

Madison Historical Society

Fall 2015



Recipes Needed for Our New Cookbook LAST CHANCE

Please email Penny with your favorite recipes at penmike@roadrunner.com
or mail to PO Box 505, Madison, NH 03849

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Baseball Players Identified

150th Madison Donation

Visit from Tuftonboro Historical Society

Madison Boulder

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Thank you to those who identified these boys in the 1947 Madison High School baseball picture. We heard from Ruth Shackford, Eleanor Jenkins, Joyce Richardson, and Arline Harmon Parker who wrote, "I remember them well, as I was in the Class of '48 and was probably one of their loudest fans. And later I was married to Dale Parker for over 60 years before he died in 2013."

Back Row: Harry Kenney (teacher & coach), George Ames, Herbert Gilman, Clifford Ward Jr., Dale Parker, Richard Savary, George Webster.

Front Row: Bernard Nickerson, Russell Webster, Franklin Jones, Henry Forrest, Zantford Savary, Wilbur Meader.



Thank you to Patricia Bishop from Conway for donating a large magazine rack.



And thank you to other folks who have recently contributed:

An oil painting by e e cummings

A Silver Lake Post Office sign

A postcard of "White Mts NH, Silver Lake, Madison & Mt. Chocorua"

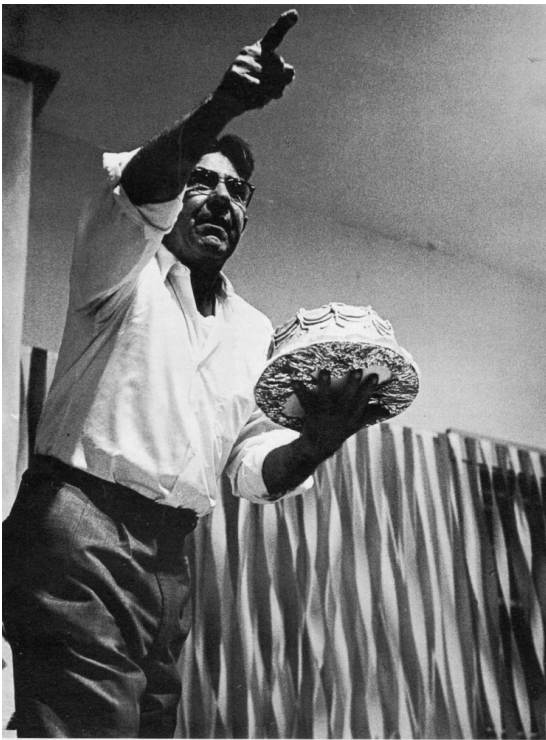
25 Madisonians from 1923-1948

A card with "Spirit of Mt. Washington" poem signed e e

A 1903 Old Home Week button

A painting of Chocorua & Upper Lake by Nellie Nickerson (1954)

Hand-carved & painted farm animals done by Clarence Thurston who lived on Danforth Lane.



Auctioneer Arthur Gilman opens the bidding.



Ernest Meader serves his son Wilbur;
Leland Drew assists

From a 1923 Madisonian, by Martha Kennett:

One winter, about the year 1868, it was planned to have the Donation Party in the church because the minister's home was not large enough. Many people came from the neighboring towns. Ice cream was first introduced into Madison at this party. Almira Harmon, while visiting friends in Chocorua, had learned to make Ice Cream. She borrowed an ice cream freezer from her friends and made some for the Donation Party. This was a great treat! She sold her ice cream & received 12 dollars for it. It had been decided to sell the cakes too & give the money to the minister instead of food as in former years."

COMING NOVEMBER 7th - 150th Anniversary

MADISON DONATION

Madison Elementary School - 5:30 pm
auction starts at approximately 7 pm

From New Hampshire Profiles
November, 1964
Photographer: Hanson Carroll

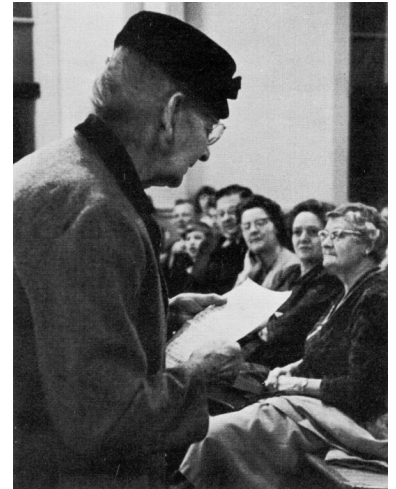
The scene of the event is the Town Hall, but the feverish and secret preparations for it take place in the kitchens of the ladies of the congregation. The highlight of the affair is the cake auction, and great is the rivalry as secret family recipes are carefully evaluated to make sure that in each case the best and most delectable will go to the Donation.

The affair usually draws all the townspeople and many who return to Madison just for that event.

They start with gallons of oyster stew, the ingredients of which are donated by the townspeople. After this hearty concoction has been consumed to the satisfaction of all present, samplings of cake and dishes of ice cream are sold.

Probably the best know guest of this and many previous years is Edith Chick. "Aunt Edie" is in her ninety-sixth year. Last year she composed and read a poem in honor of the occasion

When the auctioneer takes his stand you can feel the tenseness of the ladies present, for this is the time when the highest bid takes the cake. And when the wallet of the highest bidder takes the beating. There is prestige in having your own creation bring the most money of the evening, and many a husband has paid dearly for this status symbol. But in the Yankee tradition you get something for your money along with the giving.



"Aunt Edie" Chick, age 96,
reads her annual poem.

MADISON N. H. DONATION November 13, 1953

Donation time has come again,
How quickly the time comes round;
Though the air is cold and the
wind blows,
There's no snow upon the ground.

On the thirteenth of November,
The year nineteen fifty - three;
We will meet in the Town Hall,
As everyone did agree.

We'll be glad to meet our friends,
In the old - fashioned way you
see;
Everyone happy, laughing, and
gay,
And also — hungry as can be.

The eighty - fifth anniversary
of our Donation,
Not a year has been missed since
the first;
Our parents then were the active
ones,
Now others in their place do the
work.

Neighbors and friends we hope
you'll come,
We will be glad to see you that
night;
We hope you will have a jolly good
time,
And also — a good appetite.

When you look at the food before
you,
It will make you want to eat;
Oysters, ice cream, and cakes,
And home made candy so sweet.

For eighty - five years it has been
this way,
We laugh, talk, and eat all we can;
When we're through, the parson
has money,
We hope you will come if you can.

Mrs. Edith P. Chick



September picnic & excursion with Tuftonboro Historical Society members



SCHOOL NOTES:

The Madsonian

Madison High School

November, 1924

Immediately after school on October 14, a group of girls with Miss Quimby started on a hike for **MADISON BOULDER**, the largest known boulder in America. One of the girls had a camera and several pictures were “snapped” before they started. The scenery was beautiful all the way. In several places views of the distant mountains were unusually fine in their autumn splendor. Although the group had to hurry to reach their destination before dark, they found time to tell funny stories and sing school songs. The boulder is situated in a tiny clearing in the midst of a forest. When the last corner was turned and the immense rock towered above the girls, they could hardly help being deeply impressed. A climb to the top was made where a picture long to be remembered was seen in the dark forests with the sky in the background, faintly illuminated by the afterglow of the sunset. More songs were sung on the way home and the exposition ended with a hearty serenade for the superintendent of schools.



RECIPES WANTED

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DUCHESS POTATOES:

Ingredients:

Mashed Potatoes - 2 cups

Hot Milk - 1 gill*

Butter - 1 tablespoon

Salt & Pepper

Directions:

Beat rapidly until light and white. Then form into balls. Stand in a greased baking pan. Brush them over with milk & brown in oven. Serve immediately.

* The GILL is a unit of measurement for volume equal to a quarter of a pint. It is no longer in common use, except in regard to the volume of alcoholic spirits measures.

Pictured on the left are copper gill measuring jugs.

(<https://en.wikipedia.org>)



MARGARET N. GILMAN'S BAKED APPLES:

Ingredients:

6 or 8 apples, peeled down half way and cored

1/2 cup raisins

1/4 cup walnuts

2 tbsp. flour

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 cup water

3 tbsp. butter

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 cup orange juice

Directions:

Put apples in baking dish. Fill centers with raisins and nuts. Combine dry ingredients and butter. Put on top of apples. Pour water and orange juice over apples. Bake 1 hour.

AUTUMN

Alice Leavitt, '31

A flash of color on the hill

The deep blue sky with its own thrill
Autumn!

Ripe fruits, brown nuts, and grains
and all

Gathered beside the old stone wall
Autumn!

Then branches bare and flowers sere
The harvest gathered 'gainst next
year.

Autumn!

The Madison Historical Society is pleased to have a full board of officers and directors for the first time in several years. We have big plans for rearranging our whole display and have a very interesting exhibit in the works.

President	Linda Smith
Vice-President	Mary McIntosh
Secretary	David Wilkins
Treasurer	Penny Hathaway
Curator	Karen Lord
Directors	Betty Fernandes, Ann Wilkins, Sally Perrow

The museum was open on Tuesday afternoons from May through September and for the Madison Library's special e e cummings weekend in July. David and Ann Wilkins were instrumental in arranging the cummings display which was up all summer.

PLEASE NOTE:

We have an eBay Account where 100% of the profits go directly to the Madison Historical Society through an entity called the Paypal Giving Fund. So, if you have something that you would like to donate to be sold, you may call Penny Hathaway at 367-4530 or email her at penmike@roadrunner.com. If (when) we are able to sell it, we will provide you a receipt for your tax records at the end of the year.

Summer 1938 - The Madison Woman's Club participated in a play contest with "The Choir Rehearsal" -

*Mad Woman's Club.
Rev. Warren Goodwin
Mrs. Seward Gilman
Arthur Gilman
Miss Margaret Gilman
Leland Drew
Mme. Zalisowski
Herbert Arnold
"The Choir Rehearsal"
Performed at
1938 Play Contest
and won!!!*

Rev. Warren Goodwin, Lucinda Gilman, Arthur Gilman, Margaret Gilman, Mme. Zalisowski, Leland Drew, Herbert Arnold.



Please note that your mailing label will tell you when your dues expire.

MEMBERSHIP FORM:

_____ Single Membership - \$10.00 _____

_____ Family Membership - \$15.00 _____

_____ Junior Members (under 18) - free _____

_____ Senior Members (over 80) - free _____

_____ Donation _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Seasonal Address (if any): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ **Check here if you would prefer your**
Newsletter by email: _____

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