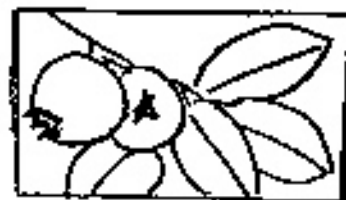




A-C-H-S



Alexander-Crawford Historical Society, Washington County, Maine

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(400 MEMBERS WHO LOVE MAINE!!!)

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C A L E N D A R

TUESDAY, MARCH 15: 'SHOW AND TELL'-

Members are urged to take various artifacts to this 'almost' Spring meeting. Harold Fenlason, our vice president, will lead the discussion. Harold has some very interesting stories - and collectibles to also display.

June 21
TUESDAY, APRIL 19: 'SMUGGLING DOWNEAST'

This intriguing subject of earlier days will be covered by Jack Dudley during his informal talk.

Both Open Board-Program Meetings will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at the Dudleys' cabin on Pocomoonshine Lake. We will have a Sandwich Lunch at noon with the hostess serving dessert (*members & potential members only*).
The Executive Board thanks Tim Sanford and Ellie's "Mrs. Moonie" for their donations & efforts in obtaining 30 matching soup bowls for our chowder & salad lunches. We also thank Mary Williams and Margaret Neal for the spur bowls they have donated to A-C-H-S' future kitchen.

SCHOOL-IN-THE-WOODS 3-month Saturday sessions begin March 5. See Page 13 to read about some very special guests.

TUESDAY, MAY 17: COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The following members have volunteered to bake their delicious Chocolate Cakes for our 3rd annual 'WALK' at the Alexander Grange Hall: Phyllis Archer, Marilyn Carle, Marian Cousins, Zela Cousins, Jane Dudley, Vicki Elliot, Duffy Flood, Albert James, Kay Keck, Melva Keene, Clarice Perkins, Ellie Sanford, Karen Sears, Ken & Kathy Smith, Jan Sullivan, Ethel Wallace and Mary Williams. **SURPRISE!** Read "Great American Cooks" by Susan Mahrke in LANKEE Magazine's forthcoming MAY issue. It features our A-C-H-S May 27th Chocolate Cake Walk!..

MAINE became the 23rd State, March 15, 1820 - which is also the 'Ides of March', and President Andrew Jackson's birthdate in the year 1751.



CRAWFORD FAMILY, moved to Seattle 1889. Henry LeRoy Seavey & Rose Jane Fenlason married Aug. 23, 1874. Children: Ethel Charlotte, and (1. to 2.) Chandler, Erman and Aubrey. (See Page 11)

Downeast Miracle

An A-CHS Miracle is occurring. In just 2 1/2 years of our existence as a Historical Society, our membership has risen to around 400. Twenty-six have joined since our Jan/Feb. newsletter was mailed. (See Page 9).

It is with great appreciation that your society thanks the following Supporting Members for their thoughtful 1983 contributions: Gladys Ayer Bridges, Marilyn Carle, Doris & Marian Cousins, Zeta Cousins, Lois Dudley Donnell, Ruby Farris, Clinton & Dully Flood, John & Pat Foley, Mattie Frost, Hazel Frost, Mildred Gay, Deanne L. Greenlaw, Hilda Greenlaw, Margaret Harmon, Sharon Howland, Pale & Alberta James, Gordon Lord, Ferne Strout Mellon, Joy Malloy, Teresa Gray, Norman, Grace Usher, Glenn & Hilda Sylvia, Luther & Joline Thornton, Alice Varnum Williams, Lloyd & Mary Williams, Beulah Frost Williams, and Phyllis Cousins Hall who requested her donation go into our Building Fund.

St. Patrick's Day



It's Never too High
for the Likes of Us.

MEMBERSHIP: Regular (one person) \$1.00;
Supporting anything over a dollar;
Family membership (3 children or more) \$5.00.
ALSO: 20¢ stamps are required
to mail your copy of A-CHS newsletters.

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1849 SCHOOLS 1981

BY PLINEY FROST

(The following text is taken from the introduction of Alexander-School's 1849-1981, a 45-page manuscript compiled and written by Pliney Frost, our Alexander historian who donated a copy to our A-CHS files. Thank you, Pliney, from all of us.)



In an attempt to put together as complete records of the several single room schools in Alexander as was possible, it was necessary to gather the information from various sources, such as old newspaper clippings, Selectmen's Ledgers, and Annual Town Reports where ever available. As a result we are indebted to the late Annaniah Bohanon, one of the first eight settlers of Alexander, for the account of the first schools in the then Township No. 16. This, according to Mr. Bohanon was in the year 1822.

He informs us that there were two log school houses built for that purpose: one near Mr. Scribner's, now the home of Mrs. Zela Cousins, the other on or near Burnt Barn Hill somewhere near one-half mile west of the Cooper road and on the road leading from the Cooper road to Breakneck Hill (Breakneck Hill road so called).

Mr. Brastos taught the school near Scribners', a Mr. Prince taught the school on Burnt Barn Hill.

The next account we have comes from the Selectmen's Ledger the year 1849, a lapse of twenty seven years. From then until 1870 the records are fairly complete as the reader will observe from the following pages. However once again in 1870 the record becomes silent as to who the teachers were or their individual pay. However, through the courtesy of Gertrude Strout Winter we have a few brief accounts; they are listed as items one through twelve, pages 11 and 12.

Starting with the year 1893 the records are fairly complete with the exception of the years 1943 and 44.

Regards to where the several schools were located, this compiler had reference to the 1861 Map and 1881 Washington County Atlas. As to dates when the several school houses were built we have records of only two. The school house in District No. 4, later District No. 3 or Ceder School in 1901. Before this building was constructed District No. 4 was for the most part a joint district with Cooper sometimes referred to as North Union School.

The consolidated school was constructed in 1956.

The school building in District No. 1, it would seem, was at its present location, at least by the early 1860's. Prior to that the building may have been located across the road from where it now stands.

What we know today as the Alexander Community Club and Fire Department building was in the early days the North East School District School. This building stands on or near the plot of land conveyed by Cornelius Lyon to the North East School District at an early date. It is interesting to note that this conveyance was to the school district rather than to the Town.

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