/reappoint the committee members. As noted late last year, I have realigned the Acquisition Committee into two committees: "Acquisition" Chaired by Cheryl May. This will be a field committee viewing items and deciding if the society wants them. The other committee is the "Acquisition-Cataloging" chaired by Barbara Kelley, will continue with the other the traditional duties and responsibilities they've done in the past. However, the change is to allow for a more aggressive acquisition posture of advertising, promoting, and active field work to collect items, and then feed them back into the assimilation process and display/description process.

Also, to strengthen our society's participation in community events, I have named one director to assume overall coordination of each holiday including such things as Town House / School House Open House, Refreshments, and Parade Float.

### **The Director/Coordinators are:**

For **Memorial Day:** Cindy Oxtan  
 For **Independence Day:** Stewart Lamprey  
 For **Christmas:** Fran Vincent

Our project to compile and publish our town's history continues on track. More volunteers are needed to help with data collection. Please see Jane Rice at the Library if you can give a few hours to this effort. The possibilities that are emerging from a partnership with Plymouth State College and the Moultonborough Public School District in the "Service Learning" program are truly exciting! More details on this in our next newsletter.

I look forward to challenges and progress in 2001. Thanks to all of you for your support.

## *Newsletter Staff*

Editor Bruce Garry  
 Ass't. Ed. Jane Rice

### **Contributors**

Nan Baker  
 Bill Depuy  
 Sandy Barnes  
 Stewart Lamprey  
 Ron Baker  
 Jan Metcalf

## *Meetings*

### **March 12**

"Sugaring-Off Party"  
 and  
 "History of Rt. 171 Area"  
 by  
 Ed Persons

7:30 pm Grange Hall

### **March 13**

#### **Town Elections**

6 am - 7 pm Academy Gym

### **March 14**

#### **Town Meeting**

7:00 pm Academy Gym

### **March 15**

#### **School District Meeting**

7:00 pm Academy

### **April 9**

"How Some New Hampshire  
 Farmers Changed the  
 World"  
 by  
 Bill Starck

7:30 pm Town House

### **May 14**

"Old Woodworking Tools"  
 by  
 Bob Wright

7:30 pm Town House

**Committees**

**Acquisitions**

Cheryl May.....Chair  
Frank Greene

**Acquisitions/  
Cataloging**

Barbara Kelley

**Old Records, Photos**

Frank Greene.....Chair  
Jane Rice  
Fred Clark  
Sybol Bodge  
Doris Nash  
Frances Stevens

**Artifacts**

Doris Nash.....Chair  
Sybol Bodge  
Frances Stevens

**Historic Building  
Survey**

Judy Ryerson  
Frank Greene  
Barbara Kelley  
Henry Moore  
Frances Stevens  
Jack Swedberg  
Robert Lamprey

**Moultonborough  
Schools Coordinator**

Nancy Depuy

**Historic Booklets**

Frances Stevens  
Sybol Bodge  
Ernest Davis

**Preservation of  
Town News**

Mary Jane Dunn

**Town House Building**

Howard Bates.....Chair  
Ernest Davis  
Fran Vincent  
Archie Reynolds  
Nancy Depuy  
Doris Nash  
John Klier

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**Society Program Notes**

*by Sandy Barnes*

We plan to have the complete 2001-2002 Historical Society booklets available at our March meeting, but here's a preview of the programs that are planned for this Spring.

**March 12th** - 7:30 pm. AT THE GRANGE HALL — Join us for an old fashioned Sugaring-Off Party! Ernest Davis, Jr. is the man in charge - boiling down maple syrup from the Vappi farm into the thicker syrup that's poured over fresh snow to make "Toads in Snow". They'll be followed by individual dishes of maple sugar to spread on homemade doughnuts and yeast rolls, served with sour pickles to clear your palate. Our speaker will be Ed Person, who will talk about the history of the Rte. 171 area where the Vappi sugar orchard is located as well as the Person family's Longwood Farm, which grows wonderful fresh vegetables to sell at 2 local farm stands.

**April 9th** we'll meet in the Town House at 7:30 pm, where Bill Starck from New Hampton will present "How Some New Hampshire Farmers Changed the World". Bill and his wife are interested in Revolutionary War re-enacting and he has researched the Battle of Bennington and the contingent of men from the Lakes Region who fought for freedom during the Revolution.

For the **May 14th** meeting we've in-



vited Bob Wright from Sandwich, a fine woodworker, to tell about and show some of his collection of old tools. Do you have an unusual tool or gadget you'd like to bring and share with us? Join us at the Town House at 7:30 pm.

We hope you'll mark your calendars now for these interesting evenings! Why not invite your friends or neighbors to come along for any of these historical programs? We welcome guests at any time, and maybe they'll become so interested they'll want to join our Moultonborough Historical Society!

**Moultonborough History**

*by Jane Rice*

Now that the holidays are over, folks who are involved in the Town History project should have some free time to work on their research. The Historical Society was happy to receive copies of old pictures of Westwynde Farm, courtesy of Cristina Ashjian, towards the project. Westwynde was purchased by the Vappi family from the estate of Thomas Plant in 1941, but the homestead goes back into the 1800's, and we hope to learn more about its history.

I have been looking at old newspapers for articles concerning forgotten Moultonborough news of the past, or more contemporary details on events that we do know of. It is a very time-consuming process, as it is necessary to look through many pages of newspaper or microfilm to find Moultonborough items, since we have never had a town paper of our own. But occasionally a fragment of news is found, or something that raises a question for further investigation. For instance, who now remembers where the Hill Crest Tavern, El-ni-do restaurant, Fairmount Cottage, Red Oaks, "Klondyke" or H.F. Mansfield boarding house were? (See page 8 for answers)

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## Lions History

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the quality of life of the needy and the community.

The first obstacle became apparent very quickly. They needed to raise money if they were going accomplish any of their goals. After considering a number of ideas, they decided Bingo was the best method to accomplish this. They looked at Bingo as not only as a way of raising money but also as a fun activity to bring the community together for a regular social event. After reviewing several locations around town to hold Bingo they were presented with their second obstacle – a place that could comfortably accommodate 150 to 200 people. In the late 1960's there no place in town for this activity.

In late 1968, early 1969, the Lions Club found a 22+ acre parcel of land at the junction of Bodge Hill Road and Route 109, which was affordable in a central location of town. The club not having the funds to pay the \$16,000 cost of the land, four members took mortgages on their homes to secure the loan from Meredith Village Savings Bank. This purchase was completed in 1969.

The foundation and building, along with the electrical, plumbing, and heating were completed by local professional contractors. The interior walls, ceilings, along with all the painting were completed by volunteer Club members.

In the summer of 1970, the Lions Club Hall was open and Tuesday Night Bingo began. In 1970 and throughout the 70's, Bingo was very popular around the country, and considered somewhat of a pastime. As expected the crowds were 150 or more every Tuesday night enjoying a night of fun and excitement. It also was very successful in raising money and quickly became the primary source

of income for the Club. As the Bingo interest faded most everywhere, the crowds also faded at the Moultonborough Lions Club. So after thirty years of being a staple in town, Tuesday Night Bingo came to a close in 2000.

At the Club hall, which included a kitchen, the members met twice a month. The first Monday of the month, the Club held it's business meeting. On the third Monday of the month, the members held their Dinner Meeting. A Kitchen Committee was formed, who decided the menu of the month, cooked the meal, and served it. The monthly meal meeting



was nothing fancy. Just the bare tables with a few set up with plates, forks and knives. The Treasurer would collect four or five dollars from the members to cover the cost of the meal. Most of these meetings would last about an hour, however there were times that long discussions were required to resolve some issues.

Almost immediately the Club Hall became the community center for several non-profit organizations. The use has grown steadily through the years so that today the Lions' use of the Club Hall is only 10%. The gatherings of other organizations, weddings, reunions, and private functions utilize the hall the other 90% of the time. The biggest day of the year for the Club Hall is when the entire community converges to celebrate the birth of America, on the Fourth of July, with the town parade ending there. The Lions membership cooks

and feeds well over 250 people for this celebration.

In 1976, Lion Joe Rembaum, led the membership in starting up the "Bicentennial Trust" charitable endowment fund. This is a perpetual fund that has a current value of \$36,000, used to award High School seniors scholarship grants. There were two grant winners for last year's class of 2000, each receiving \$1,000 scholarships.

In eight short years the Lions' activities had grown to the point the Club Hall needed to be expanded for storage. In 1977, two wings were added on, going out the back of the hall. One wing was for the "Lions Den", for a secure room to hold exclusive Lions meetings. The other wing was for much needed secured storage.

The next major change for the Lions was not decided by them but by the State of New Hampshire. There had been a number of traffic accidents on Route 109 at the bend in the road near Bodge Hill Road. In 1985, the state decided to re-route Route 109 by putting an extension in that went directly to Route 25. For this road work to be done, the state had to take two acres of the Lions property, for which the Lions was paid \$1.00. There was another three acres separated from the Lions by Route 109. The three acres were sold to the neighbor for \$800.

While doing a drive by, in the Fall of 1986, Lion Mort Connors saw flames coming out the kitchen side of the Club Hall. He rushed to the firehouse and called the alarm. The firefighters came a running and saved the Club Hall.

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## *Contributions to the Historical Society*

*by Stewart Lamprey*

The Moultonborough Historical Society is a non-profit organization with a mission of "**Preserving the Past for the Future**". We do that, not only through the preservation of some of our historic buildings, but more importantly by compiling our history through the collection and preservation of our early records, the acquisition of valuable books, manuscripts and prints, and documenting a history of the people of Moultonborough.

Because we're a qualifying non-profit organization, you may be able to give something you own of value to the Historical Society to help in its mission and realize a Income Tax deduction. For example, an automobile that you may otherwise be trading in. Should you give something that you may have owned for a long time, such as a stamp collection, or stocks and bonds, you may be able to deduct its full value and also avoid having to pay a Capital Gains Tax on any increase in its value. You might have an antique car or other collectibles, that would qualify. Yes, even a parcel of land. If you gave some land to the Historical Society, the donation may provide funding to help us record the history of the town of Moultonborough and help preserve some of its old structures, while at the same time provide you with a substantial tax deduction.

If you would like to make this kind of contribution, please call **Stewart Lamprey** at **253-4417** or **Bill Depuy** at **476-5109**.

I would like to thank Keith Nelson for reviewing this note for legal content and accuracy. This was also unanimously approved by the Historical Society Executive Board.



## *Society News*

*by Jane Rice*

At the Historical Society meeting on January 8, the scheduled program on *Dog Sled Racing* could not take place as planned, since Keith Bryar was dog sled racing in Minnesota.

Filling in admirably was Roger Kelley, who has been taking pictures of things around the Lakes Region for many years. He brought a collection of old slides of many things that have changed or disappeared over the years, especially around Center Harbor. Some of the pictures included the former "Gilnockie" mansion, the spectacular fire that consumed the barn that stood where the Fire Station is now, belonging to the old Colonial hotel; the big dairy barn at the Dane Farm, which stood right next to the barn adjacent to Chequers Harbor Restaurant, before it was torn down; the Garnet Inn, old boathouses on the shoreline of Center Harbor bay, and the tiny cottage that stood on Mile Island; the old Nichols Store, damage from the Fourth of July freshet of 1973, the Coe House interior as it looked before the contents were auctioned off; the "Mount Washington" being cut in half and lengthened, Chase Circle before any houses were built there, and when it had a small hill that was used for

skiing, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Morrill, the doctor who was born in Moultonboro, the logging truck that hit the old Heath's hardware store (now Yikes Gallery), and the Percy Kelley sawmill that stood at the foot of Lake Kanasatka, among others. Another feature was pictures of wild flowers and of some of Roger's wonderful orchid collection. It was a wonderful program and very much enjoyed by all who were present, many adding their own memories of how things have changed in this area over the years.

## *Lamprey House Museum*

### *Update*

*by Nan Baker*

The Lamprey House Development Committee is pleased to report that the Draft of the Conservation Assessment undertaken by the Williamstown Art Conservation Center (WACC) has been received. The Committee will review the Draft at its next meeting. The Committee's comments will be forwarded to the WACC and our final report will then be completed.

Field work for the assessment was completed in October. The resulting reports will enable us to establish plans and priorities for future development of the Society's property, collections, and displays. We are encouraged by the great number of ideas and suggestions made by the assessors which will enhance our collections, and our over-all contribution to the community of Moultonborough.

We are also pleased that Allen Hill, the architect on our assessment will be the program speaker at the Society meeting on July 9, 2001. Mr. Hill's topic will be "An Assessment of the Building Resources for the Moultonborough Historical Society." We are excited that Allen has agreed to share slides and comments about our buildings at this program.

## **Lions History**

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With the money from the insurance, and a lot of hard work by many people of the community, members and non-members, the Club Hall was restored, with a more modern kitchen.

The next major program the Lions became associated with was the "Meals on Wheels". The North Country Elderly Programs, based in Berlin, had previously served some meals out of the Club Hall. They approached the Lions to use the Club Hall and Kitchen to serve the elderly of Moultonborough and Sandwich daily meals in the Hall and deliver to the shut-ins. To meet the requirements of this program, another addition to the Club Hall was needed to store the food and supplies. The Lions whole heartedly welcomed the program, and with a \$16,000 grant from the Doris L. Benz Trust, a 400 square foot addition was built and deeded to the Lions. The program went into full swing in 1989 and is going strong today.

The Moultonborough Lioness Club and the Ossipee Valley Lioness, were both founded by the Moultonborough Lions Club, after Lions International inaugurated the Lioness program in 1968. By the 1990's, the International Lions had begun inducting women. It became clear it wasn't necessary to have three separate clubs with redundant programs. So the two Lioness clubs voted to dissolve their clubs and join the Moultonborough Lions Club. The merger of members allowing the women to join the previously all male club, did cause one of the male members to resign, but the rest of the membership considers the merger a big success. The membership has flourished since the merger and in the year 2000, the ladies comprise one third of the membership. The first woman

president of the Moultonborough Lions Club was, Betty Wasson, elected for the 1997 term.

The Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Moultonborough Lions began in 1995. Lions Loretta and Tom Reed presented the concept to the membership from an idea that came from them organizing the town's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades. The concept was adopted with overwhelming enthusiasm by the membership and the community. The Lions reached out to the local businesses to build a gazebo for the bands to stage themselves for the listening pleasure of the audience. Again the local support was fantastic. The supplies and labor were all provided to build one of the largest and most unique gazebos in

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## **Moultonborough History**

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Moultonborough news appeared from time to time in the Meredith News, Granite State News, and occasionally in the Laconia Citizen. Weekly columns included news about who had company, or had traveled to Wolfeboro or Laconia, or even to Boston, who was not well and who was recovering, and news of the many clubs and organizations that were found in town in those days before television and cars to whisk us to the movies or the mall. Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Ladies' Aid, Grange, were well attended, with sometimes over a hundred people turning out for a play, supper, "social", or debate on a question such as "Is There A Higher Occupation Than Farming?" or "Poultry", a big turnout for a town of under 1,000 population.

Dart baseball was a popular indoor occupation the winter of 1937, with teams from various clubs and other towns participating in a league, and ice harvesting was still a winter task. What fun the children of the Corner School must have had when teacher Annie Goss took them for a sleigh ride in the winter of 1902. And ice racing has roots that date back a century or so, when it was mentioned that Herbert Richardson and Dr. Lovering had plowed a trotting track on Berry Pond for their horses.

Instead of automobile accidents, horse accidents were reported in those days, along with a nice Jersey heifer struck by lightning. We still have a few cattle in town, but it's been quite a few years since anyone could write of men going to Gilford to drive home cows they had purchased, as reported in the Granite State News of 1900. Azilla Berry was in the forefront of modern transportation in that year, when a "new Wheel" was purchased, presumably a new bicycle. Steamboat service picked up passengers from the landing on Long Island on a daily schedule.

Crime was a part of the town scene even then, with reports of attempted murder, against Moses Witham in 1901, prosecution for snaring partridges illegally, escape of prisoners held for trial, and groceries stolen from a wagon while shopping in Meredith. Fire struck East Moultonborough in '01 when the Shannon and Morrison houses burned, and in

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## *Committees*

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### **Lamprey House Museum Building**

Victor Hamke.....Chair  
Nancy Baker  
Philip Barnes  
Keith Nelson  
Howard Bates  
John Klier  
Robert Lamprey

### **Lamprey House Museum Development**

Nancy Baker.....Chair  
Barbara Sheppard  
Marion Powers  
Dorothy Klier

### **Membership**

Fran Vincent.....Chair  
Marion Goodwin  
Jan Metcalf  
Robert Lamprey

### **Hospitality**

Jean Vappi.....Co-chair  
Karen Nelson..Co-chair  
Ardelia Hamke  
Sally Bates

### **Publicity**

Jane Rice

### **Community Flea Market**

Marion Powers.....Chair

### **Nominating**

Nancy Baker.....Chair

### **Programs - Year Book**

Sybol Bodge  
Sandra Barnes

### **Library Materials**

Jane Rice

### **Memorial Day**

Cindy Oxton

### **Independence Day**

Stewart Lamprey

### **Christmas**

Fran Vincent

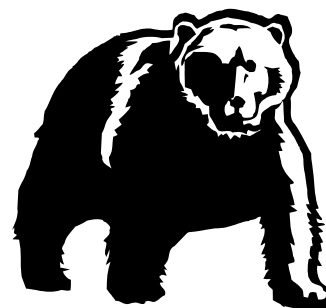
## *A Bear Story*

by Jane Rice

Here is an incident from Moultonboro's history that was related by Rev. Jeremy Belknap in his history of New Hampshire, published in 1792:

"An affecting instance of a child falling a prey to one of them, (bears) happened at Moultonborough, in the month of August, 1784. A boy of eight years old, son of a Mr. Leach, was sent to a pasture, toward the close of the day, to put out a horse, and bring home the cows. His father being in a neighboring field, heard a cry of distress, and running to the fence, saw his child lying on the ground, and a bear standing by him. He seized a stake, and crept along, with a view to get between the bear and the child. The bear took the child by the throat, and drew him into the bushes. The father pursued till he came up, and aiming a stroke at the bear, the stake broke in his hand; and the bear, leaving his prey, turned upon the parent, who, in the anguish of his soul, was obliged to retreat, and call for help. Before any sufficient help could be obtained, the evening was so far advanced, that a search was impracticable. The night was passed by the family in the utmost distress. The neighbours assembled, and at break of day, renewed the pursuit. The child's hat, and the bridle, which he had dropped, were found, and they tracked his blood about forty rods, when they discovered the mangled corps. The throat was torn, and one thigh devoured. Whilst they were standing round the body, the bear rose from behind a log. Three guns were fired at the same instant, which dispatched him; and a fire was immediately kindled, in which he was consumed. This was a male bear, of about three years old".

We are very fortunate that the worst we can say of Moultonboro's bear



population at the present time is that they will tear down birdfeeders to get at the seeds, but there have been no humans harmed by bears since that time.

We welcome any and all contributions for future issues. Remember this is your newsletter. Feel free to contact either Bruce Garry or Jane Rice.

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**Jane Rice.....476-5108**

## *Moultonborough History*

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1937 when the Percy Kelley sawmill at the foot of Lake Kanasatka went up in flames, which the news correspondent of the day looked on as the removal of an eyesore from the landscape.

The Town History Project would be glad to have volunteers who would like to help out with the process of reviewing old newspapers and searching for items concerning Moultonborough. Please call Jane Rice at 476-5108 (home), or at the Moultonborough Library, 476-8895, if you can travel to Wolfeboro, where the Granite State News is available on microfilm at the public library, or the Laconia library for the Citizen, or Meredith, where the Meredith News is available at the Meredith Public Library in hard copy (requires making copies on the photocopier).

## Old Boarding Houses In Moultonborough

by Jane Rice

I posed a question in the Meredith News of where some of the old boarding houses were located, that I saw mentioned in old newspaper clippings, and of course, Adele Taylor and Marion Goodwin were the ones with the answers. Back in the 1930's, Mabel and Henry Boyle owned what is currently Maurice's Family Restaurant, also known as the Country Fare, Berry Pond Inn, and Moultonboro Inn, that I can remember. When the Boyles had it, it was Hill Crest Tavern, and what is now the Holland Hill House was Hill Crest Farm, and the former Larrabee place, also on Route 109 North, Hill Crest Annex, which had rooms for visitors. The "Fairmont" was at Green's Corner, and Mansfield's was on Route 109, probably where Pat Carrasco lives.

The "El-ni-do" restaurant was where Dr. Hope lives, and Ethel Carter was famous there for her fried clams; and there were also three overnight cabins. There are still more details to be learned, but this is a great start on learning about some the businesses related to the end of the farming era and the beginning of the era of "summer people" being the main industry of the town.

There have been many restaurants, stores, boarding houses, and overnight cottages that have come and gone, but they need to be a part of our published Town History, and we also need to include the story of the current businesses in town, which will someday be a part of our history, too. Even now, who remembers Doc Mallard's Restaurant, the Kracker-box store, Tilton's Store, the Hi-There Cafe, or the Teepee Tub Laundromat? How about MacCormack's Store when it was still in

the MacCormack family, or Arey's Marina when Howard Arey ran it and Hazel Straw clerked in the "Superette"? These things need to be recorded, or they will go the way of blacksmith and wheelwright shops, gristmills and shook mills, and no one will remember the details.

One of the old hotels which saw the beginning of the tourist era in the Lakes Region, but which is no longer in existence, is the "Island Home", which burned in 1962, at which time it was said to have been unoccupied for at least 35 years. It was located not far from the Long Island Bridge. The hotel was also known as Blake's Hotel, named after the builder, and a picture, taken in 1947, shows a pleasant two-story mansard-roofed



building with a porch on both level, at the time of the fire. Carroll Lamprey of Tufonboro noted that it was flourishing in 1878, and supplied a copy of an advertisement published at that time

*"Island Home"*  
Long Island,  
Lake Winnepisiogee, N.H."

*The Island can be reached by either of the following routes. Boston and Maine, Eastern, or Boston, Concord and Montreal Rail Roads, Steamer Mt. Washington, or Lady of the Lake. A Steamer for pleasure parties will be in attendance, also small boats for rowing. The Lake abounds in fish and the woods with small game. A Post Office on the Island where visitors will receive their mail daily. Post Office address until July 1, 1878, Lake Village, N.H. Blake & Lamprey, .....Proprietors."*

## Lions History

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the entire state. The "Community Bandstand" was dedicated by 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Grand Marshall, Annie Forts, on July 4, 1997. Wednesdays in Moultonborough, during the summer, are now know as "Concert Night". A great time to be had by all.

Also in 1997, the Moultonborough Lions Club helped to launch the "UP Syndrome Fund", with one of the biggest events in the history of the town. The Lions inducted Annie Forts into the membership and agreed to start a charitable endowment fund to support Annie Forts' projects with Down Syndrome. The big event to kick off this effort was held on March 10, 1997, in celebration of Annie's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. The program became so successful that it is now a program of it's own, with a fund of over \$150,000.

Over the last 38 years the Moultonborough Lions Club has had good times and bad times, as any organization would. Luckily for the Lions and the Community it has been more good to great times, to become of the most respected organizations in not only the area, but the entire state. There are many programs and people who are not mentioned in this history due to the lack of space, which are as significant as those mentioned here. Several members have risen in the ranks of the state leadership, and have represented the local and state Lions at the national level. Their work continues and their history is long from being over. They continue to up hold their honored motto – "We Serve!"

*Moultonborough Historical Balance Sheet for Year 2000*  
Treasurer Jan Metcalf / Assistant Treasurer Ron Baker

**INCOME**

Activities Income	8,075
Contributions Received	21,094
Dues	1,489
Interest Income	299
Other Income	26

**TOTAL INCOME**                    **\$30,983**

**EXPENSE**

Awards	92
Bank Charges	20
Building Fund Projects	3,957
Collections & Display Exp	900
Contributions to Organizations	120
Dues to Other Organizations	10
Flea Market	420
Insurance	1,642
Moultonborough History Project	124
Maintenance	320
Miscellaneous	79
Newsletter	165
Postage (General)	108
Program Expense	507
Raffle Expense	48
Supplies	48
Utilities	260

**TOTAL EXPENSE**                    **\$8,819**

**NET SURPLUS**                        **\$22,165**

- ⇒ Amounts rounded to nearest dollar.
- ⇒ Report Subject to Audit
- ⇒ Income and Expense amounts are exclusive of the Trust Fund maintained and controlled by the Town of Moultonborough for the purpose of maintaining the Town House and Middle Neck School House which are owned by the town and made available for use by the Historical Society.
- ⇒ Additional information is available at regular monthly meetings of the Society.



**Under the greenwood tree  
Who loves to lie with me,  
And turn his merry note  
Come hither, come hither, come hither:  
Here shall he see  
No enemy  
But winter and rough weather**

**Shakespeare  
As You Like It act 2, sc. 5,1.1**



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