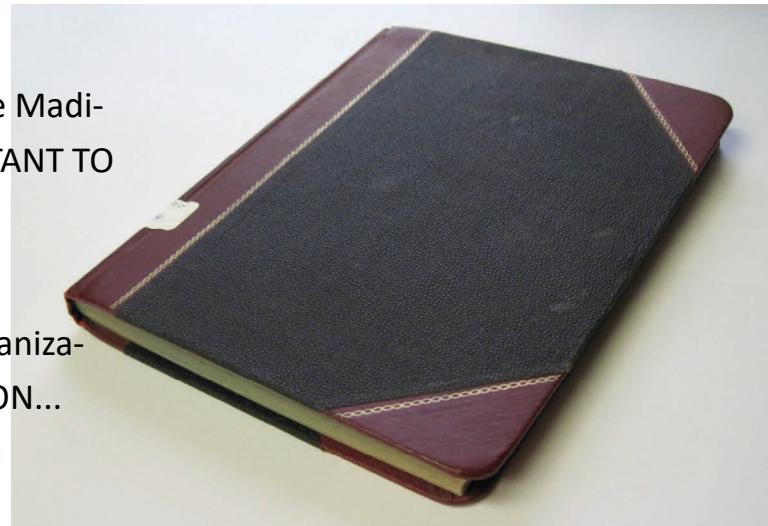


Madison Historical Society

March 2017

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Also enclosed were minutes from the organizational meeting of BOY SCOUTS IN MADISON...

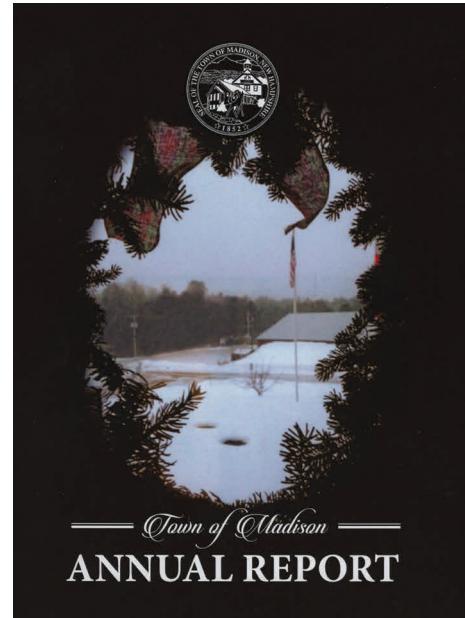


MARCH means TOWN MEETINGS in New Hampshire. Madison Town Meeting will have probably have come and gone by the time you get this newsletter, but look for our report inside.

For a copy of the whole Town Report, go to www.madison-nh.org.

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From the Curator's Desk

Some of you may have heard that the Historical Society was planning a MILITARY EXHIBIT for the summer of 2017. However, our board has unanimously decided that we postpone it until 2018. This will give us more time to connect with our community and find out what type of military memorabilia is available from our residents that you might share with us for this exhibit. For those of you whom have already contacted me on the type of military things you have, THANK YOU, and we will not forget about you for the summer of 2018. Anyone who has items they think may be of interest for this military exhibit are encouraged to contact me, karen@vinegarhillnh.com. The more I can see what is available out there, the better the focus and success this exhibit will be. As your local Historical Society, we encourage the participation of our residents to help create a memorable exhibit that can be enjoyed by all.

I am pleased to announce the purchase of a new computer for the cataloging of our museum's collections. This purchase was made possible by the kind and generous donations of supported Roy Bubb and Nancy Banfill Helterman. Once the weather gets a bit warmer, I will begin photographing and cataloging the collections of our main building and the tool shed behind the building. This leads me to the ANNOUNCEMENT that this summer's exhibit will be:

"TOOLS OF OUR FOREFATHERS"

We plan to have many of our old tools exhibited throughout the main floor of the building from June 1 to September 30. If you have an interesting tool used here in the Madison area and would like us to take a look at it to either help identify, donate or loan for this exhibit, please contact me, and we can make arrangements. We encourage you to bring interesting tools to our opening meeting in May:

May 18, 2017, 7 pm
Remember When and What Is It?
(show and tell—tools, etc.)

Anyone who would like to volunteer at the Historical Society is encouraged to contact me or our president Linda Smith (ldns7558@gmail.com). If anyone is interested in helping to catalog/photograph our collection, please contact me. Computer skills are a must.

Karen Lord, Curator

MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2016

The Madison Historical Society is very grateful to Madison voters for their support. This year we called on dozens of residents, past and present, to borrow gowns and paraphernalia for this year's major exhibit "Wedding Dresses Through the Decades". It was a big success and won us the 2016 Public Program Award from the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire. Special thanks are due Linda Lovering for her inspiration by the discovery of her mother-in-law's gown in an old chest, and to Curator Karen Lord for the creation of the exhibit.



The museum is open from 2-4 every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Labor Day and by appointment. We have a new website where you can find a slide show and video of all the dresses that were on display this summer, as well as a lot of other useful information. It is www.madisonnhhistoricalsociety.org

The Society has interesting programs from May through September. This year, in addition to the grand opening of the exhibit, we had presentations by humorist Rebecca Rule, a migratory fish biologist, and a joint meeting with the Library on artists and writers of the White Mountains. We had an open house and blueberry bake sale during Old Home Week, as well as a table at their craft fair, and one at the PTO craft fair.

We would like to continue to build relationships with other historical societies, and returned a visit to the Tuftonboro Historical Society in September. We also visited the Hopkinton Historical Society in October when they hosted the AHSNH.

We have established an eBay Account where 100% of proceeds will go directly to the Madison Historical Society through the Paypal Giving Fund and take contributions for resale.

We have a full and active Board of Directors, and volunteer docents, but there will always be opportunities for more people to become involved with the Madison Historical Society.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Board of Directors:

Linda Drew Smith – President

Mary McIntosh – Vice-President

David Wilkins – Secretary

Penny Hathaway – Treasurer

Karen Lord – Curator

Directors – Ann Wilkins, Betty Fernandes, Sally Perrow

Notes of Interest from Minutes of Men's Club of Madison:

These meetings always followed a delicious supper, sometimes prepared by the Ladies Aid, sometimes by a supper committee, and had 15-30 people in attendance. They were usually held at the Town Hall (now the Historical Society Museum) or The Lakeside House.

1931, Sept. 21—Voted to organize a “Men’s Club for any male citizen over 17 years of age, to discontinue the Board of Trade and turn over its money to the Men’s Club.

President—Donald Hamilton

Vice President—George Nickerson

Secretary—F. W. Jackson

Treasurer—Gilbert W. Clayton

A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted October 19, 1931 calling themselves the Madison Men’s Club and appointing six standing committees: Financial, Social, Real Estate, Advertising, Prospecting, and Town Improvement.

The group was quite CONCERNED WITH PROMOTING THE TOWN OF MADISON.

The *Prospecting Committee*’s duty was to “interest outside parties in salable properties and business advantages and to interest them in Madison as a place for permanent residence.”

The *Real Estate Committee* was to “interest itself in real estate transactions, assisting both purchasing and disposing parties...and publish a list of properties for sale”.

It used the *Advertising Committee* to “interest tourists and business men in the beauties and advantages of the town” by publications for advertising purposes.

And the *Town Improvement Committee* was to “improve the physical condition of the town, making it more attractive, as a place of residence”.

In the interest of town promotion, minutes reflected attention to ROAD SIGNS, MADISON BOULDER and BATHING BEACH maintenance, stocking the lake for FISHING, and sponsoring SKI PROGRAMS.

And in 1934, ZONING was a hot topic.

1934, April 16—It was voted that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of zoning the town for business and residential districting and to prepare a resolution to be presented to the Town Meeting regarding zoning restrictions.

1934, June 25—Mr. James Langley of Concord gave a very comprehensive talk on zoning and planning as applied to towns and cities. Voted to cooperate with the Silver Lake Woman’s Club in a special meeting. The Zoning Committee reported a provisional scheme (no details available). Voted that the Zoning Committee should seek cooperation of the Woman’s Club on the proposition of having a zoning commission.

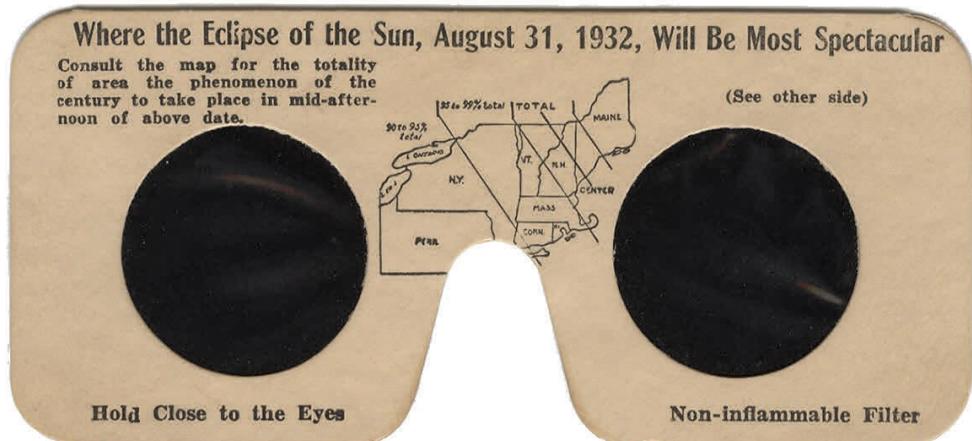
1934, August 20—Meeting held at the Lakeside with the Silver Lake Woman’s Club, 52 present. Mr. James Langley gave an interesting address on Planning and Zoning. Voted that the zoning committee join the Woman’s Club in presenting the matter of zoning to the town. Voted that it be left to the discretion of the joint committee when to present the zoning idea to the town.

1934, September—A discussion over possible means of making zoning and planning better understood.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ZONING WAS RECORDED, AND THE MEETING MINUTES ENDED APR. 17, 1939.

In August of 1932 there was a total ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

And the Men's Club pulled out all the stops to use it to advertise the desirability of Madison as a place to come to watch it! Ralph Kennett reported on accommodations that were available for the viewing, and the Advertising Committee prepared fliers. It was decided to try to interest people on trains to stop in Madison, and Dr. Hicks was appointed to see about transporting them from the train to places to see the eclipse. Cecil Gilman was appointed to put large posters at road entrances to the town to attract tourists (expense not to exceed \$8.00). Articles were to be written to Boston and New York papers and radio stations advertising Madison as an excellent place to see the eclipse.



Note: A total solar eclipse takes place somewhere on earth about seven times each decade, but seeing a total solar eclipse is rare and you will probably have to travel somewhere to see it. Another one is coming to the U.S. this year, August 21st, and will cross 12 states from Oregon to South Carolina. The next total solar eclipse will occur in 2019 and will be visible in Chile and Argentina.

Source of information: March/April 2017 AAA Northern New England Journey magazine, page 38.

BOY SCOUTS IN MADISON—1932

Found in the back of Madison Men's Club minutes 1931-1939:

April 5, 1932

A Meeting of the Boy Scout Troop Committee was held at the home of Geo. Chick.

Those present were Mr. Clayton, Mr. Geo. Chick, Mr. Geo. Nickerson, Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Mitchell.

Voted that President of Men's Club be made permanent chairman of Troop Committee. Accordingly, Geo. Nickerson was named chairman of Troop Committee.

Voted to institute a Troop of Boy Scouts.

Voted to appoint Mr. Goodwin as Scoutmaster.

Mr. Goodwin's resignation from the Troop Committee was accepted.

Voted that a meeting be called on April 12th for eligible boys and their parents to meet at Town Hall to organize the troop and register the boys.

Voted to adjourn.

C. Mitchell, Secretary of Committee



From Our Cookbook

Published in late 2015, it has contributions by over 30 historical society members and friends with selections from the circa 1950 Silver Lake Woman's Club "Favorite Recipes" - The book itself is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11", 66 pages, spiral bound, with mylar protective cover.—\$10 plus \$3.00 media mail postage

Here is a sample:

APPLE OVEN-BAKE PANCAKES

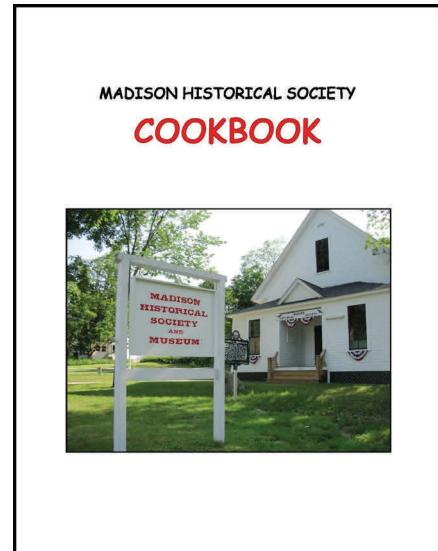
Olive W. Clayton

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons melted margarine (or butter)
1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup thinly sliced peeled apple (medium)
2 large eggs (or egg beaters)
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup milk (whole or skim)
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Melt margarine or butter in 9" pie plate in oven. Remove. Sprinkle brown sugar over melted margarine or butter. Arrange sliced apples over sugar. Sprinkle cinnamon over apples. Beat eggs and milk in medium bowl with wire whisk or beater. Add flour and salt until mixed (do not overbeat or pancakes may not puff up). Pour batter over apples. Bake 25 minutes. Immediately loosen edge of pancake and turn upside-down onto a plate. Makes 2 servings.



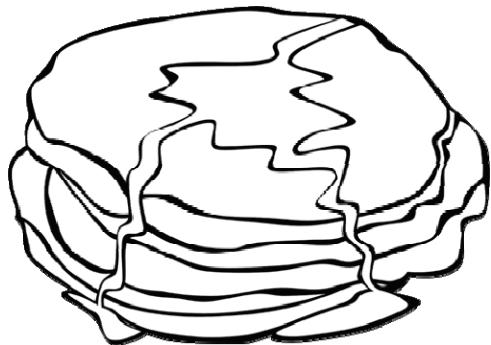
APPLE FRITTERS

Percy J. Holmes

Put through coarse meat chopper 5 good-sized apples. Set aside. To yolks of 2 eggs well beaten, add:

1/2 tsp. salt	1 tbsp. salad oil
1 tbsp. sugar	1/2 cup milk

Mix thoroughly and add chopped apples. Lastly add 2 egg whites beaten until stiff. Fry like griddle cakes in rather deep fat or more fat than for griddle cakes. Instead of syrup, use granulated sugar and two or three drop vinegar. Good.



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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

At the Madison Historical Society Museum, 7 pm, unless otherwise noted.

MAY 18

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JUNE 15

Beech River Shutter Mill
(at the mill, 30 Route 16B, Ctr. Ossipee) - history and tour
Randy Ouellette



JULY 20

Boulder Architecture in NH:
Using Local Field Stone in the Granite State
David & Ann Wilkins



JULY 22

Teddy Bear Picnic
Daytime event, kids, games

OLD HOME WEEK

Saturday, August 5, craft table at the ballfield, 9-2

Sunday, August 6, blueberry bake sale & open house at the museum, 2-4



NEW HAMPSHIRE
humanities

AUGUST 17

Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor?



SEPTEMBER 21

Genealogical Resources

Bob Cottrell, Sloane Jarrell & Mary Cronin

Membership dues are payable July 1st.

MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Single Membership - \$10.00

Family Membership - \$15.00

Junior Members (under 18) - free

Senior Members (over 80) - free

Donation

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