

FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

The first meeting of the Alexander Community Club and Volunteer Fire Department was held on February 6, 1959. The following were elected officers of the Community Club: president, Cecil Frost; vice-president, Laurence Frost; secretary, Mable Frost; and treasurer, Lois Phalen. Elected to the board were Pete Phalen for a three-year term, Elbridge McArthur for a two-year term and Darrell Frost for a one-year term. The refreshment committee was made up of Hazel Frost, Florence Frost, Lois Phalen, and Mable Frost. Hubert Dwelley was the sick committee.



CLEAN-UP CREW (ca 1960) AT THE FIRE HALL

DAVE HOLST, HAROLD BOHANON, CLINTON FLOOD, ROGER HOLST, TOMMY SMITH, NELSON FLOOD, BERNARD FLOOD, TERRY HOLST, and MEL HUNNEWELL

The next business to come before the meeting was to elect officers of the Volunteer Fire Department. They were: chief, Lyston Frost; assistant chief, Elbridge McArthur; captain, Darrell Frost; and lieutenant, Laurence Frost.

The group voted to meet at 7:30 pm on the last Friday of each month, to have two articles placed on the warrant for the Town meeting: 1) To see if the Town will vote to give the Hail School building to the Community Club as a Community Club building and Fire house; 2) To see if the Town will vote to give the Community Club and Fire Dept an amount of \$100.00.

The meeting was brought to a close with a penny collection of \$2.91. Those present were: Lyston Frost, Hazel Frost, Laurence Frost, Florence Frost, Mrs. Day, Tom Long, Elbridge McArthur, Hubert Dwelley, Cecil Frost, Darrell Frost, Mable Frost, Morey Hunnewell, Pete Phalen, and Lois Phalen.

The above information came from the secretary's records that present secretary Gerald Cooper shared with A-CHS. We made a copy of those records so now this information is stored in two places. They cover the first year and half of the Community Club's existence. Some bits and pieces from the records:

On March 27 it was voted to have a dinner at Town Meeting, price 75 cents with the menu being baked beans, rolls, salads, pickles, cake, tea and coffee. From a later report we find that they earned \$35.25 from that dinner. Three committees were set up. Florence Frost, Hazel Frost, and Lois Phalen were the feeding committee. Ruth Dwelley, Doris Edgerly, Madeline Flood, and Rowena Bates were the nursing committee, and Everett Bates, Nelson Flood, and Laurence Frost were the policy committee.

On April 24 the group had so much money that they voted to open a checking account, ordered a dozen chimney sticks, and have the lights on at school building. They also wrote Lester Young of East Machias about Civil Defense.

At the May 29 meeting the members voted to join the Border Fire Association and pay the \$5.00 dues. They purchased 12 chimney sticks from Mr. Van Tassell.

At the June 26 meeting it was decided to start work on the firehouse and get the selectmen to see Francis Brown about a deed.

At the July 31 meeting, Florence Frost was elected as the "sick" committee, and flowers were ordered for Inez Frost. Slides on Japan were shown by Cpt. Brown. Dale Crosby and Royce Cousins from the North Union Road in Cooper were guests at the meeting.

At a special meeting on August 19, Francis Brown brought the signed deed, and at the regular meeting in August, the incorporation papers were discussed.

In September and October the group talked about a stove, working on the building, putting a sign on the building, and having another baked bean supper. The supper was on November 11th and raised \$68.60. This was apparently the last event for 1959.

Charter Members

Lyston Frost	Hazel Frost
Cecil Frost	Laurence Frost
Florence Frost	Tom Long
Mrs. Day	Darrell Frost
Pete Phalen	Lois Phalen
Mable Frost	

Active Members

Laurence Lord	Everett Bates
Charles White	Nelson Flood
Madeline Flood	Doris Edgerly
Neil Seavey	Rowena Bates
Max Berry	Olive Perkins
Mell Hunnewell	

Also included in the records shared by Gerald are the treasurer's reports from March 28, 1969 to May 25, 1973. Dyer Crosby of Cooper was the treasurer during that time. From the first report we find that the treasury had \$116.49 and that amount grew until the last report when it was \$357.34.

Income came from dues, the monthly penny collection, Town of Cooper for fighting fires, rummage and food sales, donations from numerous residents, the appropriation from Alexander for 1971, bean suppers, and a ticket drawing (50/50) with Ernie Boyle getting \$150.00.

Expenses included: J.D. Thomas for fuel oil, Eastern Auto Supply for truck parts, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative for electricity, Refuse Ashley for a roof ladder, banking service charges, truck fuel from Rolla Archer (The Village Store), Blanchard Associates for fire fighting equipment, Orville Hartford for repairing the drive shaft on the fire truck, flowers for a grieving family, a sunshine basket for a sick community member, insurance, Todds Hardware and Quoddy Lumber in 1971, Ben Perkins and Ken Dodge for labor on fire hall, (Edward Sullivan donated the cost of the cement floor for the fire hall - \$95.00), The Hines Company for fire sticks, Border Firemen Association dues, Robert McArthur for plowing door yard, and overhead doors.

ADDITIONS and CORRECTIONS

Issue 101, page 3 of Bertha Scribner's Diary: Marian Cousins informed us that the folks who visited Bertha and Leon on March 17 were Austin and Edith *Jamieson*. They were great Grange people. Marian also gave us four prints of Beaver Lodge on Crawford Lake. These were of paintings done by Gordon Harris, a friend of Jim Entwhistle, owner of Beaver Lodge. Thanks Marian.

Issue 101, page 13: Teri (Dean) Davis was Laurence "Toddy" Dean's daughter, not his sister.

Issue 101, page 19: Warren Demmons was Gerald Demmons father, not grandfather.

FROST REUNION

There will be a meeting of members of the FROST family at the home of Geneva Frost on Sunday August 8. The gathering starts at 11:00 AM and lunch is at 1:00 PM. Please bring sandwiches, salads, casseroles, or anything to share. Desserts, coffee, and punch will be provided. Also bring your own chair.

Geneva lives in Mariaville (named for William Bingham's daughter Maria who married Henry Baring, brother of Alexander Baring). Just west of the Union River on route 181 is Fire Lane 200 running north. Geneva's home is about a mile up that road.

A HISTORY OF THE PEOPLES' UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WOODLAND. MAINE

About a century ago, a couple of factors would greatly change the economic prosperity of Baileyville. The Saint Croix River, a natural resource, which forms the northeast boundary of the town has a large flow of water and several falls. The river was a highway for transporting pulpwood. The water is necessary for paper production, as is electricity generated at Sprague Falls and Grand Falls. And, earlier a railroad had been built from the port at Calais to Princeton. The river and the railroad plus the infusion of outside capital (cash) changed Baileyville from a rural community like Alexander to a mill town with the village of Woodland at its center.

According to the old maps, Baileyville had no church buildings but did have as many as four school buildings. Lack of church buildings are not an indication of lack of religious fervor or activity. Ministers from "downriver" occasionally ventured into the rural areas. Starting as early as 1818, the New England Conference was sending ministers to the Saint Croix area, and itinerant preachers periodically held revivals throughout the countryside.

What follows is based in part on a paper delivered on May 1, 1947 by Eda (Hunnewell) Brown; on a paper written in 1962 by Carrie Cox and Jessie Warr; on work done by Grace Ober; and on Trustees' Records of Peoples' United Methodist Church. Carleton Brown and Rolfe Flood were the individuals who did the hard work of digging up information.

Records relating to the Peoples' Methodist Church indicate that Rev. Mr. Whittier, a Congregational missionary, organized a Sunday School in the spring of 1894. It met in a small schoolhouse on the Houlton Road between what is now Third and Fourth Avenues. Mr. Whittier occasionally preached, and it was through his efforts that a pastor was found for the new village. Miss Mary Macomber came on July 1, 1902 and stayed for five months until cold weather set in.

In the winter of 1904-5, the religious work was placed in the care of the Interdenominational Commission of Maine, expecting that they would provide the Protestant people with a preacher and a place of worship. This did not happen, and in the spring of 1905, Miss Macomber returned only to leave again in the fall.

In 1905, as the St. Croix Paper Company mill was being built, the Protestant people organized a Christian Workers' Society to build a place of worship. Vesta P. Carle was very active in this organization and later served as Sunday School Superintendent. She also was postmaster for a number of years. Lot No. 57 was acquired from St. Croix and in the spring of 1906, the cornerstone of a church building was laid with ministers from Milltown and Calais holding the service. Construction of the building began at once by men who worked in the mill by day and on the church as long as daylight permitted.

