



Madison Historical Society Museum - 1884

# Madison Historical Society

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## P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

### W I S H L I S T

1. An extra Board member or two.
2. Lap Top Computer.
3. Donations towards expanding our Tool Shed for more exhibit space.
4. Donations toward the Building Restoration Fund.

### Executive Board

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Smith  
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Penny Hathaway  
*Treasurer*

Becky Knowles  
*Curator*

It's the start of the new year and thus far a very bitterly cold winter for all of us living here in the north country.

We had a bang up year celebrating our 50th Anniversary of the Society. During the past year, Becky Knowles and Linda Smith rearranged our museum and set up our beautiful new exhibit displays. Roger Clayton and family, along with expert help from Paul and Joe Shackford, restored the Madison Town Pound. The Historical Society had the stone in front of the pound engraved. We also entered a float celebrating our 50th in the Old Home Week parade and won first place!

Roy Bubb continues to be busy promoting and selling his wonderful book, Visions from a White Mountain Palette, The Life and Times of Charles A. Hunt (Madison's White Mountain Painter). Donating the proceeds to the MHS Building Restoration Fund. Roy's book was recently submitted into the New England Book Festival by his publisher, Peter Randall. We are pleased to hear that his book

won second place in the category of Art and Photography. Congratulations Roy! If you have not already bought a copy or know someone who would be interested in getting a copy, please send \$40.00 to the Madison Historical Society.

We also want to thank Laura Granville Lang for the loan of her four paintings that were on display at the museum this past year. Laura's wonderful paintings included the train station, the Town Hall, the Madison Baptist Church, and the Granville Homestead. We will miss her works of art, and hope to see them again sometime in the future.

Last, but not least, Bob Nipher had the Charles A. Hunt landscape, which hangs in the museum, cleaned and restored. It looks absolutely beautiful.

We have been fortunate to have recently added another member to the Executive Board, and welcome Penny Hathaway as our new treasurer. Penny has many years of experience with various committees and Boards, and will be a terrific asset to our board. Welcome Penny!

This year we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary of the Historical Society Museum building. The town gave use of what was the Recreation Hall to the Historical Society in 1959, and the building was officially dedicated on August 12, 1959 during Old Home Week.

We are looking for three members who will be interested in being part of the Nominating Committee to be elected at our May meeting. The duty of the Nominating Committee is to nominate candidates, whose consent to serve on the executive board has been obtained, for each office to be filled at the annual meeting in July. The officers of the Society are elected for a term of two years. If you are interested in being part of the Nominating Committee or would like to be a member of the Board, please contact Linda Smith.

We are hoping that the New Year will bring a few more members to our busy board. If you are interested let us know!

Mary K.W. Lucy

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

This is taken from an old newspaper article, probably from The Reporter, sometime after the Madison His-

torical Society meeting dated January 16, 1963.

*Madison Historical Society*

*The Madison Historical Society held its January meeting at the hall, 12 members being present. The*

meeting was opened by the chairman, Herbert Weston with the Lord's prayer and salute to the flag.

The records of the December meeting were read and approved.

It was reported the tanks [oil] had been moved into the hall. Balance on hand from the treasurer's report, \$187.72.

A necklace that is at least 150 years old which belonged to Jennie MacDonald was given to the society.

After a discussion it was voted to do repair work on the kitchen, especially the ceiling. \$75 was appropriated for this purpose.

Mr. Weston read the directions on how a "pound" was constructed. Mrs. Weston's program was "old legal papers." She read several of these and then they were discussed. These copies are very interesting, the old script, the use of the language and the very clear and concise way in which they were written. Some of these papers dated back to 1853. Thank you Mrs. Weston for a very informative and interesting meeting.

Refreshments of very delicious apple pie, ice cream, cheese and coffee were served by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meader.

The next meeting of the Society will be February 20 at the hall.

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## MAILBAG

Linda Smith recently received a little notebook filled with Madison School newspaper articles from Carolyn Gilman Guyer as a donation to the museum. In Carolyn's letter she notes that:

*Sewell Kennett was my uncle—he married Florence Gilman—my father's sister.*

She goes on to say:

*I cannot tell you who compiled this, but there is a list in the book headed "Mrs. Sadie Gilman", who was my paternal grandmother, and mother to Arthur Gilman and Florence Gilman, and wife of Herbert Harmon Gilman.*

Unfortunately, there are no dates except within a few of the articles, mostly written in the years of 1925 and 1926. The newspaper was probably **The Reporter**.

Here are a few excerpts:

### **Madison High School Notes**

*School opened Monday, Sept. 14, 1925, with a total enrollment of 35. Mr. Stuart Edgerly of Omaha, Nebraska, is the new headmaster.*

*It was with sorrow and regret that we heard of Mr. Conner's death in the late summer and he is sadly missed in the school. The headmaster, however, is proving an able successor and a pleasant year is anticipated.*

*The Knights of Good English held an election of officers Friday, Sept. 18, with the following results:*

*President, Henry Hobbs; Vice President, Pearl Granville; Secretary, Esther Jackson; Treasurer, Paul Nason. The President appointed the following committee for the first month: Program, Beatrice Giles, Chairman, Reginald Lyman, Eulalie Pascoe; Publicity, Florence Gilman, Chairman, Rhonda Pearson, Harriet Meloon; Work, Alfred Moody, Chairman, Leonard Bickford, Eleanor Nason. The following program was enjoyed after the business meeting. Singing, School; Welcome to Freshmen, Frances Thompson; Welcome to School, Headmaster Edgerly; Piano Solo, Eulalie Pearson; Recitation, Frank Pearson; Singing, School. After the program, the senior girls served refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cocoa, as a welcome to the Freshmen.*

*Tuesday night, the school is planning a corn roast. We hope all will be able to attend.*

### **MADISON HIGH SCHOOL**

*Tuesday night, M. H. S. enjoyed the first social event of the season. This was a corn and weenie roast at Silver Lake Bathing Beach. Nearly all the students were present and a jolly time was had by all of them.*

*While the boys were making the fire, some of the pupils played on their ukuleles and sang. Headmaster Edgerly also played on his "sweet potato." After the feast the party gathered around the fire and sang songs while some of the boys did "stunts." Most of the students hiked to and from the Lake.*

*The girls of M. H. S. are forming a hiking club. Plans are being made to hike fifty miles this fall and win "M's."*

*Florence Pearson, 1926*

*Special exercises have been a part of the morning assembly for the past week. The program for the week included a Piano Solo by Stanley Jackson, Current Events by Leonard Bickford, Reading by Esther Jackson, and a talk by Headmaster Edgerly, based on Lyman Abbott's "Books." It is hoped these interesting programs will continue all year.*

*Rhoda Pearson, 1928*

*Yesterday, the English Club enjoyed a rare treat when Professor R. A. Daley addressed them on the "Cause of Earthquakes." Mr. Daley is a geologist and has made a special study of this subject. His address was most interesting and instructive.*

*Harriet Meloon, 1927*

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**Editor's note: We welcome all stories and memories, long or short to add to the newsletter. Please e-mail to Mary Lucy at:**

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1923-24 BASEBALL TEAM

The Madisonian  
**Madison High School**  
 June, 1924

**Athletics**

*"And the muscles of his brawny arms  
 Are strong as iron bands."*

Longfellow

The first week of the spring term found eighteen candidates at Madison High School ready and eager for the coming baseball season. All of last year's team was there with the idea of taking up the season where last year's ended. The weather prevented immediate action but new bats, balls, etc. were ordered so that when the grounds were ready we could begin practicing at once.

[Luther] Hill, '25, is the shortstop at present, having been changed from second. And when "Lute" starts for the ball, it means the finish for the batter.

[Roland] Lyman, '24, is playing second and generally stops the ball in time to get the batter.

[Arthur] Gilman, '24, is our star third baseman and also one of our heavy hitters. "Rip" can surely rip the balls.

[Albert] Conner, '25, is at present alternating between first and the box. "Al" is Madison's best on first and when it comes to pitching is so fast that the

opposing team cannot see his steam.

[Austin] Savary, '24, is Madison's backstop and is doing excellent work. When "Savary" whips to the bases, the runner needs wings if he thinks to arrive safe.

[Roland] Ward, '24, our old pitcher, is working well and will win his share of the games this year. "Nellie" has plenty of speed and is very heady.

[Paul] Nason, '26, [Sewall] Kennett, '25, and [Carroll] Welch, '25, our fielders, do good work when it comes to catching flies. Paul, "Suzie" and "Cappy" also do much to our batting strength.

For subs we have [Alfred] Moody, '26, [?] Ward, '26, and [Henry] Hobbs, '26, - all good men who will all make next year's team.

Madison opened the season by attempting to play Kennett April 24th in a blizzard. The game was called in the fifth inning. The Kennett boys seemed to be superior in the snow and ran to shelter with the score 9 to 1 in their favor. Batteries: ward and Lyman, Hamilton, and Kenerson.

April 25th Par. Sem came to Madison for a game. Conner pitched well and the Madison boys hit the ball hard, winning the game by the score 21 to 6. Batteries:

Conner and Savary, Evans and McCaffery.

May 3rd Madison played Nute at Madison. Again M. H. S. was victorious by the score of 5 to 1. Good battery work by Conner and Savary and sharp infield work did the trick. Batteries: Conner and Savary, Abbott and Carpenter.

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**Madison High School**  
 November, 1925

**A Freshman's Tale**

BEATRICE GILES, 1926

When I entered high school three years ago, school was held in the Town Hall. We did not have regular desks but sat on long benches. I did not know what to do with my many books, so when I went into English or History class, I carried all the heavy, burdensome load with me and held it carefully on my lap. I noticed that everyone smiled, but although I was nervous and embarrassed, I did not know why they smiled. After I had been in high school a week and became better acquainted, I understood that I should not carry all my books to class with me but only those that I should need in the class.

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