



Many residents of St. Francis attended Mass at this Baptist church in St. Francois, New Brunswick, in 1888, long before any church was established on the American side.



This is a parcel of property located on the flat land behind what was once Parish Hall in St. Francis. Monique Jandreau now has residence over the property, part of which was once a cemetery.



Eva Kelly McBreairty, left, and her sister-in-law Caroline Hafford Kelly were both born in Allagash. Eva married Albert McBreairty and had a family of 11 children. Caroline married Leonard Kelly, and their family numbered 13. This photo is from late 1950s.

LOOKING BACK

Allagash, as it was

ALLAGASH - Allen Jackson of Fort Kent is sharing these photos of the people and places of the Allagash area with readers of the St. John Valley Times. A graduate of Allagash High School, Jackson is a former vice president of the Allagash Historical Society. These photos are shared courtesy of the society, which has a museum near the Dickey bridge that crosses the St. John River.

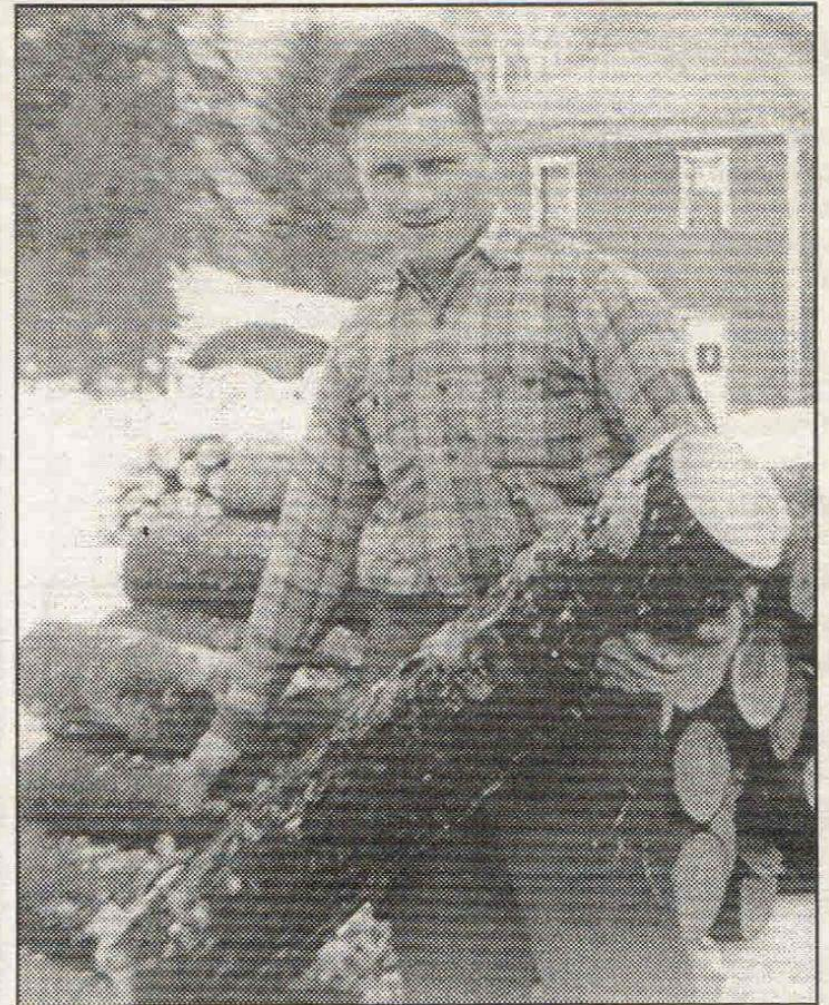
(On page one of this edition of the St. John Valley Times is a photo of Allagash resident John Kelley.)



Ward Albert McBreairty, was born on June 29, 1930, in Allagash. He married Helen O'Leary in 1954.



James McBreairty IV and his wife, Abigail Oakes, were great-grandparents to Allen Jackson. The date of the photo is unknown.

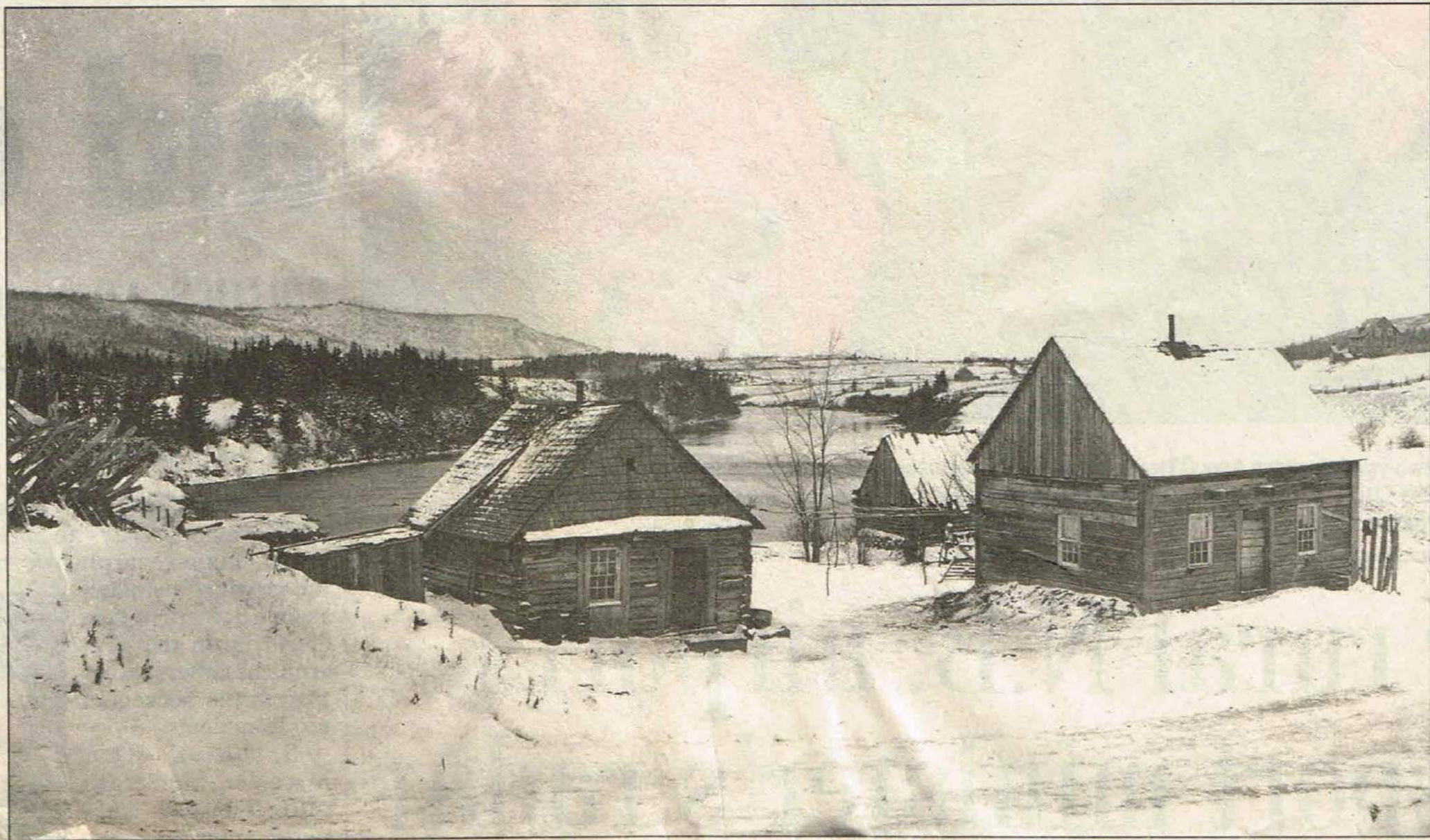


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LOOKING BACK: Allagash, 1930-1940

Norman Hughes, left, and Thomas Gibson lead a team of horses in Allagash in approximately the late 1930s or early 1940s, according to Allen Jackson with the Allagash Historical Society. Norman McBreairty, above, hauls firewood in the late 1940s in Allagash. He was born on June 24, 1920 in Allagash, and died Oct. 28, 1961 after being injured in a hunting accident.

NEW BRUNSWICK HISTORIC IMAGES



Provincial Archives of New Brunswick photograph

Squared-timber houses are seen here in Madawaska County with the St. John River in background, circa 1880. This photo comes from the George Taylor collection of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (P5-94). E-mail us your suggestions or submissions at newsroom@nbpub.com, fax us at (506) 633-6758 or phone us at (506) 645-3262 or toll free at 1-877-389-6397.



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Four portraits of Albert family 'come back home'

Renaud Albert and Bernette Albert, long-time philanthropists to the Madawaska Historical Society, have allowed antique portraits of their great-grandparents, Luc Albert (1818-1888) and Eulalie Violette-Albert, and their grandparents, Eloi Albert (1850-1924) and Delina Dufour-Albert, to "come back home" through a June 25 portrait donation to MHS. The two donated four 19th-century-style, hand-etched portraits

to the Albert House museum, which has been set behind the Tante Blanche Museum on the Acadian Cross and Landing Road for the past 40 years. Its last occupant and resident, Fred Albert, died in 1970. The 1850 U.S. Census record of its occupants shows 13 people residing in the old house, according to Guy Dubay, seasonal museum curator.



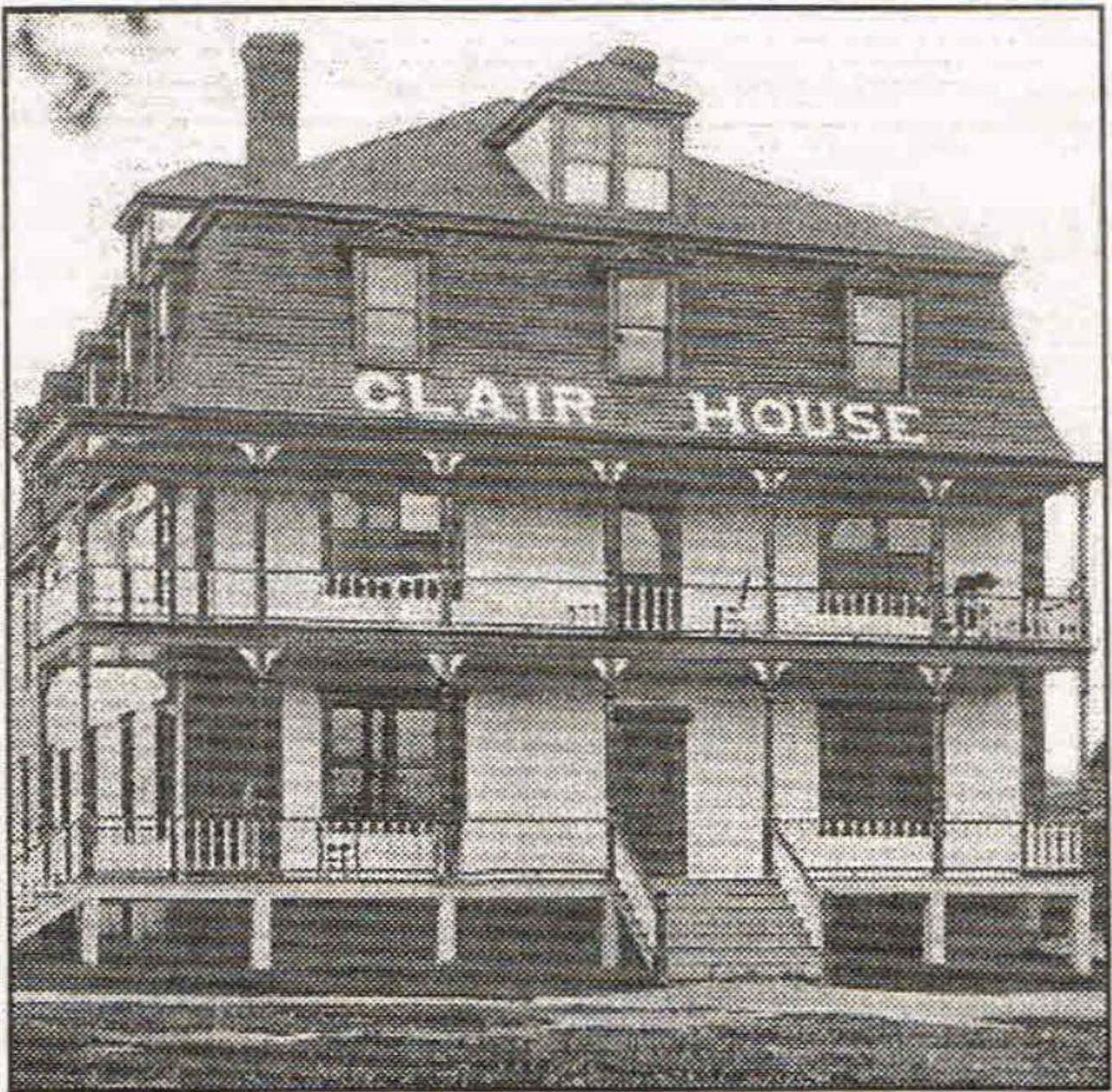
Wisdom High Class of 1960 : 50 years ago

First row: Diane Guerrette, Janelle Franck Albert, Murielle Castonguay Guerrette, Joyce Parker Cox, Dorothy Marquis, Aline Chamberland Charette, Rowena Thibeault Cyr, Phyllis Perrault, Florence Lagassey Mullins, Phyllis Fortin Morin, Stella Dube Hayden, Carlene Bourgoïn Raymond, and Betty Deveau.

Second row: Gerard Paradis, Marc Emile Michaud, Bernard Bossie, Antoine Paradis, Bob Bourgoïn, Pauline Ouellette Bouchard, Joyce Peters Levesque, Vivian Morneault Egan, Camilla Lavoie Kacani, Jeanne Paradis St. Pierre, Priscilla Theriault Juliano, George Albert, Maurice Plourde, Candid Pelletier, Raymond Michaud, and Philip Morin.

Third row: Rose Marie Paradis McQuarrie, Patricia Roy Thomas, Jacqueline Michaud Roy, Madeline Guerrette, and Phyllis Collin Paradis.

Fourth row: Jacqueline Ouellette Rossignol, Nicole Cote Parent, Evelyn Cyr, Roberta Dugal Perron, Louise Labrie Lagassey, Jean Paul Cyr, Jean Paul Michaud, Gilles Dugal, Roland Collin, Richard Gervais, Patricia Damboise Rioux, Sandra Gessner Plourde, Rita Thibodeau Lambert, Leola Ouellette Bouchard, and Fernande Albert Gauvin.



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LOOKING BACK: Clair House, 1910

The Clair House was built in 1898 by Thomas Clair of Clair, New Brunswick. His son James, then 12, helped build it, according to family members Peter and Marielle Clair of Clair. The hotel had 18 rooms and two bathrooms. The exterior, seen here in 1910, was covered with pine boards from Columbia. The hotel became the property of Isidore Albert in 1911, then of Roland Albert and his wife in 1933 and of Éva Albert in 1945. The subsequent buyer, Willie Pinette, named it Riverview Inn. The municipality bought it in 1973 and tore it down three years later to build the Clair Municipal Building.



LOOKING BACK: Edmundston

This was the first Customs station on the Canadian side of the Madawaska / Edmundston border, according to Ray Shearer of Edmundston, New Brunswick. The photo most likely dates back to the late 1930s or early 1940s, said Shearer. The current Custom's building in Edmundston opened in February 1993. Shearer pointed out that an older flag, with the Union Jack, is evident in this photo, as Canada only received its own flag in 1965.

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Albert Bourgoïn, right, and father Treffle Bourgoïn show their catch after a hunting trip in 1958.



Claude Saucier of Baker-Brook, New Brunswick hunted for this wildcat, weighing 16 pounds, in October 1961.

HUNTING IN EDMUNDSTON

These photos, taken during the 1950s, '60s and '70s, depict hunters and their trophies in Edmundston, New Brunswick, including deer, moose and wildcat. The photos are shared courtesy of *Societe historique du Madawaska*.



Hunters Roger St. Onge and Ronald Albert of Clair, New Brunswick shot this bear in 1962.



Real Bouchard, right, harvested this 1,000-pound moose in Saint-Quentin, New Brunswick in 1973.



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Principal Roger Martin, above, right, spends time with students and teachers at Iroquois Elementary School in June of 1973. Top right, students at Cormier High School in Edmundston take a business class in April 1955. Bottom right, a group of students works on a project in Blanche Julien's first-grade class at Ecole Saint-Paul in 1963.



LOOKING BACK: Edmundston

These photos, collected with permission of the *Societe historique du Madawaska*, depict school life for children and young adults in Edmundston during the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Students were taught by nuns. Several elementary and high schools existed in the city of Edmundston.

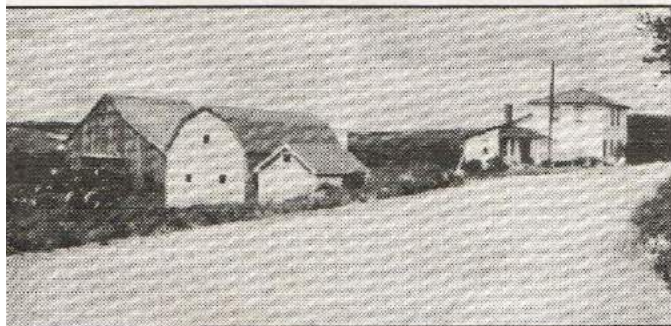
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Madawaska, 1911

Customs officer John Manning, left, stands near the ferry crossing between Edmundston, New Brunswick and Madawaska in 1911. Sitting is his wife Annie Albert Manning, center, with Dr. Edmund Albert, right. Behind them are the ferry docks in Madawaska.



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St. Agatha, 1981

The Romeo Chasse farm homestead on Flat Mountain belonged to Flevrin Picard in 1890 when he bought the land from the state of Maine for \$12. He sold the land on July 14, 1903 to Joseph Martin, according to the Ste-Agathe Historical Society. Martin farmed and raised a family for 29 years and handed the farm down to his son William Martin who lived there for 15 years, selling to Denis Chasse in 1947. Denis sold it to his son Romeo in 1948.



St. Agatha, 1950

Alma (Couturier) Chasse, left, and Alma (Chasse) Mathieu gather potatoes in 1950 in the "back settlements" of Flat Mountain in St. Agatha. Chasse would pick up to 80 barrels a day, according to the Ste-Agathe Historical Society. Couturier's "claim to fame" was in cooking the potatoes, according to the society.

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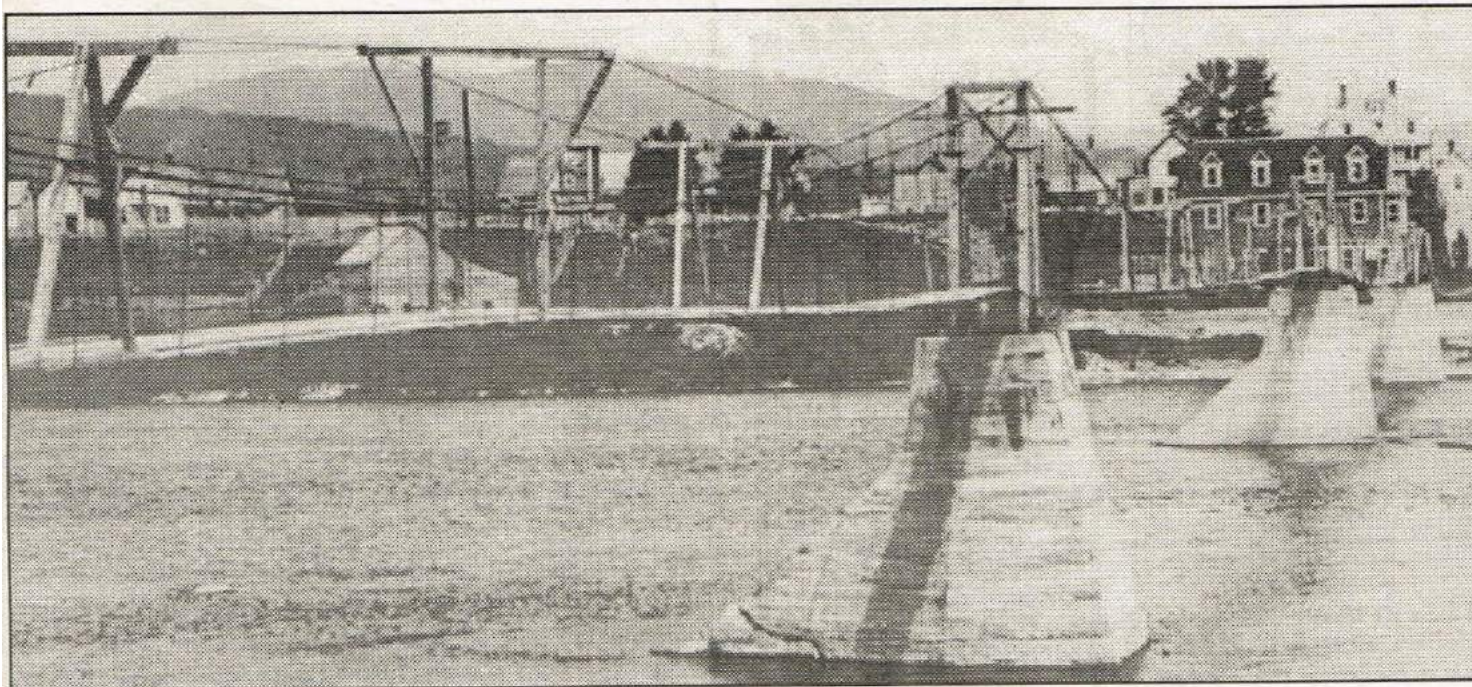
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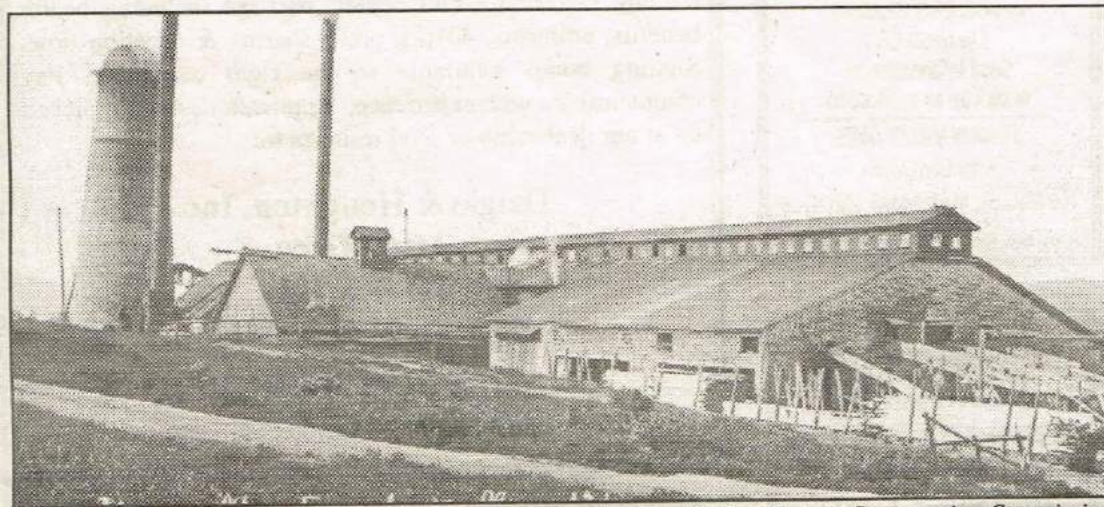
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Fort Kent-Clair footbridge, 1910

A suspension footbridge linked Fort Kent with Clair, New Brunswick around 1910. The approximately 13-meter bridge was built by Clair resident Joseph R. Long, husband of Alphonsine Bérubé, according to information from the Clair family. He began construction during the winter of 1902-1903, putting up cables and then building the walkway the following summer. The bridge was used about nine months each year until the ice was solid. The total cost of the bridge was around \$20,000. Pedestrians paid a five-cent toll each way.

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Eagle Lake, 1915

Lumber is processed at a mill in Eagle Lake, circa 1915. Eagle Lake, incorporated in 1911, had four lumber mills and 1,421 residents in 1910, according to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. It was settled in 1840 by Sefroi Nadeau and Richard Woods and organized into a town in 1856.



- Contributed photo / Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library

Van Buren, 1920s

Automobiles line the street in front of the F.O. Michaud Store on Main Street in Van Buren in this photograph by J.M. Bouchard, taken in the 1920s. The photograph is part of the Martine A. Pelletier Special Collection Room at the Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library in Van Buren.

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Daigle Mill, Sly Brook, 1917

Workers sit and stand on stacked wood and crates in 1917 at the Daigle Mill at First Lake in Sly Brook. The mill was owned by Albert Daigle.

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Allagash, 1950

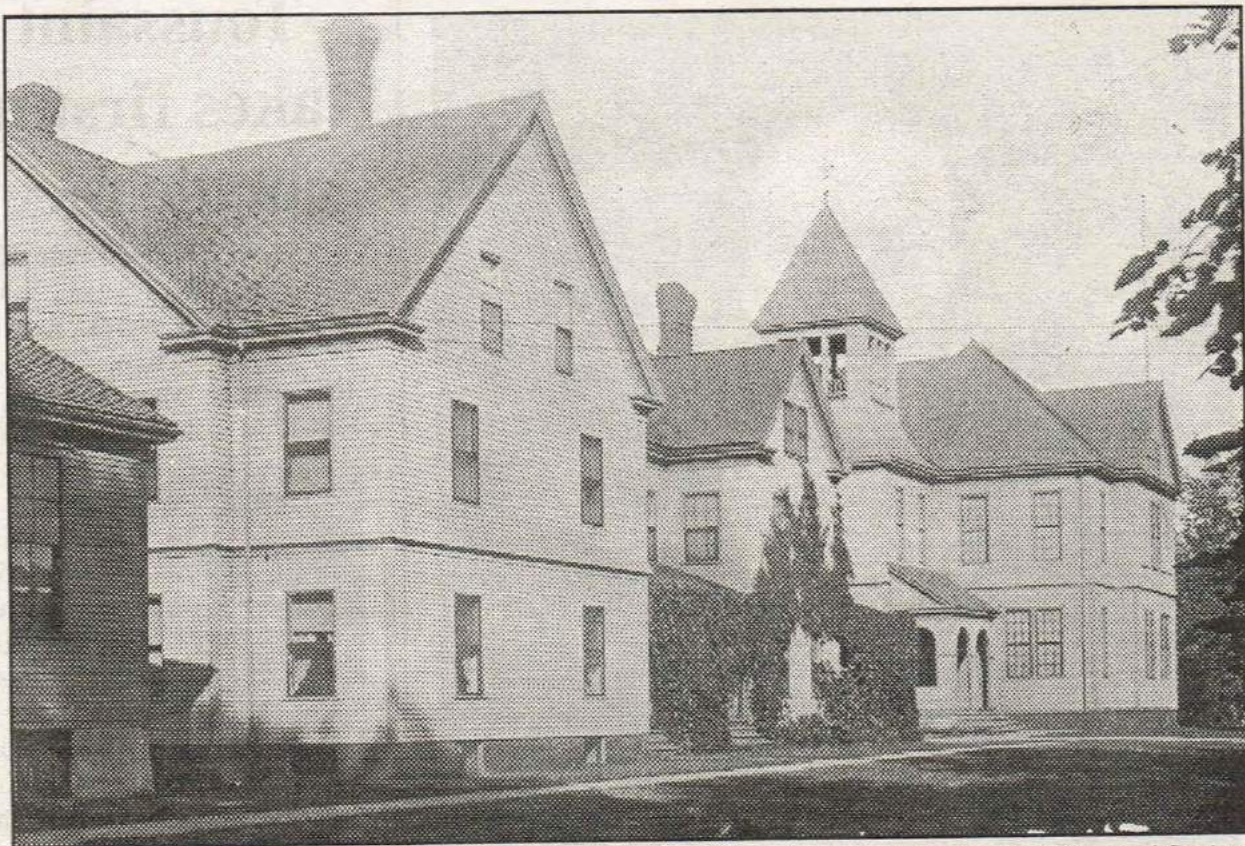
Lucie Castonguay Gendreau, left, sits next to her husband Octave Gendreau in this St. Francis photo, circa 1950. Castonguay was the daughter of Hilaire Castonguay and Marie Sirois. Gendreau was the son of Hubert Gendreau and Julie Thibodeau. They were married on July 5, 1897 at St. Charles Parish in St. Francis. They had six children, Annie, Hilaire, Agnes, Delina, Emma and Omerille.



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St. Francis, 1920s

Walter L. Stadig of St. Francis invented "certain new and useful improvements in Rotary Snow-Blows and Snow-Loader" such as this circa-1920s "Stadig Rotary Snow Plow," under U.S. Patent 1348383 A.



- Contributed photos / Ste-Agathe Historical Society

LOOKING BACK: Fort Kent

The Madawaska Training School, now the University of Maine at Fort Kent, was established in 1878. The training facility for teachers in the St. John Valley first alternated locations between Van Buren, Fort Kent and Grand Isle, and became permanently located in Fort Kent for the 1888-1889 school year. The first principal was Vetal Cyr, according to UMFK.



LOOKING BACK: Sinclair, 1976

Mrs. Zenus Michaud and her "Poppy Girls" march with U.S. flags in the 1976 Bicentennial Parade in Sinclair. In the background are Martin's General Store, left, and the post office along Long Lake.

LOOKING BACK

The Voisines

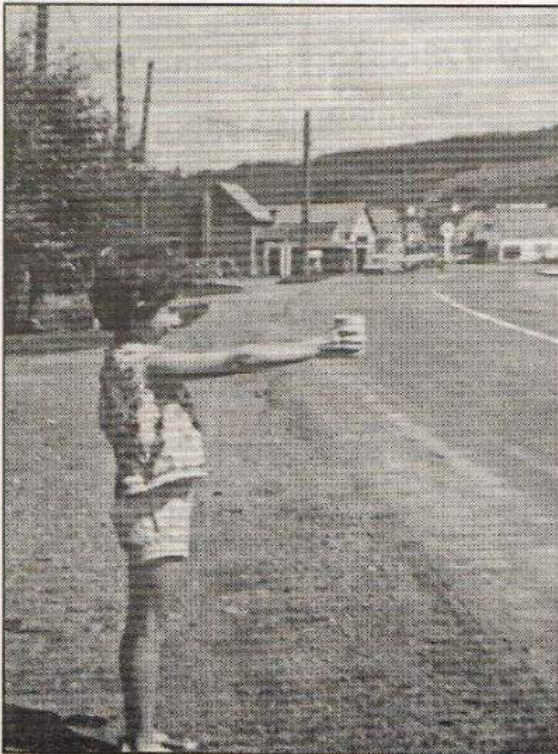
These pictures are from the collection of the late Therese Voisine of Fort Kent. The photographs were handed down to her children, Sally Voisine of Fort Kent, Donald Voisine of New York and Judy Hartt of California. The historic photos are shared here, courtesy of Therese Voisine's granddaughter, Alison Voisine of Fort Kent. (On page one of this edition of the St. John Valley Times is a photo of twins Tony and Tommy Voisine of Fort Kent, born in 1953.)



Nola Daigle sits on the counter in 1950 in a convenience store owned by her father, the late Wallace Daigle of Fort Kent. Joining Nola in the store are her cousins Leeta (Voisine) Pelletier, Gary Voisine and Bernet (Voisine) Gagnon, sitting. They are the children of the late Leon Sr. and Jeannette "Nenette" Voisine. Today, Gary owns the store known as "Voisine's" located on Market Street in Fort Kent.



Edward "Ned" Voisine sits with his wife, Therese (St. Jean) Voisine and daughter Sally Voisine, all of Fort Kent, in 1951. They went on to have two more children, Donald in 1952 and Judy in 1954. Ned was the owner of Market Street Motors in Fort Kent. He passed away in 1956.



Judy (Voisine) Hartt, who now resides in California, sells hazelnuts roadside in 1963. She stands in front of her home on Market Street in Fort Kent.



Market Street Motors was located at the current site of Herman and Claire Theriault's C.N.A. Trucking and Theriault Boys, Inc. garage on Market Street in Fort Kent. The service station and used car dealership was owned by Ned Voisine of Fort Kent until the time of his death at the age of 35 in 1956.

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- Contributed photo / Courtesy of St. Francis Historical Society

St. Francis, circa 1900

This house on Main Street in St. Francis was once the Holmes and Annie (Jones) Morrison home and later the home of Charles and Susan (Jones) Morrison. It is now the home of Jenny and Larry Jandreau. Carol Pelletier of the St. Francis Historical Society suspects the photo is circa 1900. The Morrises' first child was born in 1887 in that house, she said, with two others in the next two years. Mr. Morrison built the house for his wife; otherwise, she would not have moved over from the Canadian side, Pelletier said.

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Fort Kent, 1970s

Deputy Sheriff Phil Madore, left, poses with Fort Kent Police Officer and Acting Chief Kenneth "Doody" Michaud, center, FKPD Officer Dick Nadeau, right, and former FKPD Chief Camille Caron, seated, for this photo taken in the mid-1970s at the Fort Kent Police Department. Madore is

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Van Buren: *Le bon vieux temps*

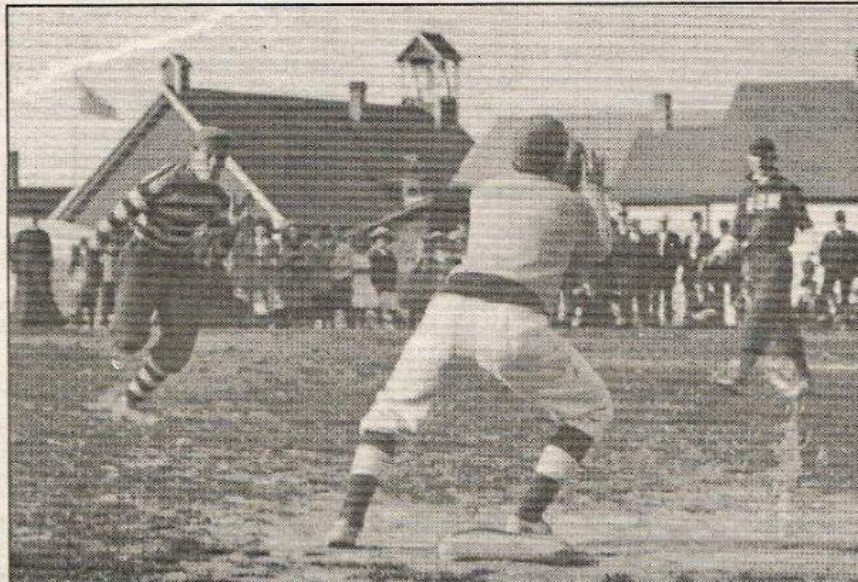
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Adrian O. Jacques, far left, town manager of Van Buren in 1953, observes as a crew works on the very first paving of Main Street in this small St. John Valley town.



Claire Pelletier, Vivian Morin, Marcia Plourde, Karen Walsh, Gemma Gagnon, Margorie St. Pierre and Pauline Fournier campaign for the presidency of John F. Kennedy in 1961.

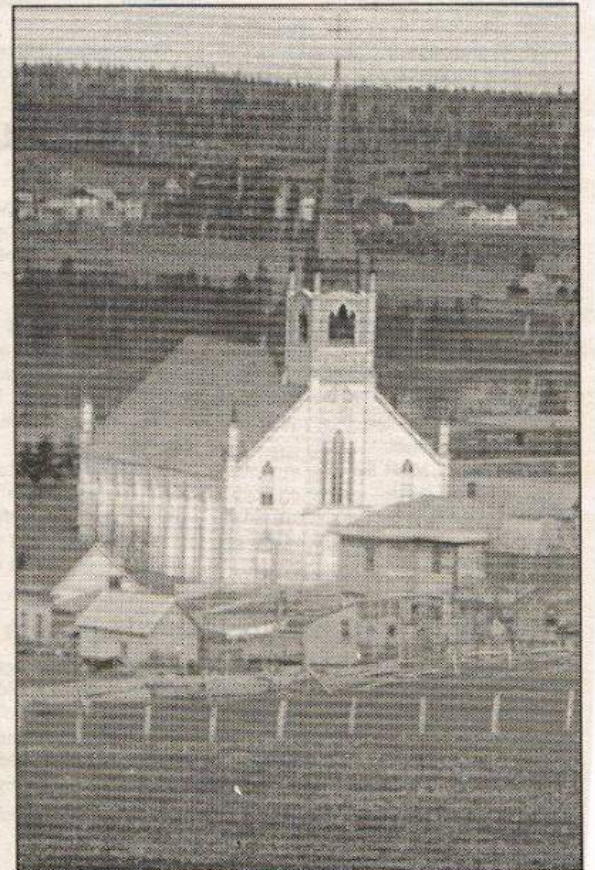


Spectators gathered to watch baseball games played on a field located behind a house owned by A.E. Hammond during the 1940s.



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Workers with the Van Buren Lumber Company gather, above, in 1907. Below, this early 1900s photo captures Main Street and the Catholic Church, then called St. Bruno.



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Members of a Van Buren High School class gather around a desk in 1950.

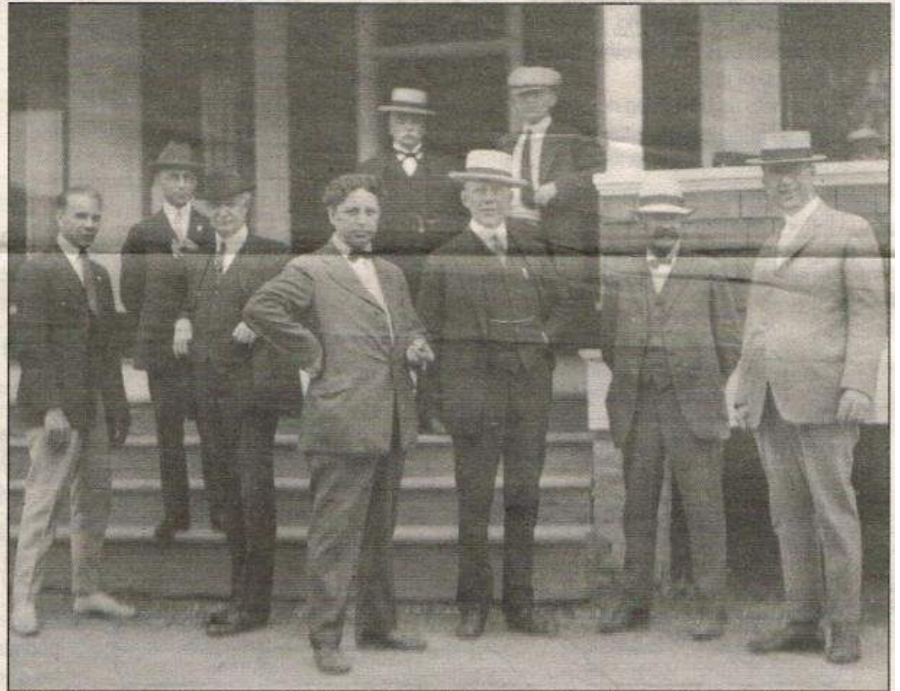
VAN BUREN: 1920-1969

These photos are shared courtesy of the Van Buren Maine Genealogy Group, with permission from Betty Levesque of Van Buren. The photos depict life in Van Buren between 1920 and 1969, featuring a look at school, lumber, railroad, municipal and road work.



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Two young boys remove the bark from the pulp logs at the St. John Lumber Mill in Van Buren in the 1920s.



F.O. Michaud, second from left, and John Baptiste Pelletier, fourth from left, stand with other Van Buren gentlemen in front of the Hammond Hotel in Van Buren in the 1920s.



Bob LaBonte of Van Buren checks the brakes on the railroad tracks. LaBonte was a brakeman for B&A Railroad in 1969.



A paving crew lays down the first layer of asphalt on Main Street in Van Buren in 1953.



Ed Dubay of Van Buren rides his bike in the 1940s.



Dan LaPierre, Gregory Dumais, Louise Dumais Violette, Randy LaPierre, Donna LaPierre Trussell and Lydia LaPierre Ouellette all gather for a game of kick-the-can in 1954.

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Van Buren: 1940-1964

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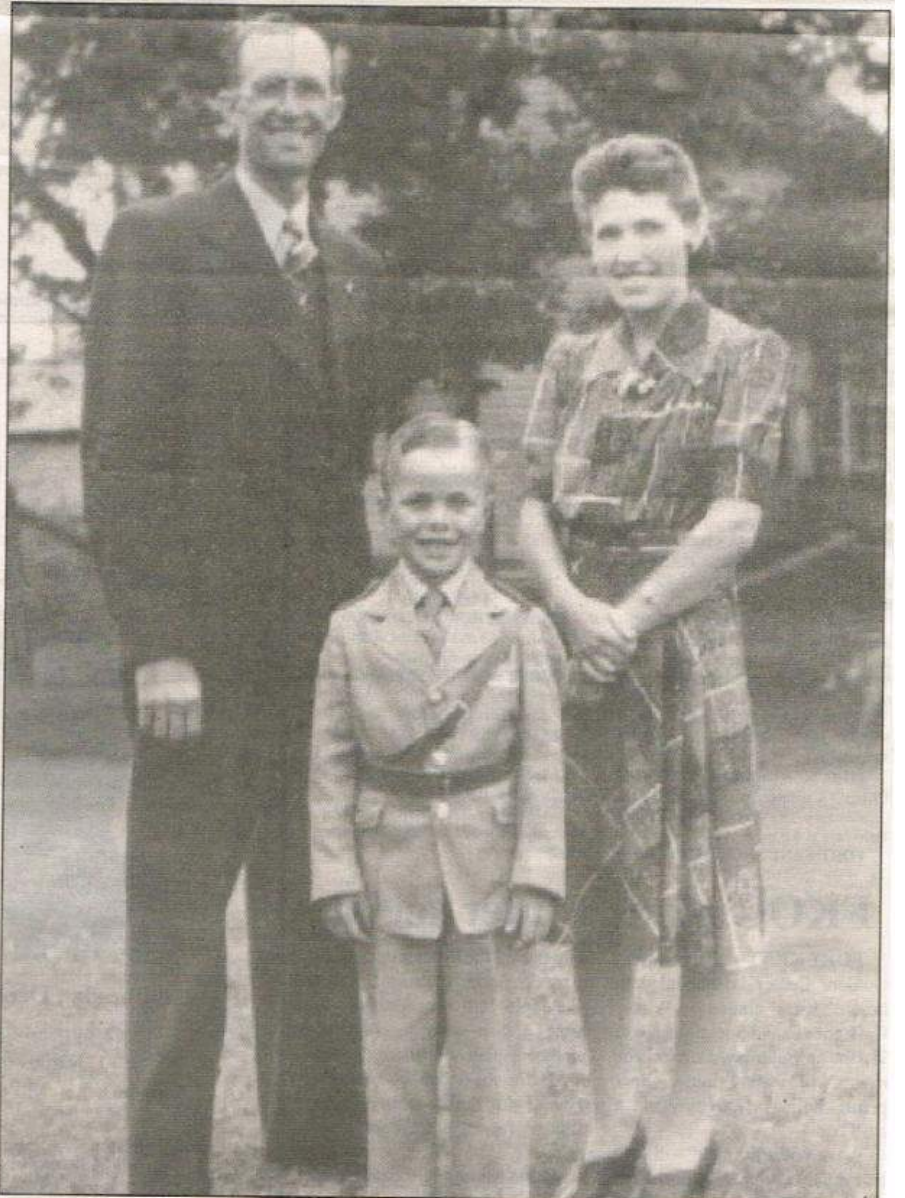
Grand Isle

1930s and '40s

These photos show family life and construction and reconstruction in Grand Isle during the 1930s and '40s. The photos are used with permission from the Grand Isle Historical Society.

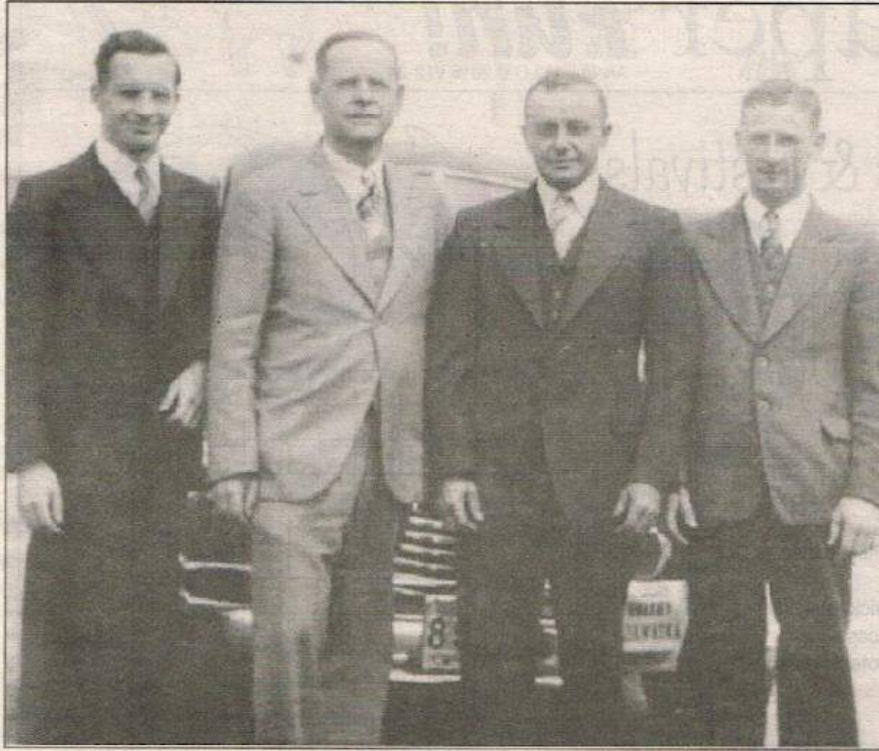


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Elmer Beaulieu, left, Bill Morrow, Firmin Chasse and Albert Sirois stand together for a photo in 1942.

GRAND ISLE: The early days

These photos, shared courtesy of the Grand Isle Historical Society, depict life in Grand Isle in the early 1900s and 1940s, featuring a look at different family photos, construction, restoration and the inside of St. Gerard Church.



St. Gerard Church was completed in 1941. This photo was taken prior to the addition of the murals.



The Rev. Albert Charette was the first pastor of St. Gerard Parish. This photo was taken in the mid-1930s.



Jeannine Carrier-Lagasse-Daigle, Therese Carrier-Roberge and Rejeanne Carrier play in the snow in this photo taken during the 1940s.



- Contributed photo / Ste-Agathe Historical Society

LOOKING BACK: Wilson School, St. Agatha, 1937

Students at the Wilson School, formerly on Chasse Road on Flat Mountain, gather in front of the school with their teacher in 1937. At right is teacher Maude Marin, now 97, the current oldest living citizen in St. Agatha. Marin now lives at Montford Heights, according to Terry "T.O." Ouellette, president of the Ste-Agathe Historical Society. Wilson School was one of the earlier schools on Flat Mountain, third after Lincoln School in 1900 and Washington School in 1903. Nothing remains of the school today.



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LOOKING BACK: Guerrette School, 1940s

Students, with professor Edmond Cyr, back row center, sit for a photo in approximately the 1940s at the Guerrette School between Stockholm and St. Agatha, according to the Ste-Agathe Historical Society. Sitting in back at left are Joe Pelletier, now a former Van Buren police officer, his brother Leo Pelletier, second from left. At far right in back is Lea Bouchard holding her brother Leo Bouchard. She later married Patrick Corriveau.

LOOKING BACK



Members of the 1973-1974 Van Buren District High School cheerleading team cheer for the basketball team.



First-grader students at Sacred Heart play with trucks and show their art projects in 1951.

SCHOOL YEARS: Van Buren

These pictures depict student life at Van Buren District High School and Sacred Heart in the 1950s and '70s. High school cheerleading and elementary school art classes are represented. The photos are shared courtesy of Van Buren Maine Genealogical Group, with permission of Betty Levesque of Van Buren.



- *Contributed photo / Courtesy St. Francis Historical Society*

LOOKING BACK: St. Francis, 1900

This photo was found in the David and Mary (O'Leary) Connors House, according to Carol Pelletier, a member of the St. Francis Historical Society. She has been told that Smith Studio was in the area about 1900, taking photographs. She has yet to be able to identify any of the children in the photo. Pelletier can be reached at 398-3387.

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Jack Gardner.



Leonard Mann.



Eve, Ida Currie, Liz Hafford with Ella and Todd Hafford.



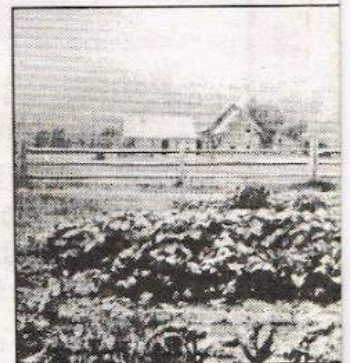
Belle Gardner Gibson, Eldon Gardner.



J. T. Michaud and wife at Michaud Farm.



Allagash Inn.



ALLAGASH: People and places

ALLAGASH - Allen Jackson of Fort Kent recently shared more than 40 historical photos of the people and places of Allagash with the St. John Valley Times. A graduate of Allagash High School, Jackson continues to collect and research photographs and other items of interest related to his hometown. These pages reflect a sampling of the photographs Jackson has collected.



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Patty O'Leary McBreairty, James Jim O'Leary Sr., Mary Ann O'Leary Jackson with James Jim O'Leary Jr. in back.



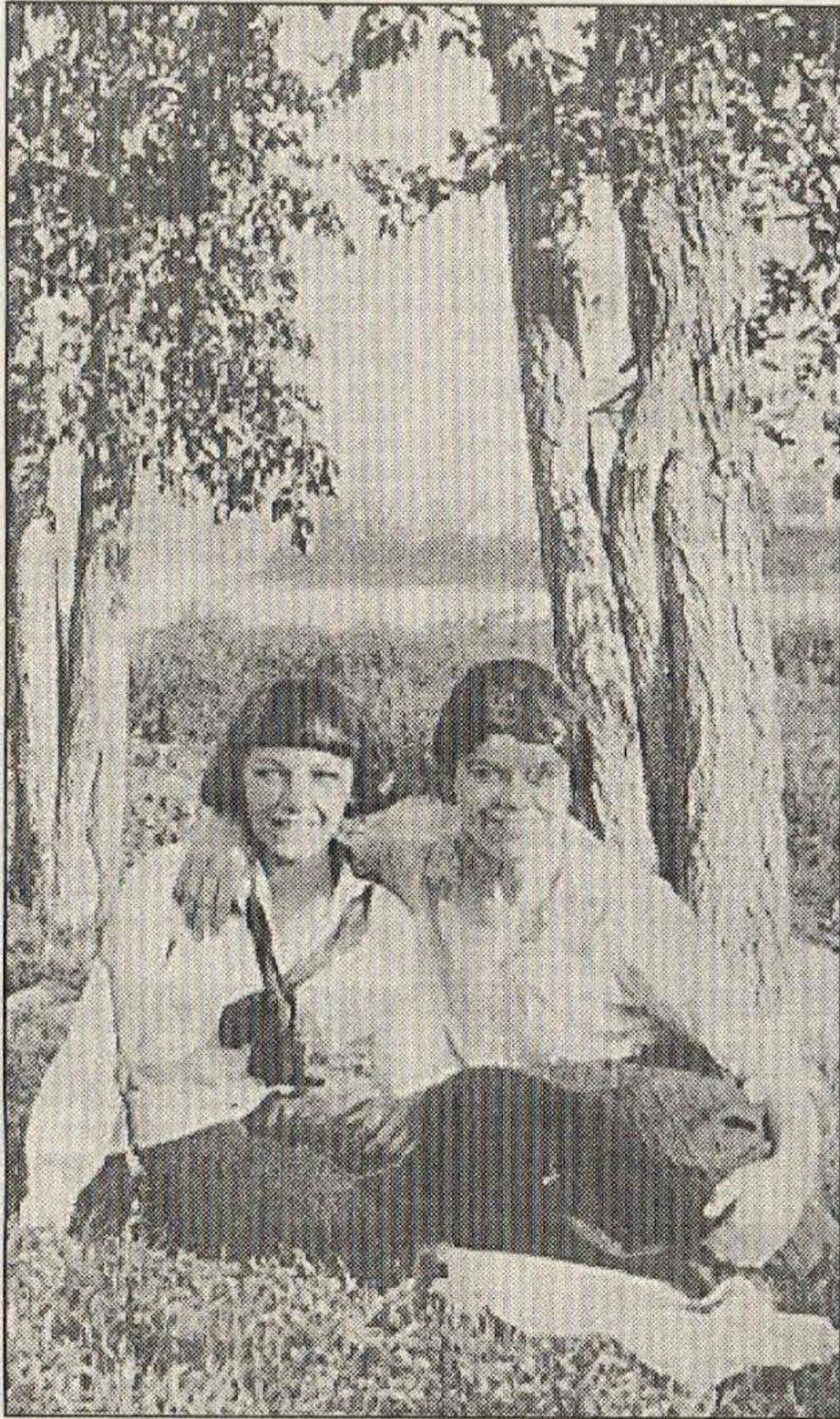
Above: Angelique Mills Levasseur.

Left: Possibly the Moir farm in Cross Rock.



Round Pond.

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- Contributed photo / Allagash Historical Society

Allagash, early 1900s

Fern McBreairty (later Kelly), born in 1912, and her sister-in-law Mary Bossie (later McBreairty), born in 1900, sit near the river in Allagash in the early 1900s. Mary Bossie McBreairty, right, was one of the first teachers in Allagash. She began teaching in 1919, according to Allen Jackson with the Allagash Historical Society.



LOOKING BACK: ALLAGASH

John McBrearity, also known as "Jack Mac," built and oversaw construction of many homes in Allagash, according to resident Allen Jackson, including the one Jackson grew up in. The date and location of this photo could not be confirmed, Jackson said.

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ST. AGATHA, 1970s
An aerial view of downtown St. Agatha shows the Catholic church, farmland, homes and businesses in the 1970s.

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GRAND ISLE, 1942

Corrine Beaulieu, daughter of Fred and Sylvia Corbin, stands in center with unidentified other potato workers in front of a 1932 International truck owned by Patrick P. Cyr, son of Pierre Cyr. The truck was parked in front of Oneil Soucy's store. In 1961, owners were Gordon and Therese Soucy. The store was renamed Frenchie's in December 1995, owned by Raymond and Gail Cameron. Since 2003, Frenchie's has been owned by Kevin and April Lagasse Hodgson.

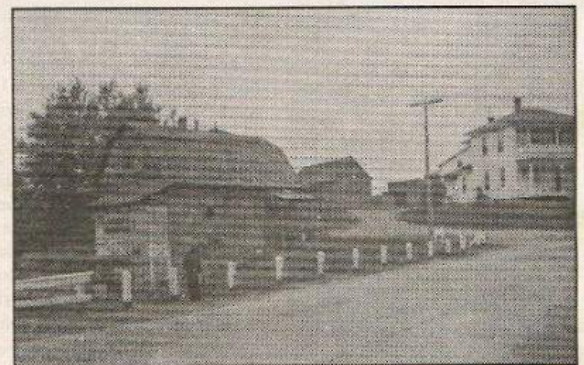
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SINCLAIR, 1976

The Patrick Therriault School kindergarten class of 1976 rides in a float in Sinclair's Bicentennial Parade. Adults on the float included Beverly Thibodeau at left, standing, and Charlene Coulombe, far right.

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VAN BUREN, 1950s

An unidentified man stands in front of a 19th-century grist and carding mill on Violette Brook in Van Buren. The photo was taken in 1953, shortly before the mill was dismantled.

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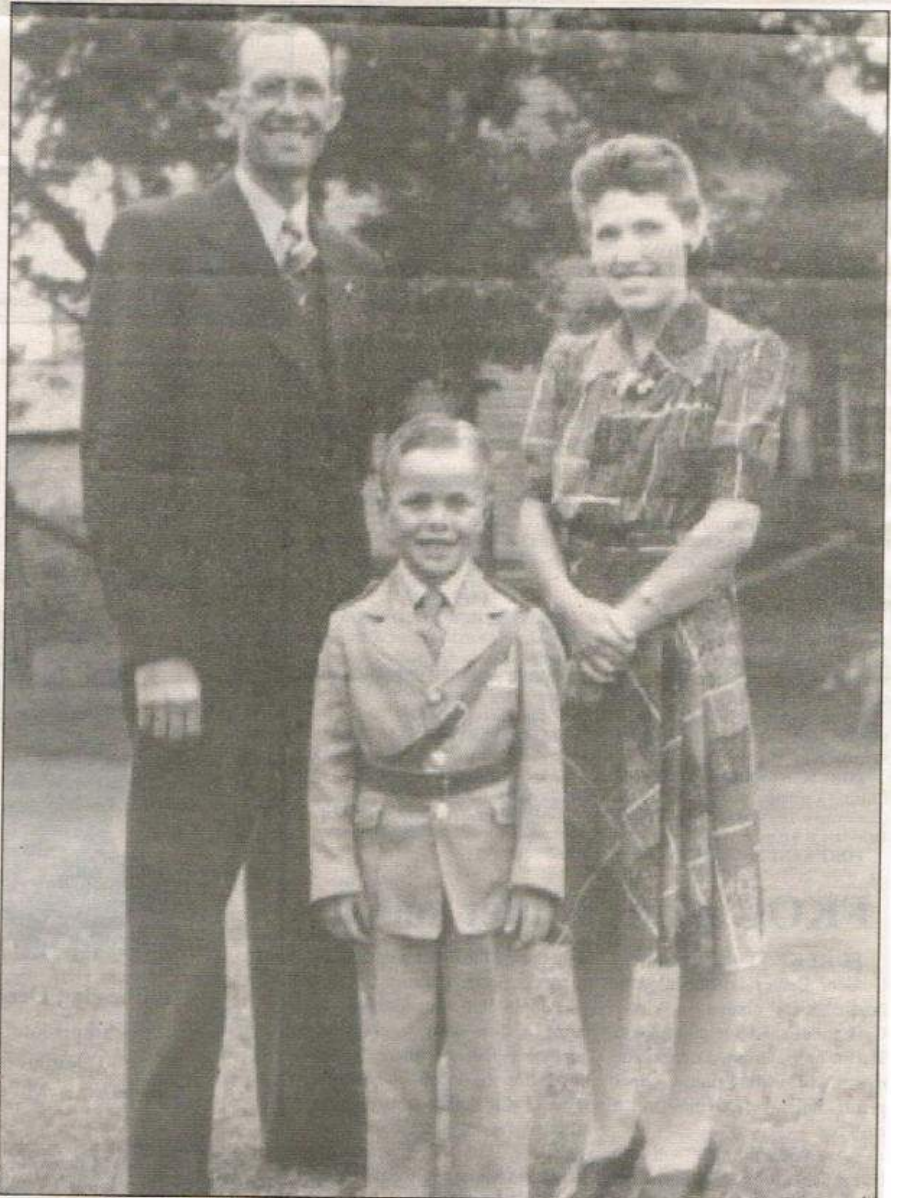
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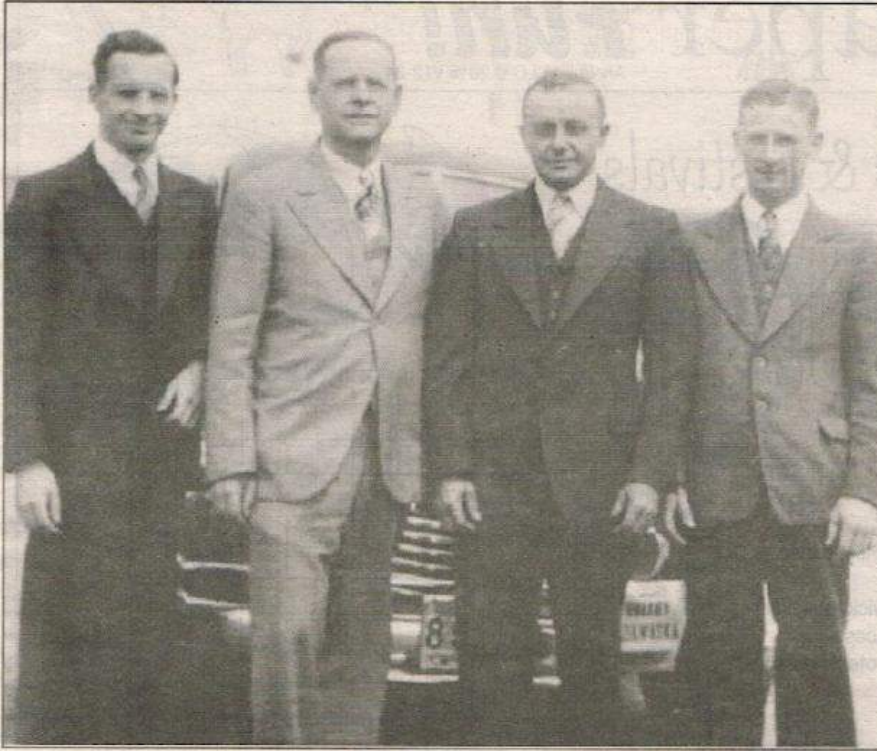


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Elmer Beaulieu, left, Bill Morrow, Firmin Chasse and Albert Sirois stand together for a photo in 1942.

GRAND ISLE: The early days

These photos, shared courtesy of the Grand Isle Historical Society, depict life in Grand Isle in the early 1900s and 1940s, featuring a look at different family photos, construction, restoration and the inside of St. Gerard Church.



The Rev. Albert Charette was the first pastor of St. Gerard Parish. This photo was taken in the mid-1930s.



St. Gerard Church was completed in 1941. This photo was taken prior to the addition of the murals.



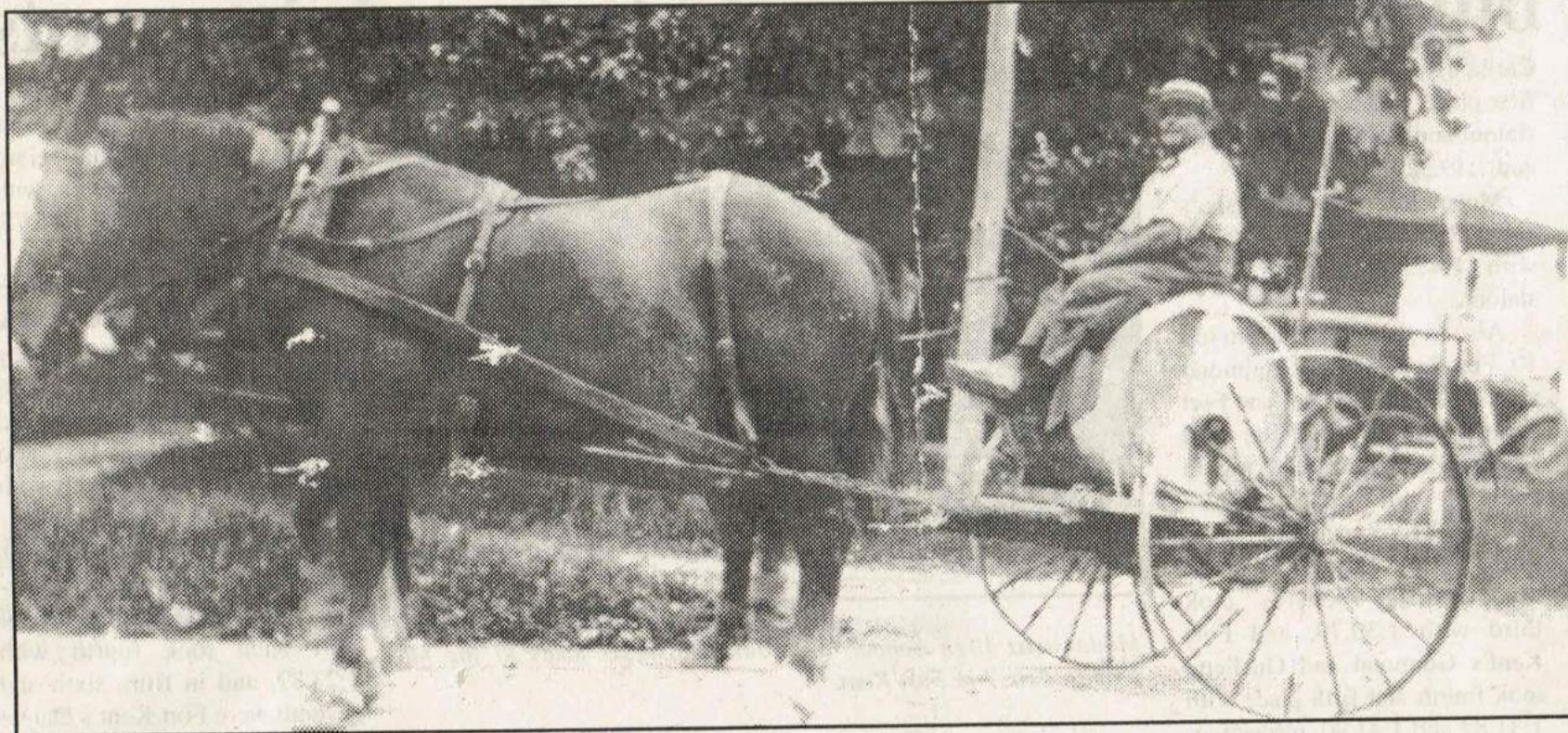
Jeannine Carrier-Lagasse-Daigle, Therese Carrier-Roberge and Rejeanne Carrier play in the snow in this photo taken during the 1940s.



LOOKING BACK: Keegan, 1910

The St. John Lumber Co. mills in Keegan send up plumes of smoke while piles of lumber are stacked outside. The image was captured in 1910, approximately.

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LOOKING BACK: Madawaska, 1916

A team of horses pulls
Madawaska resident Remi
Daigle on his "Potato
Sprinkler" in 1916, according
to Ken Theriault, director of
the Madawaska Public
Library.

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LOOKING BACK: Madawaska, 1935

A U.S. Customs agent dressed in a long winter coat speaks to a driver heading into Madawaska through the U.S. border crossing in 1935.

LOOKING BACK



In the early 1940s, Arthur Daigle's lumber operations included hauling logs on horse-drawn sleds.

Madawaska:

Teachers, ferry boats, bridges

Communities in the St. John Valley have seen many changes throughout the years, including switching from ferry service to bridge crossings, and from handsaws and horses to chainsaws and skidders.

Some things stay the same, however, such as schools needing teachers and children enjoying the spring weather.

These photographs are shared here, courtesy of the Madawaska Historical Society.



This springtime photo taken in Madawaska includes, in front row from left, Irene Cyr and Georgianne Cyr; in second row, Cecile Sirois, Helen Hebert and Phoebe Sirois; and, standing in back, Edward "Pete" Sirois. The date of the photo is unknown.



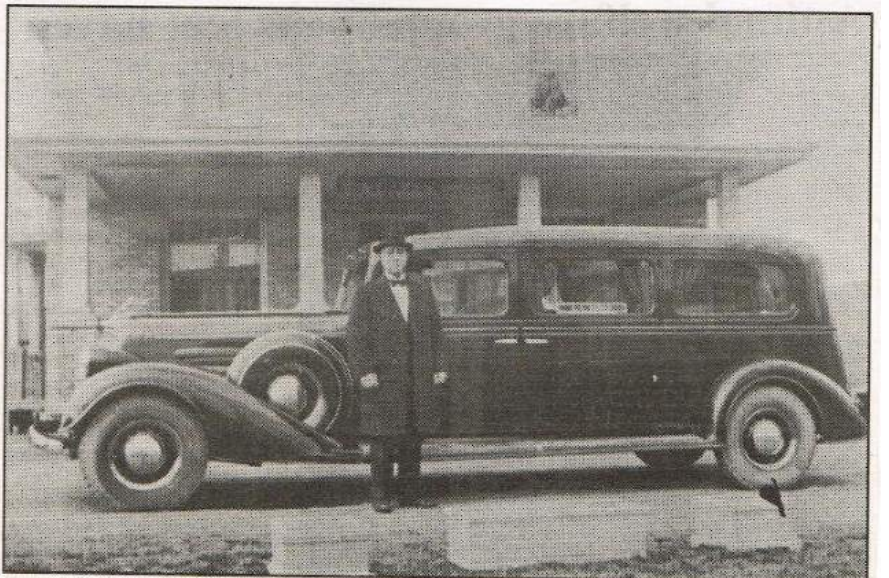
The rail lines running beneath the newly-built international bridge between Edmundston and Madawaska in this photo, from 1922, are still in use today. The view in this picture is from Edmundston looking toward Madawaska.



Teachers at the Evangeline School, in this 1937 photo, included, kneeling, Antoine Picard and Austin Wylie; and, standing, Loretta Soucy Ezzy, Corrine B. Ouellette, Alice Cyr Ouellette, Alice Hebert Daigle, Antoinette Cyr Buffington, Muriel Albert Loudon and Leona Bellefleur Schultz.



Prior to the construction of the international bridge between Edmundston, New Brunswick and Madawaska, Maine, crossing the St. John River required the use of ferry boats, such as this one circa 1921.



The first ambulance in Madawaska also served as a hearse. This photo was taken circa 1935.



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LOOKING BACK: 1995

This photograph was taken at the Madawaska Elementary School opening in the fall of 1995. The entertainers called themselves PlayBoys & Friends, according to singer Murielle Nadeau-Deschaine. Original members of the PlayBoys, in front, included from left, Arthur Leblanc, Nadeau-Deschaine, Aldeo "Pichon" Picard, and Maurice Michaud. Behind them were singers and dancers who participated in the show, according to Nadeau-Deschaine. In center from left were Wayne Cyr, Janice Picard, Sharon Pelletier, Nancy Picard, Gemma Albert, and Jason Parent, master of ceremonies. In back from left were Robert Leblanc, Lisa Hebert-Martin, Oneil Ouellette, Louis Caron and his wife; and Linda and Cyril Caron.



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LOOKING BACK: Madawaska, 1935

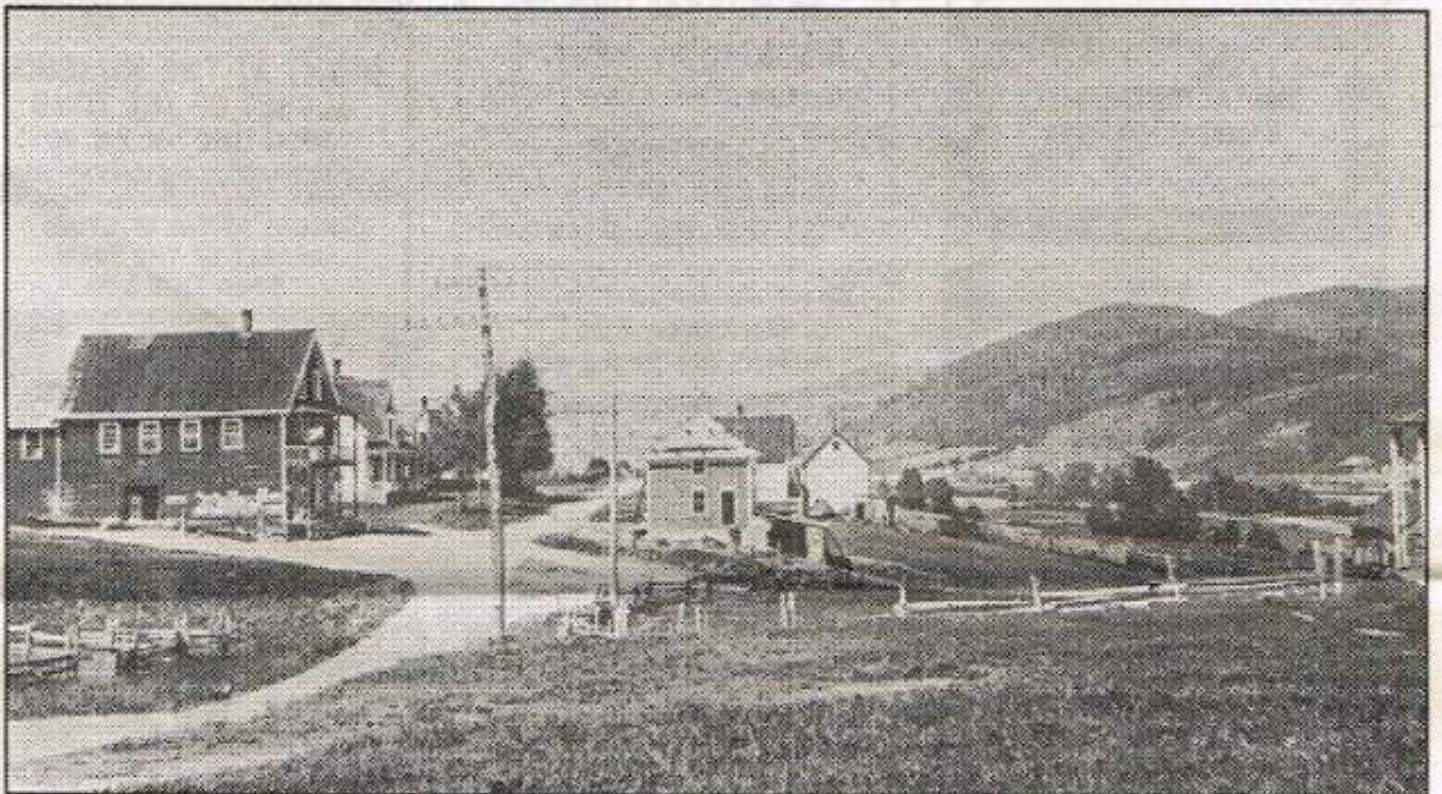
The Clover Club Dance Hall, circa 1935, was on U.S. Route 1 in Madawaska. The hall burned in 1938; the lot then became the Madawaska Cemetery, according to Madawaska Public Library Director Ken Theriault. The photo is part of the library's Madawaska Historical Society Collection.



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LOOKING BACK: Madawaska, 1940

Automobiles line the street as hundreds of visitors gather at the St. John Valley Fair, set up in 1940 on the grounds at I.L. Cyr's potato houses. The photo is part of the Madawaska Historical Society Collection at the Madawaska Public Library, according to library director Ken Theriault.



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LOOKING BACK: Madawaska, 1900s

Houses, fenced-in fields and a utility pole line Main Street in Madawaska in the early 1900s. The photo is part of the Madawaska Historical Society Collection at the Madawaska Public Library, according to library director Ken Theriault.

LOOKING BACK



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Bouchard Clothing Store, 1926

Bouchard Clothing Store owner Eugene Bouchard stands at the gas pump pumps gas in front of his Madawaska store as his son Elmer Bouchard looks on from the porch, circa 1926 on Main Street in Madawaska, according to Ken Theriault, director of the Madawaska Public Library.

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The Allagash Inn, 1925

J. T. Michaud built the Allagash Inn in 1925 or 1926, according to Allen Jackson with the Allagash Historical Society. Harold and Annie Connors Dow ran the inn first and had one child there, according to Jackson. The inn was later run by Gertrude Leslie and her husband, then by Clifford Brownell. It later burned down.

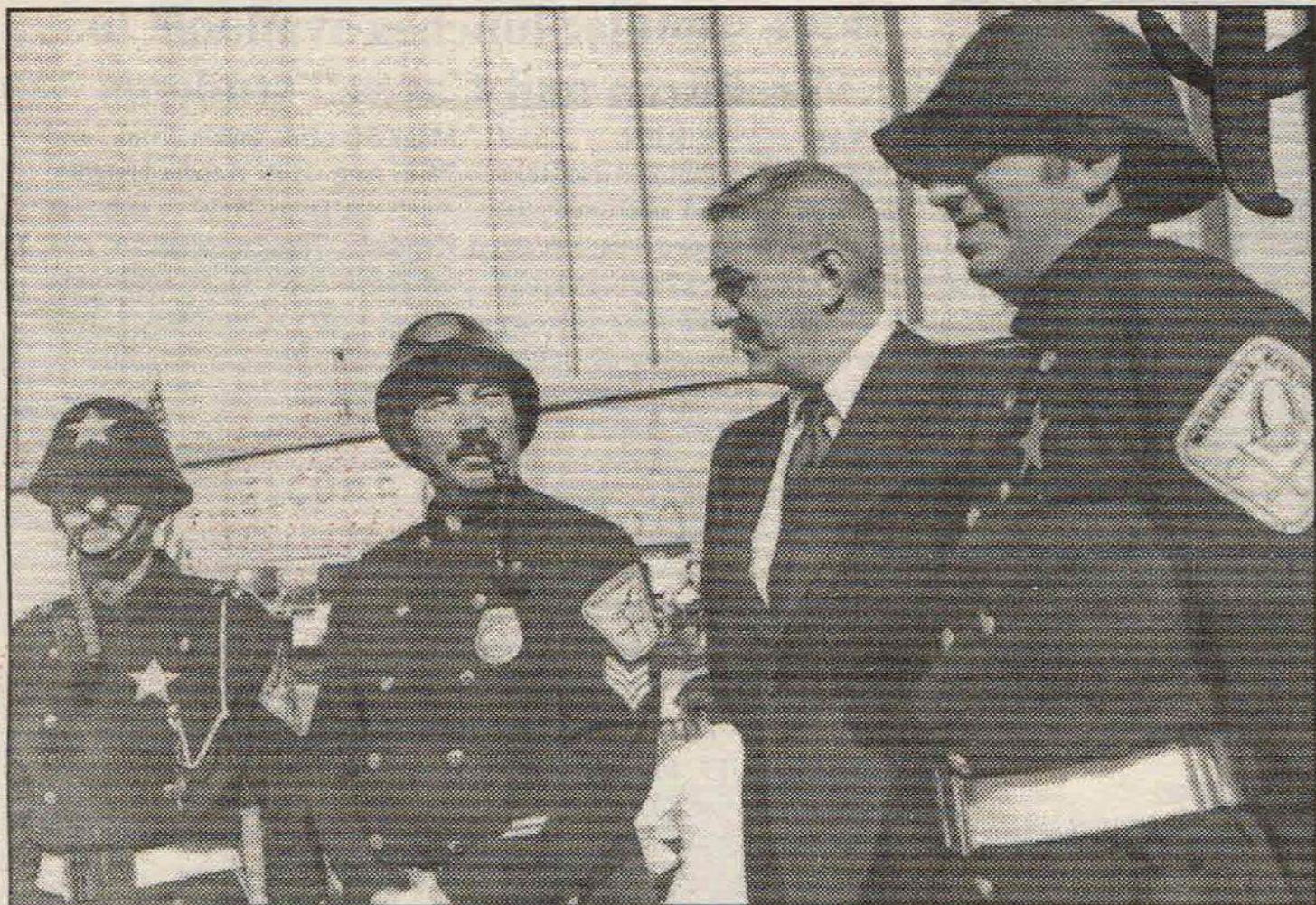


LOOKING BACK: Madawaska, 1920

Henri Albert saws lumber to build the Madawaska Woolen Mill, circa 1920. In the inset photo is the woolen mill. The mill was about at the same location as the current Bob's Service Center on Main Street, according to Ken Theriault, Madawaska Public Library director. The photo is part of the Madawaska Historical Society Collection at the library.

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LOOKING BACK





Harry E. Marmen, mayor of Edmundston in 1959, and wife Marie-Anna Savard board a train as they leave for a trip to British Columbia.



This Fraser Companies Ltd. locomotive sits in the company's yard in 1965.



Attendees look at program for the in 1962 Potato Festival in Edmundston.

LOOKING BACK

Edmundston

These photos from the collection of *Societe historique du Madawaska* represent life on a border town, such as intercommerce and families who live in both counties along the St. John River. (On page one of this edition of the *St. John Valley Times* is photo of a Canadian Pacific locomotive at the railway station on Victoria Street in Edmundston in 1955.)

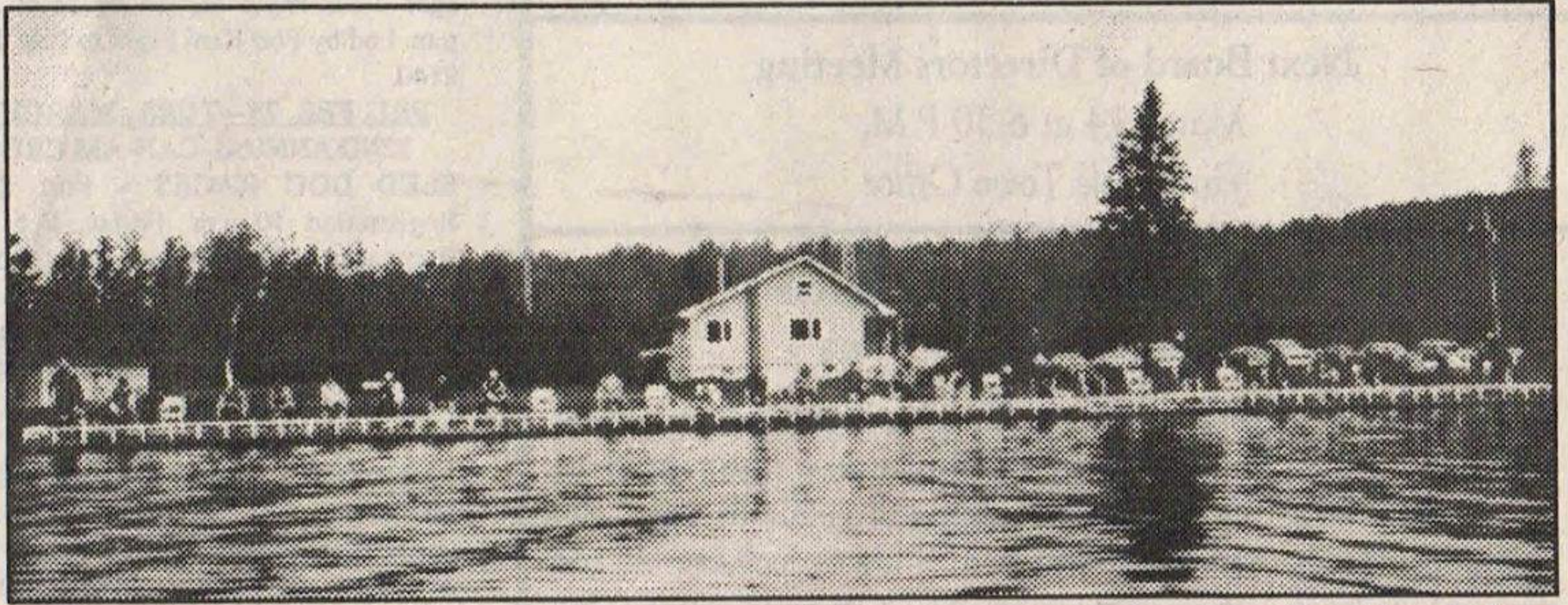


Built by Louis A. Dugal in 1922, the Madawaska Club was destroyed by a fire in 1969.



Leon's Men's Shop owner Leon Poitras takes a client's measurements by hand in 1953.

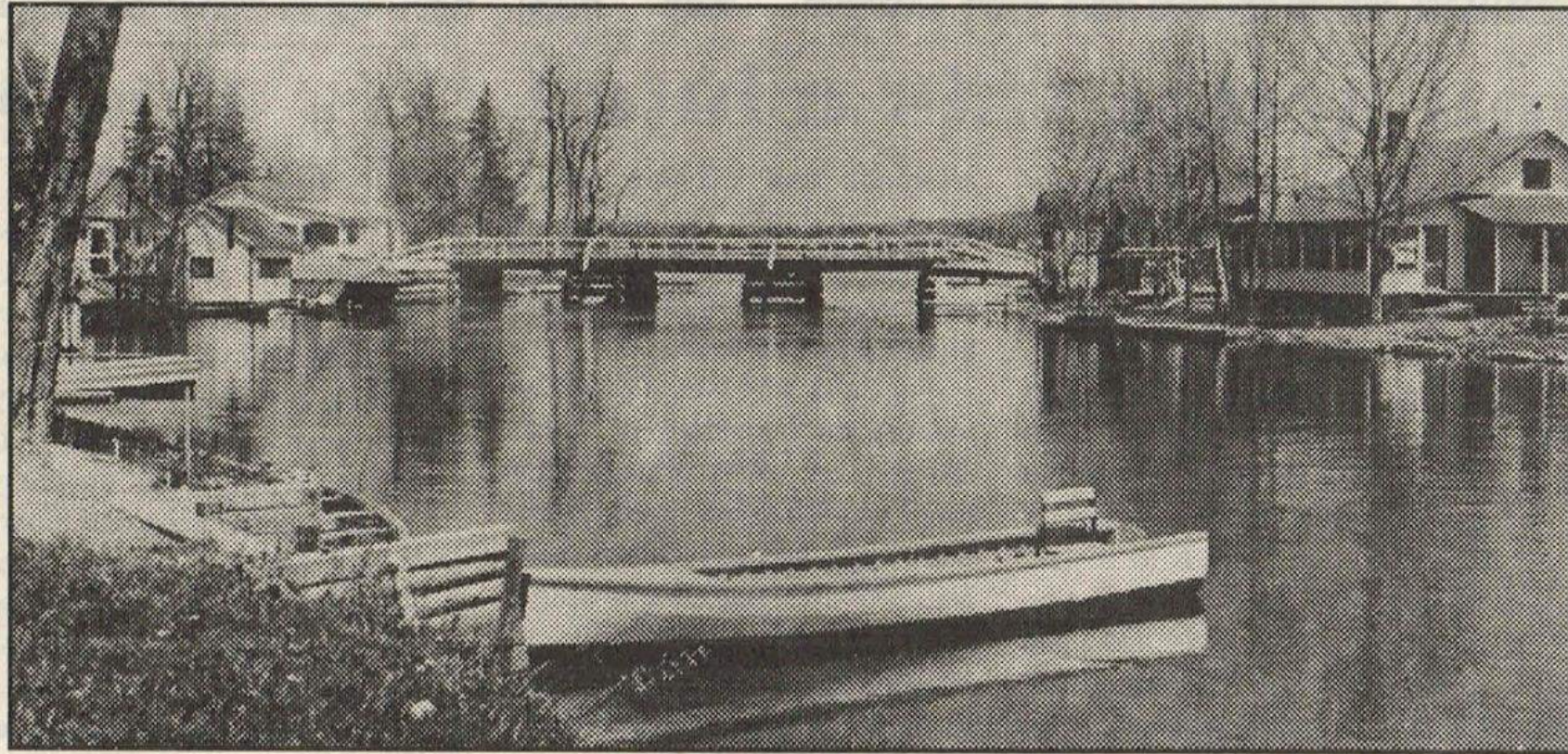
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Sinclair, 1960s

Anglers fish off Mamie's Fishermen's Wharf on Route 162 in Sinclair. The home in the background belonged to Mamie Fournier, who operated the wharf, and her son Walter Fournier. The image was captured in approximately the 1960s.



LOOKING BACK:

This photograph, taken in 1940, shows the bridge and thoroughfare in Sinclair with boats tied up at the docks. The thoroughfare connects Long and Mud Lakes.

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Historical Society*

LOOKING BACK



Laurien Lausier was a World War II veteran. The photo was taken in 1942 in Grand Isle.



VALLEY VETERANS

These photos depict World War II veterans, their families, and members of the Royal Canadian Legion. They are shared courtesy of the Grand Isle Historical Society, the Van Buren Genealogy group, with permission from Betty Levesque, the Societe historique du Madawaska in Edmundston, New Brunswick and Burnette Bowker of Fort Kent.



The 1989 Royal Canadian Legion inducted its newest officers, seen here, during its Installation of Officers Jan. 21 in Edmundston, New Brunswick.



Roland Charette of Van Buren, here with wife Clair, was a World War II veteran who landed on the beaches of Normandy on "D-Day" in 1944. In the photo above, Gold Star Mothers in the Fort Kent area whose sons had died in the line of duty were honored at an annual banquet in 1950.