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The Society's Historian, Mr A.J. Michaud, has published (at long last) a compilation of some of his enchanting anecdotes. The booklet is titled AN ACADIAN HERITAGE OF THE ST JOHN VALLEY. It is now available from the Society, price \$3.50, that is including mailing cost. Mr. Michaud again, under the auspices of the Historical Society, with permission granted by the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, is having the 1902 booklet written by Clarence Pullen, In Fair Aroostook, reprinted. This too will be available for a small token in the near future.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

The fourth annual meeting of the Madawaska Historical Society was called to order by President A.J. Michaud, November 29, 1972, at the Madawaska Public Library.

Board of Directors:

Msgr. Albert Long
Geraldine Chasse
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Officers Elected:

President: Guy Dubay
Vice President: Francis L'vasseur
Secretary: Geraldine Chasse
Treasurer: Msgr. Albert Long

Meetings

The board of Directors met four times to vote and discuss business matters concerning Society policies.

The winter was held January 19th, at the Public Library. The guest speakers were: Game Warden, Leonard Pelletier, of St Francis, who gave an informative talk on the "Lumbering Era in the Allagash".

Miss Martine Pelletier, Librarian for the Van Buren Public Library, spoke on the "Acadian Trail" through the St John Valley in Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Canada. Slides were shown with her talk.

The spring meeting was held on the 22nd of March again at the Madawaska Public Library. Guest speaker was Jim Connors of St Francis and Limestone. Jim is well known for his poetic resitations of Dr. W.H. Drummond's "Habitant", and other famous New England and Canadian poets.

On May 6th and 7th an Arts and Crafts show was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Madawaska. Approximately 1300 people attended. Support was received from the Title VII personnel and the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The spectacular success was due to the overwhelming turn out of Valley residents, and the untiring efforts of Ms. Bernette Albert and President Michaud.

An Allagash tour was conducted on August 20th by officials of the Society. Game Warden Leonard Pelletier and Msgr. Albert Long were the guides. A school bus from the Madawaska School Department was used as transportation. A picnic lunch was served at the Rankin Rapid Picnic Area.

Two "Wellspring" speakers were sponsored by the Society in 1972. Mr Earl Shuttleworth addressed a group of interested Valley residents at the Madawaska Public Library, Topic: "Maine Architecture" Mr Elliot Wiggenton, author of the "Foxfire Book" Topic: The Cultural heritage of Appalacia.

NOTES OF INTREST

The improvements to the museum completed during the summer months included: repairs due to frost damage, winterizing and refinishing the basement, installation of a stairway to the celler, split rail fencing around the grounds and some landscaping.

The museum was open daily from 9A.M. to 7 P.M. from the 4th of July to the end of August. It was open upon request until the end of October. Approxiamtely 1000 people visited us, of which approximately 85% were tourist, outsiders and students. All comments were highly comlementary and encouraging. Much credit is due to the help rendered by the Neighborhood Youth Corps members assigned to the Society during the summer months.

Time has come for us to find a name for our little museum. We are open to any idea or suggestion. Please keep in mind our historical and cultural values when submitting your choice.

The weekly column in the St John Valley Times continued for the fourth consecutive year. Mr A.J. Michaud and Mr Guy Dubay have both made it known that anyone may interrupt their series at anytime. Therefore, anyone wishing to contribute to this effort is encouraged to do so.

DONATIONS AND FUNDS

Funds were received again this year from the Town of Madawaska, Aroostook County and the Arts and Humanities Commission. A substantial profit was realized from the Arts and Crafts Show. The usual sales of publications and small souvenir type articles at the museum and membership dues permitted us to reduce our debt and make the necessary improvements.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership

Mrs Florence Kent - Frenchville, Maine - Mr James Michaud - Grand Isle, Maine
Mr and Mrs Willie T Parent - Madawaska Maine

Contributing Membership

Mr & Mrs Eldon Albert - Newington, Conn.	Dr. Patrick Babin - Ottawa, Ontario
Mrs. Harry Batty - Hartford, Conn	Rella Bezanilla - Brandon, Florida
Milfred Deprey - Orange, Conn.	Mr & Mrs Charles Gagnon - Madawaska, Me.
Mrs Marion MacDonald - Madawaska, Maine	John Gagnon - Charleston, W.Va.
Mrs Rudy Gaulin - Stanford, Conn.	Norman Martin - Bangor, Maine
Rep. John L. Martin - Eagle Lake, Maine	Dr. Ronald N Michaud - Rensselaer, N.Y.
Dr. & Mrs Walter Oplski - Danvers, Mass	Rev. Gerard Parent - Grand Isle, Maine
Sgt & Mrs J. Chanel Guerette - Rome, N.Y.	Reginald Cote - Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr & Mrs Frank Hopkins - Fort Kent, Maine	Mr & Mrs John Houghton - Madawaska, Maine
Mr & Mrs LeRoy Picard - Rockford, Illinois	Mrs Levite Rossignol - Madawaska, Maine
Mrs Irma Riley - North Balm Beach, Fla.	Mrs Neal Martin - Fitchburg, Mass
Mr & Mrs E Therriault - Attleboro, Ma.	J. Roger Vaillancourt - Rumford, R.I.
Mrs Pauline Taylor - Chelmsford, Mass.	Mrs Harold Sedlik - W. Hartford, Conn
	Mr Morill C. Hebert - Harvey Illinois

The total membership is 209. This includes membership of all categories and new members on record during the first three months of 1973. Please continue your membership -- the Society cannot survive without it.

ACQUISITIONS

The donation of artifacts, publications, papers, and documents was overwhelming this summer, most are of inestimable value. The museum is already so small to accomodate everything, despite the expansion of the basement. Because of its length, a complete listing of the donations and donors is attached as an enclosure. The Society takes deep pride in making it known that all acquisitions are donated. Needless to add, the generosity is sincerely appreciated.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Due to the length of this newsletter, most of the information had to be summarized. If by chance some information was not included which you feel should have been published, please do not hesitate to let us know. It will be published in our next newsletter.

All comments will be appreciated.

BOOKS-DOCUMENTS - AND PAPERS

All following publications were donated by Mrs Wilfred Cyr of Lillo, Maine

1. Reports of Assessors: 1906, 1908, 1915;
2. Progressive Arithmetic
3. Maine Woods
4. Speller and Definer
5. Revised Statutes of Maine, 1871
6. Acts and Resolves of State of Maine, 1883
7. Journal of the House, 1877
8. State Board of Health, 1902 - 03
9. Collectors' Tax Lists; 1900, 1907, 1911.
10. Highway Reports: 1909, 1911, 1912
11. Maine Register, 1921, 1922
12. Maine Townsman, 1891
13. Commercial Bookkeeping, 1894
14. Twenty-Six Annual Report, 1916
15. Maine Department of Agriculture, 1913
16. Ethics Book
17. Ledgers: 1894 - 1905 - 1915 - 1927 - 1929 - 1930 - 1931
18. Small Ledger No. 180
19. Aroostook Financial Pamphlets: 1915, 1918, 1920, 1923, 1924
20. Tax Record Ledger: 1902 through 1927 (less 1904 and 1914) Town of Grand Isle.

21. Annual Reports: 1939 through 1945, Town of Grand Isle Mr. Alfred Parent
22. Report of the International Boundry Commission of 1924, and updated copy of of the Report of 1955. (From source of St Croix River to the St Lawrence River) Donated by Dr. E.R. Morneau of Madawaska, Maine.
23. History of Eagle Lake Plantation, 1839 - 1911 by J.L. Dumont (unpublished)
24. Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture, 1896, 1911, 1922, and 1924:
25. Report of the State Board of Agriculture of Maine 1899 Mr. Cyril Beaulieu

REMEMBER TO CHECK WITH US BEFORE DISCARDING OLD PAPERS

MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museum Acquisitions - 1972

I. Artifacts

1. Flax comb (peigne / a filasse)	Mr. Eddie Dufour
2. Sheep shearers	"
3. Wooden tool to wash clothes (battoir)	Mr. Roland Daigle
4. School slate (ardoise)	Mr. Roger Thibodeau
5. Boring implement	Mr. George Desjardins
6. Hand-carved child's toy	Mr. Oneil Lavertu
7. Hand-made toy (horse powered dragsaw)	"
8. Wooden toy	Mr. Paul Parent
9. Forty-eight, star flag	Lions Club
10. Tobacco Cutter	Mr. Armand Cyr
11. Boring Tool (adjustable)	"
12. Pitcher and bowl set, 4 pieces	Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Hebert
13. Glass table butter churner	"
14. Wooden rolling pin	"
15. Wooden pie crust decorator	"
16. Wooden butter mold for individual serving	"
17. Wooden needle-type tool	"
18. Wooden pestle	"
19. Tanned leather roll	Mrs. Eloi Albert
20. Oxen Yoke (on loan)	Mr. Dean Roix
21. Pincers for pig nosewires	Mr. Aurele St. Jarre
22. Old ax	"
23. Kerosene lighter (can type)	Mr. Cyril Beaulieu
24. Cradle scythe	Mr. Wilfred Sirois
25. Wooden tool to coil wool in skeins	Ann's Antique Shop
26. Wool (unwashed)	Mrs. Jerome Cyr
27. Iron shoe mold with 5 forms	Mrs. Wilfred Cyr
28. Ice pick	"
29. Hand check-writer (circa 1910)	Mr. Claude L. Cyr
30. Shaving brush (ivory handle)	"
31. Senator's Desk and chair used by Valley senators at the Maine Capitol until renovation of Chamber	Senator Edward P. Cyr
32. Old triangular harrow used for clearing new land	Mr. Alfred Parent
33. Wooden vise	Mr. Camille Morneault
34. Five-tine pitch fork	"
35. Three-tine pitch fork	"
36. Wooden rakes (2)	"
37. Wooden planes (2)	"
38. Tin-type photographs (10)	"

39. Candle mold	Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Michaud
40. Cut-tobacco distributor	"
41. Iron (Diamond)	"
42. Wool combers (2)	"
43. Stocking stretchers (2)	"
44. Flax Brake (on loan)	"
45. Mitten stretchers	"
46. Ax	"
47. Shaving strap	Mr. Ernest Fongemie
48. Razor	"
49. Hair curler	"
50. Rat trap	"
51. Bridle strap-maker	"
52. Planes (tools for wood moldings)(2)	"
53. Leather roll	"
54. Can opener	"
55. Bucksaw	"
56. Cradle scythe	"
57. Scythe	"
58. Electric light bulb (early 1900's)	"
59. Scrub board	"
60. Patchwork quilt (circa 1880)	Miss Marie Mae Martin
61. Machete	Mrs. Emilie McCluehen
62. Harrow (rectangular, 3 parts)	Mr. Patrick M. Cyr
63. Glass shaving mug (sculptured handle)	Mrs. Ronald Lajoie
64. Wooden thread feeder (une quenouillee)	Mr. Gerard Beaulieu
65. Wooden plow (circa 1800)	"
66. Wooden shoe forms (6)	"
67. Butter-washing implement	"
68. Pair of leather moccasins	"
69. Wooden check board	"
70. Wooden Rug Hook (needle-type)	"
71. Baking tins (2)	Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Albert
72. Potato baskets (2)	"
73. Wooden thread feeder (une quenouillee)	"
74. Wooden vise	"
75. Straw rake	"
76. Wooden level	"
77. Iron bread pan	"
78. Nutmeg grinder	"
79. Candle mold	"
80. Wooden table	"
81. Wooden dry sink	"
82. Iron kettle	"
83. Single-blade hoe	"
84. Grain strainer (winnowing)	"
85. Iron scale	Miss Bernette Albert
86. Child's wooden washstand	"
87. Woolen hooked rugs (2)	"

II. Books, Documents and Papers

Mrs. Wilfred Cyr

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| 1. Reports of Assessors:
1906, 1908, 1915, 1916 | " |
| 2. Progressive Arithmetic | " |
| 3. Maine Woods | " |
| 4. Speller & Definer | " |
| 5. Revised Statutes of Maine, 1871 | " |
| 6. Acts & Resolves of State
of Maine, 1883 | " |
| 7. Journal of the House, 1877 | " |
| 8. State Board of Health:
1902-03 | " |
| 9. Collectors' Tax Lists:
1900, 1907, 1911 | " |
| 10. Highway Reports:
1909, 1911, 1912 | " |
| 11. Maine Register, 1921-22 | " |
| 12. Maine Townsmen, 1891 | " |
| 13. Commercial Bookkeeping, 1894 | " |
| 14. Twenty-sixth Annual Report,
1916 | " |
| 15. Maine Department of
Agriculture, 1913 | " |
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River.) | |
| 22. History of Eagle Lake
Plantation, 1839-1911 by J.L.
Dumont (unpublished) | |
| 23. Yearbooks of the Department of
Agriculture, 1896, 1911, 1922,
and 1924; Report of the State
Board of Agriculture of Maine,
1899. | |

Mr. Alfred Parent

Dr. E.R. Morneault

Mr. James L. Dumont

Mr. Cyril Beaulieu

III. Other Donations

1. Weather-beaten boards	Mr. Victor Plourde
2. Weathered boards	Mr. A.J. Michaud
3. Rocks for landscaping	"
4. Use of truck	"
5. Split-rail fencing	Mr. Alcide Hebert
6. Electric lanterns	Ms. Bernette Albert
7. Ground cover for landscaping	"
8. Stones for steps	"
9. Storage space	Mr. Cyril Beaulieu
10. Maple Staircase	Mr. Ernest Chasse

EVANGELINE

Evangéline, Evangéline,
 Tout chante ici ton noble nom,
 Dans le vallon, sur la colline
 L'éche répète et nous repond:
 Evangéline, Evangéline.

Mr. & Mrs. T.S. Pinkham

List of antiques, artifacts, souvenirs from the Pinkham Family
Fort Kent, Maine given to the museum of the Madawaska Historical Society.

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| 1. Trundle bed dated 1820 | 29. Walking cane |
| 2. One-horse sleigh (pung) | 30. Iron Kettles or cookingware(2) |
| 3. Wicker stand (osier?) | 31.. Wooden bowl |
| 4. Candle snuffer | 32. Hand-crank telephone |
| 5. Cookie cutters (2) | 33. Table (Wooden) |
| 6. Bedpans (1...glass 1...enamel) | 34. Piano stool |
| 7. Old watch casing | 35. Utility case (Wooden) |
| 8. Pairs of woolen stocking
stretchers | 36. Chairs (2) |
| 9. Combs (Fr. peign fin) (2) | 37. Wooden chamber pot frame |
| 10. Handmade cotton rug | 38. Playpen |
| 11. Lampholders (church type) (3) | 39. Ventilators (2) |
| 12. Trunk | 40. Iron fireplace (Sculptured) |
| 13. Large trunks (Cunliffe Family) | 41. Flower stand |
| 14. Handmade woolen blanket | 42. Oil lamp holders (2) |
| 15. Box of handmade lacework | 43. Buffalo robe |
| 16. Iron muffin pan | 44. Baby clothes (circa 1916) |
| 17. Dinner plate | 45. Woven Rug |
| 18. Miscellaneous kitchen utensils | 46. Map of Maine |
| 19. Mugs (pottery) (2) | 47. Webster's Dictionary &
Stand . . . 1920 |
| 20. Six-gallon crock | 48. Rolling pin |
| 21. Clock case (porcelain) | 49. Dough board |
| 22. Porcelain vase | 50. Child's snowshoes |
| 23. Clip board | 51. Skis & poles (2 prs.) |
| 24. Candle Holder | 52. Square-tip paddles (2) |
| 25. Spice grinder | 53. Edge trimmer |
| 26. Teapot (pottery) | 54. Metal brackets (pr.) |
| 27. Small china dishes
(Ironstone) (3) | 55. Ledger on lumber transactions |
| 28. Tea strainer | |