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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this work is to give the reader a feeling for the events and people who are part of the one-hundred-year history of East Millinocket. It is not a complete history of the town. It does not attempt to include a complete listing of all of the hard-working people who built the community, held public offices, served on committees, taught in its schools, served its churches, played in its streets and worked at Great Northern Paper Company because that would be an impossible job. Many important contributors, unknown to the author and not listed in town records, must be paid silent recognition for making East Millinocket a decent community. We thank them all.

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DEDICATION

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED IN EAST MILLINOCKET OVER THE LAST CENTURY AND WHO, BY THEIR PRESENCE AND HARD WORK, HAVE HELPED TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

1906

The beginning of work on Great Northern Paper Company's three-machine newsprint mill at East Millinocket and a groundwood mill at Dolby was in the spring of 1906; Dominic Moscone's name appears in early town records because the Great Northern Paper Company secured him to hire laborers of Italian origin for the construction of the mill. These hardworking immigrants fulfilled the company's needs well. Even today their names are present or remembered: Moscone, Federico, Gaetani, Amato, Maio, Ciarrocchi, Provenzano, Civiello, Bernardini, Bonadio, Cesare, Chavarie, Paoletti, and others. Also from the early years, there were French, Irish and Lithuanians living and working here; mercantile buildings 1906-1910; Woodland Hotel owned by GNP; temporary post office; Fred M. Peasely, hardware and furniture; William A. Johnson, drugstore; A.H. Weymouth & Co., general store; George Ferland, poolroom; J.F. Kimball Trading Co., general store; Chris Jenson, poolroom and barber shop; Charles Cone's Livery Stable on Cone St. (Cone St. was named after Mr. Cone). Professional people: Thomas Van Hunter, M.D., Sidney Stevens, attorney, Dr. Ora Gilpatrick, dentist.

"Progress with the big undertaking at "Burnt Land Rips" (East Millinocket) is steady. All the foundations for the mill are partly laid, though none of the foundations' walls are complete." August 25, 1906.

"Wages for workers ranged from \$1.65 per day for common labor to \$2.52 per day for carpenters, with a few specialized trade workers receiving slightly more." 1906. "Several boarding houses were maintained...by individuals, one of whom was Scott Hamm, grandfather of Edgar Hamm, Sr., owner of the Hamlet Motel. Meals and lodging were available for \$5.00 to \$8.00 weekly...." 1906.

1907

The first scheduled railroad train arrived on Jan. 21, 1907; Charles Sylvester, station agent. INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST MILLINOCKET, MAINE ON FEBRUARY 21, 1907. East Millinocket dam was completed on 4/2/1907; first town meeting at Johnson's Drugstore on 4/11/1907; selectmen: James H. Mack, Guy S. Baker, William A. Johnson; incorporation of the First Congregational Church, 9/13/1907; first paper manufactured in August, 1907 with Melvin Adams as superintendent, using groundwood pulp that was transported in a pipeline from Dolby; installation of water works by Northern Water Co., Arthur C. Haskell, supt.; opening of the Hamm family business; organization of volunteer fire department in 1907; some members of the fire department were Chief Chester Norris, John F. MacDonald, Walter Bryenton, Dominic Moscone, Albert Haskell, Charles Boynton, Alphonse MacDonald, Ashfield MacDonald, Fred Lynch, Elbridge DeWitt, Edward P. Sheehan; first mass in St. Peter's Catholic Church by Rev. Joseph D. Quinn, 12/25/1907; Michael McGrath's blacksmith shop, 1907-1908. Melvin C. Adams was the mill's first superintendent from June 1, 1907 to 1912. F.O. Pray was named the first superintendent of schools in 1907; Local 37 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers was organized August 19, 1907 by John T. Mackin of Millinocket; the Medway Local No.152 of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers was organized about 1907.

1908

The opening of the first elementary school was in January, 1908; establishment of fire station at 32 Park Street; completion of the First Congregational Church building on 11/15/1908 with services by Rev. James C. Gregory; the opening of an elementary and two-year high school in the fall with Charles A. Robbins, principal. It was a six-room building, costing \$25,000; first motion pictures by Guy M. Connors; construction of a baseball field by GNP. Early business and professional people: Guy S. Baker, postmaster; William A. Johnson, trial justice; Harry H. Haines, assistant land agent; Thomas Van Hunter, M.D.; Attorney Sidney Stevens; Miss Ada Hamm, town nurse; Dr. Ora Gilpatrick, dentist. J.A. Williams was named second superintendent of schools (1908-1910).

1909

The official dedication of the First Congregational Church was on March 3, 1909. Rev. J.C. Gregory, pastor, was the one who planned, organized and had the new church built.

1910

The dedication of St. Peter's Catholic Church by Bishop Louis S. Walsh was on 8/15/1910; sewage system installed; William Marr was named third superintendent of schools (1910-1939).

1911

A fire department budget was included in the town report.

1912

Ralph Lewis became the mill's second superintendent from September 12, 1912 to 1913; Rev. Thomas J. Dowd was appointed first pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church on October 3, 1912 and the parish ceased to be a mission of St. Martin of Tours' parish in Millinocket; Great Northern Paper Company was requested to provide electricity for the street lights, but not residences; population: 1037.

1913

The installation of a fourth paper machine began in 1913; Joseph A. Nevins became the mill's third superintendent from 1913 to 1918; GNP donated two lots in back of the school for a playground.

1914

The installation of the fourth paper machine was completed in 1914; construction of the municipal building began.

1915

A pumping station at Hathaway's to provide town water was constructed; dedication of the municipal building on 5/26/1915 that was constructed at a cost of \$35,000, including a donation of \$10,000 from GNP; a grand ball was sponsored by the firemen in celebration; Miss Lora Danforth was hired as a high school teacher.

1916

The problem for the school committee to solve this year was whether or not to plan for a four-year course in the high school; number of students: 301; number of teachers: 7.

1917

Mattagamon Lodge No. 115 of the Knights of Pythias was chartered on March 28, 1917 and Pine Tree Temple No. 73 of the Pythian Sisters was organized about the same time; number of school students: 318; number of teachers: 7; principal's salary: \$1,000 per year; janitor's salary: \$15 per week; GNP furnished the school with coal due to World War I.

1918

The following men from East Millinocket made the supreme sacrifice of their lives in World War I (1914-1918): George E. Dyer and John Feeney. "LET NONE FORGET THEY GAVE THEIR ALL AND FAULTERED NOT WHEN CAME THE CALL."

53 citizens of East Millinocket served in WWI. Mr. Charles H. Burr became the mill's fourth superintendent from 1918-1947; the First Congregational Church acquired the dwelling on 10 Pine St. and used it for a parsonage; Mr. Charles Robbins, school principal, was succeeded by Mr. C.F. Leadbetter; a four-year high school course began in 1918 and a two-room addition was added to the school; a considerable amount of time was lost due to the great influenza epidemic.

1919

The local cemetery was opened; the first graduation of East Millinocket High School was in June; St. Peter's Council No. 1936 of the Knights of Columbus received its charter on February 9, 1919.

1920

The John Feeney American Legion Post #13 was organized with Owen Toussaint as its first commander; institution of public health nursing service with Ada A. Hamm as district nurse on 12/11/1920.

1921

The fire department was mechanized by the gift of a fire engine and pumper from GNP and the gradual withdrawal of its horse-drawn equipment; we must plan for the building of a new school because in three years the high school enrollment, which is now 110, will double.

1922

The community was furnished electricity by Millinocket Light Co. replacing GNP; previously, GNP furnished electricity for the GNP's Woodland Hotel on Spruce Street and public buildings; a vault was added to the cemetery; East Millinocket's semi-pro baseball team won the 1922 state championship; Catherine Theriault, district nurse; W.H. Allen, high school principal/teacher; Charles Parsons, high school teacher; Hazel F. Nicholson, grades 8 and 9 teacher; next fall we will have an eight-grade system instead of a nine-grade system.

1923

A temporary two-room school building was constructed at a cost of \$7,000; opening of the cemetery vault; George Daisey was appointed road commissioner, chief of the fire department and constable from 1923 to 1940; Local Union No. 1612 of the Carpenters and Joiners was chartered July 13, 1923; Local Union No. 362 of the International Association of Machinists was chartered on November 13, 1923 with John F. MacDonald as its first president; Ernest T. Young, M.D. was listed as health officer.

1924

Births 46; deaths 11; marriages 21; number of students 436; number of teachers 12; Mary Carlin (Belanger) arrived in the fall as teacher of grades one and two.

1925

The American Legion Auxiliary was organized; death of Garret Schenck, Jr., son of the founder of Great Northern Paper Company; Rand A. Dunham, M.D. began his medical practice in East Millinocket which went from 1925 to 1967; he also served as mill physician for GNP; we thank him for his long service and dedication; new teachers: Zehea Shibley, George Bouchard and Marguerite Burr.

1926

The construction of the new high school building, the Garret Schenck, Jr. High School, began in 1926 at a cost of \$103,000, including a cash donation of \$25,000 from GNP. Mr. Garret Schenck donated \$1,000 towards the cost of a library; bonds were sold in amount of \$60,000 @ 4.5%.

1927

The new high school was occupied in early 1927. It was named in honor of Garret Schenck, Jr., the son of the founder of GNP; establishment of a public library in the high school with Charles Parsons as librarian and acting principal; purchase of Millinocket Light Co. by Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.; George Bouchard was listed as grammar school principal. Members of the first class of Garret Schenck, Jr. High School: Laurence Groves, Roland Jowdry, James Howatt, Florence Hamm, John McCann, William MacLeod, Theo Brown, Joyce MacKenzie, Harold Fiske, Madeline McTague, Mabel Gagnon, Chloris Pomeroy, Mildred Jordan, Charlotte Fiske and Norris Nicholson.

In the senior edition of The Pine Cone 1927, there is an In Memoriam to Henry Moscone, class of 1928, who died from an injury while playing basketball. Some of the businesses in East Millinocket include: Walter Breyenton Men's Clothing; Weymouth-Heal Co.; Toussaint Bros. Rexall Store; Belanger's Market; Baston's; Alonzo Stevens Chrysler Sales; A & P Grocery; Patsy Tablione's Shoe Repairing; W.F. Stratton Dry Goods; Larry's, Lawrence Leavitt, Jeweler; Allen Lyons' Ice Cream Parlor; Frost & Frost, Milliners; Cora's Lunch; A.A. Hathaway; Mary Rosamond Burr, Piano Instructor.

1928

Garret Schenck, founder of Great Northern Paper Company, died in 1928; Mr. Perley Johnson completed the first year of his long tenure as principal of Garret Schenck, Jr. High School from 1927 to 1941.

1929

GNP purchased the Northern Water Co.; new faculty: Mabel Gagnon (Sheehan), grade one; grades seven and eight were moved to the high school building from the grammar school; the Great Depression began in the fall of 1929.

1930

Number of students, 495; teachers, 17.

1931

The East Millinocket Lions Club was organized on 8/4/1931; St. Anne's Circle, Daughters of Isabella, was organized on 10/18/1931; discontinuance of the manufacture of groundwood at Dolby and conversion

to a hydro-electric station; Mr. James Mack served a term in the Maine State Legislature in 1931-1932; Josephine McDonald, grade three teachers; Edward A. Dore, milk inspector.

1932

Total welfare accounts, \$8,229; uncollected taxes, \$450.60; Mary L. Adams (Hersom), R.N., public health nurse; Lawrence Groves, grade 8 teachers; Martin G. Stratton, sealer of weights and measures, following Charles W. Parsons.

1933

There was some unemployment during the Great Depression of the 1930s, but not like in many communities due to the strength of Great Northern Paper Company. However, the town secured the sum of \$6,000 from one of the new Federal Relief organizations (WPA) for the construction of storm sewers. Public welfare for the year 1933 was \$10,167.

1934

The interior of the municipal building was destroyed by fire in January; it was rebuilt the same year with the addition of the fire station at a total cost of \$70,000. High school teachers: Daniel Turner, Everett McCann; high school enrollment, 119; Basil Nelson, Grade 6 teacher.

1935

The new fire station on Main St. was completed in 1935; Local Union of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers was chartered on July 8, 1935; Daughters of Isabella have been buying ten bottles of milk a day for the grammar school and have also secured eye glasses for two children.

1936

High school teachers: P.E. Johnson, principal; C.W. Parsons, Daniel Turner, Everett McCann, Zahea Sibley.

1937

The East Millinocket Music Club was organized with Mrs. Rosamond (Burr) Lyons as its foundress and first president on 10/14/1937; James Mack served a second term in the Maine State Legislature in 1937-1938; welfare disbursements: \$8,263.

1938

The town library was moved from the high school to the municipal building with Mrs. Edith Hill, librarian. Thaxter M. Reardon, age 48, a local police officer, died from injuries received from a brutal assault on June 5, 1938. Fred York, sealer of weights and measures; \$11,000 was spent on welfare which was the greatest amount for the depression years 1929-1942.

1939

Earle Wingate was named fourth superintendent of schools (1939-1942), succeeding William Marr (1910-1939); James M. Mack ended his long tenure as first selectman, having served continuously from 1907 to March 1939 with the exception of one year; Charles E. Moscone, town auditor.

1940

A better source of drinking water was found on the Hathaway farm in 1940; George Daisey was elected first selectman and later chairman of the board of selectmen; Arnold Colbath, class of 1940 of Schenck High School, was the first graduate to earn a doctorate. Janitors were hired on a 50-week basis to better maintain the buildings; William Whitney, school janitor; a new stoker was installed; Mr. Daniel Turner took his one-act play to Greenwich, Conn., placing 4th among New England schools; the manual training program was begun under Mr. Walter Robb; Mr. William Reagan and Miss Dorothy Willard replaced Mr. Lawrence Groves and Mr. Basil Nelson on our teaching staff.

1941

The town adopted the Australian-ballot system for the election of its officials, thus making the annual town meeting a two-day affair; due to the teacher-market shortage, the ban on hiring married teachers was lifted for one year; Mr. Howard Washburn was hired as the new high school principal (1941-1943).

1942

Miss Margaret H. Gillis, commercial teacher and gym instructor, arrived at Schenck High School and remained until 1981; Mr. Everett McCann resigned his teaching position to enter the service of his country; 230 citizens served their country during World War II that began in 1942; Miss Josephine McDonald resigned her grade 4 position.

1943

Miss Margaret Gillis initiated the Schenck Winter Carnival; Mr. E. Stanley Kitchin, new Schenck High School principal (1943-1945); Zelda Fenlason was listed as Zelda Marden.

Some East Millinocket businesses include: Rexall Corner Drug Store, East Millinocket Branch of American Red Cross; Ralph O. Sprague Barber Shop; Eastland Hotel, First National Store, J.R. Georges, D.O., Susan's Beauty Salon, L.D. Moran Clothing, D. Moscone & Sons.

1944

Mr. Everett Page became superintendent of schools (1944-1945); some teachers listed: Woodrow Mercier, submaster/social studies; Miss Opal Myrick, principal of East Millinocket Grammar School; Miss Fernande Cyr (Ingalls), first grade teacher.

1945

Mr. Durward Heal became the new principal of Garret Schenck, Jr. High School in the fall of 1945; Mrs. Beatrice Heal, his wife, joined the staff to teach English, Latin and French; Mr. William Hale became superintendent of School Union 113 (Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway and Woodville) from 1945 to 1963. 230 citizens served in World War II (1942-1945) and the following men made the supreme sacrifice of their lives: GERALD G. COON, GILBERT H. FISKE, JR., STEPHEN W. GROVES, RODERICK A. MacLEAN, JR., CLARENCE B. MICHAUD, ALLIE E. PELKEY, EUGENE H. POWERS, EDWARD RUNNELLS, FRANCIS M. SULLIVAN, ERNEST E. SURRETTE, RALPH C. TWIST, JR. Their names are inscribed on the monument across from the municipal building.

1946

The name of the John Feeney American Legion Post #13 was changed to Feeney-Groves Post #13 in March to honor the casualties suffered by the community in both world wars; the school board granted a \$200 increase per teaching position because living costs had advanced so rapidly; faculty: Angelo Tsika, instrumental music; Evelyn Pray, grades 7 & 8; Mary (Carlin) Belanger, grade 5.

1947

The Rod and Gun Club (2/11/1947) and the Farm Bureau Extension were organized in 1947; Mr. Ivan Ames became acting superintendent of the mill in 1947 and Mr. Charles M. Carrier became superintendent from 1947 to 1952; high school enrollment was 149 for grades 7 to 12; grammar school, 184 for sub primary to grade 6; Kathleen Mahany (Nisbett), home economics teacher.

1948

The war memorial monument was erected at a cost of \$1,500 (refer to 1945 for list of casualties); total cost of education: \$62,180; Article 23...to raise \$1,000 for an auto-driving course in the high school; faculty: Jacqueline (O'Mara) Raymond, grade 2; \$2,500 was appropriated for equipment for a town playground in the park near the high school.

1949

The boys' basketball team won the State Class S basketball championship, by defeating Kingfield by 2 points, under Coach Bill Redman; second season of a summer playground program.

1950

The boys' basketball team won the State Class S basketball championship, under Coach Bill Redman, for a second time. Faculty: Mr. Richard Bouchard replaced Mr. Lawrence Wright; Mr. William Lavin replaced Mr. Bill Redmond; death of Mr. William Whitney, janitor for 24 years, who was replaced by Don Jarvis; Mrs. Emma Groves, grade 4, was replaced by Mrs. Elizabeth MacEachern.

1951

Feeney-Groves American Legion Post #13 established a blood bank for East Millinocket and Medway; construction of the tennis courts was completed; Article 12...to raise \$2,500 to construct a town garage on Eastern Avenue; the last bond on the high school of \$3,000 @ 4.5% was paid on 8/16/1951; Martin G. Stratton, sealer of weights and measures; death of James M. Mack, first selectman for 31 years, land agent, businessman and state legislative representative on 11/1/1951.

1952

Mr. C.N. Merrill became mill superintendent and mill manager from 1952 to 1957; Frank M. Civiello, D.D.S., a graduate of Georgetown Dental School, began his long service to the area in the fall of 1952. We express our gratitude to Dr. Civiello and to Mary Civiello, his wife and office assistant, for their dental care to the people of the area. Schools: Richard Bouchard, principal of the East Millinocket Grammar School; Earl Moody, new janitor and Florence Roach, janitress; enrollment was increasing due to GNP's expansion: grades 7-12, 146; grades subprimary-6, 252.

1953

The town's first ambulance was purchased this year; incorporation of the Schenck High School Alumni Association on 2/2/1953 with Theo Brown '27 as president; beginning of GNP's installation of two high-speed paper machines with speeds up to 2,500 feet a minute and a plant to produce chemi-groundwood from hardwood on 3/2/1953. This expansion required a new grinder room, a new high-pressure steam plant, a new concrete wood room and a new paint and oil storage building. With this expansion, a new group of industrious French families came from New Brunswick, Canada and northern Maine. The First Congregational Church constructed a new parsonage on 28 Maple Street; Rev. John Thompson was called to be pastor of an Assembly of God Church in July 1953; first Parent-Teacher Assn. (PTA) was

formed with George R. MacDonald as its first president. Schools: Mary Severance, grade 7; Eugene Parker, grade 8 and driver training; Ellen Theriault and Dorothy Day, grade one; Lawrence Michaud, janitor; the school safety patrol was organized; the superintendent suggested converting the high school heating system to oil.

1954

The Eastmill Federal Credit Union was opened in June; a new Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Station was built behind the monument on Main Street; the town purchased its fire police car; the Feeney-Groves Post #13 of the American Legion elected Mrs. Virgie Birt as its commander. It was among the first in the state to honor the important role played by women in World War II; a planning committee for a new high school was authorized at the town meeting in March; Bernard Larlee assumed the position of postmaster on June 23, 1954; there was an extension of streets and an addition to the fire station due to GNP's expansion; total school enrollment: 399; Mrs. June Michaud, sub primary teacher; Peter L. Gaetani, O.D., class of 1945 of Schenck High School and graduate of the Massachusetts College of Optometry, established his office here; operation of GNP's No. 5 paper machine on 10/11/1954.

1955

A ski tow area has been cleared at the Hathaway farm; establishment of a recreation department on 6/6/1955 with Albert Noyes as the first full-time director; Irvin E. Hamlin, M.D., a graduate of Tufts Medical School, began his long service to the area (1955-2004) in August 1955; we thank him for his dedication to the health care of the people of the area. We owe him a debt that can never be repaid. Number 6 paper machine went into production, operating at speeds up to 2255 feet per minute; the interior of the First Congregational Church was destroyed by fire; Wakine G. Tanous, attorney, educated at the University of Maine Law School, began his practice here. Thank you for your service. The initial services of the Church of the Nazarene were cottage prayer meetings in the homes of the Thompsons and Kimballs; the new swimming pool, built by volunteers, was opened at the end of the summer; organization of the East Millinocket Chamber of Commerce in October with Attorney Wakine G. Tanous as president. Schools: Mr. Thomas Kane, English; Mr. Edward Hendrickson, industrial arts; Miss Christine Hopper, home economics; Mr. Richard Noyes, music; bids for the construction of the new high school will be opened about March 1, 1956; high school bond issue: \$710,000 @ 2.8%; classes for mentally handicapped required by law.

1956

Municipal garbage collection began in 1956; dedication of swimming pool on 7/8/1956; Northern Water Co., owned by GNP, was sold to the General Waterworks Corp. of Philadelphia, PA; First Congregational Church was rededicated in the fall after it was rebuilt due to the fire; David Bartlett, a 1948 graduate of Schenck High School and the Mass. School of Pharmacy, opened his pharmacy in the Jerome Smart block in October; businesses include: Moran's Clothing Store, Pratt and McQuarrie Restaurant, Bishop block, Moscone's Store, Claire's Style Center, Ferland Jewelers, Gonya's Garage, Pomeroy's Garage, Nelson's Hardware, Hatt Warehouse, Belanger Beer Parlor, First National Store, a lunchroom, New England Telephone, Millinocket Trust Company. East Millinocket Grammar School faculty: Mr. Richard Bouchard, principal and grade 6; Mrs. Mary Belanger, grade 5; Mrs. Ann Smith and Mrs. Bernice Shorette, grade 4; Mrs. Emma Groves and Mrs. Mabel Sheehan, grade 3; Mrs. Elizabeth MacEachern and Mrs. Ellen Theriault, grade 2; Mrs. Dorothy Day and Mrs. Dorothy MacDonald, grade 1; Mrs. June Michaud and Mrs. Mabel Sheehan, sub primary; four rooms will be added to the old high school building for elementary use...\$150,000.

1957

Mr. John H. (Pete) Heuer was acting mill manager until May 1, 1957; Mr. Thomas Barry succeeded him; gala celebration of the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of East Millinocket, chaired by George R. MacDonald; completion and dedication of the new Schenck High School on 8/6/1957, costing \$783,099; its name was changed from the Garret Schenck, Jr. High School to Schenck High School to honor the whole Schenck family. SCHENCK HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE: James R. Adams, Theo O. Brown, Leon E. Cousins, George W. Daisey, E.F. McCann, Arthur C. Michaud, John S. Potter, Scott C. Powers, William W. Hale, Secretary; Durward S. Heal, Chairman. A two-story addition was added to the fire station and the old high school building became an elementary school named in honor of Miss Opal Myrick (1893-1955), a teacher and principal from 1927 to 1955. New high school faculty: Mr. John Rogers, guidance director/math/science; Mr. Richard Groves, physical education/coach; high school enrollment grades 7-12: 199; elementary enrollment: grades sub primary to grade 6: 392; total: 591; 9 rooms were used in the Opal Myrick School and 4 in the old grammar school for elementary classes.

1958

The chapel building of the Church of the Nazarene was dedicated on 2/6/1958; first graduation from the new Schenck High School by the class of 1958; Medway students arrived to become part of Schenck High School in the fall; Marie MacDonald became town nurse and Mary Hersom became full-time school nurse; Mr. Emmett Stevens joined SHS staff to teach commercial subjects; Alan Stevens '60, his son, took first place in the state cross-country Class C race; Mr. Darrell Fernald and Mr. John Groves, custodians; Mr. Andrew B. Hopkins, a new teacher for grade 6; Moran block was destroyed by fire on December 2, 1958 with an estimated loss of \$100,000; it housed the post office and other businesses.

1959

The Church of the Nazarene building was constructed from 1959 to 1962; the old grammar school building was razed in the summer; an addition to the First Congregational Church for Sunday school classes was completed in the fall.

1960

The new U.S. Post Office building, with Bernard (Snigg) Larlee as postmaster, was dedicated; death of George W. Daisey, chairman of the board of selectmen since 1940; Daisey Park, at the entrance of the town, was dedicated to his memory; Baptist families initiated cottage prayer meetings under the leadership of Rev. Richard Viekman in September. Schools: All of the recommendations of the accreditation visiting committee were satisfied before July 1, 1960 and Schenck High School was included on the first list of accredited schools in Maine; Mr. Alan Hale, new industrial arts teacher; Mr. David Pressley, new teacher in grade 6; the new six-room south wing of the Opal Myrick School was occupied in October.

1961

Sunday worship services and Sunday school classes for Baptist families were organized at the municipal building in February; Great Northern Paper merged with Great Southern Paper Co.; vital statistics: births: 66, marriages: 44, deaths: 21; new faculty: Mrs. Virgie Birt, grade 6; Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins, grade 1; the First Baptist Church was formally organized at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Willard Waterhouse with 31 members on Nov. 17, 1961.

1962

Article 25...to study the need for an addition to the high school; Article 29...\$1,000 for Katahdin Friends of Exceptional Children; ground breaking for the First Baptist Church on Oak Street took place on July 29, 1962; Mr. Ralph Anderson was appointed assistant superintendent of schools with his office at Schenck High School in the fall; Mary Rouleau succeeded Margaret Knorr as town treasurer; schools: Mrs. Frances Dentremont, secretary to the high school principal; Mrs. Kathleen Nisbett, new home economics teacher; Mr. John Hackett, social studies; Mr. Floyd Bolstridge, supervisory principal at Opal Myrick School; Mrs. Zelda Marden, grade 5; Mrs. Rita Nisbett, grade 1; one room in Opal Myrick is used for the Exceptional Children Program; major improvements planned for the ski slope; Christmas worship services were held in the new First Baptist Church building.

1963

Article 36...to have the fire chief appointed not elected; formal dedication of the First Baptist Church building on 5/26/1963; Blanche Toussaint, municipal librarian, retired and was succeeded by Gretchen Pomeroy on July 1; East Millinocket, Medway and Woodville formed a separate school union from Millinocket with Woodrow Mercier as first superintendent from 1963 to 1975; a north wing was added to the Opal Myrick School and was occupied in the fall; school staffs: Mr. James Ouellette, French; Mr. Theodore Parkhurst, math; Mrs. Stella Thibodeau, supt.'s secy.; Mr. Frank Vaznis, custodian; Mr. Bertram Goddard and Mr. Frank Baker, coaches; Opal Myrick enrollment: sub primary to grade 7: 584; total cost of education was \$797,140; Edith Tibbetts succeeded Elizabeth Hatfield as town clerk and tax collector; Eastmill Federal Credit Union building was opened on Main Street on 10/21/1963; Walter Birt was first elected to the state legislature.

1964

Bartlett's Pharmacy moved into its new building in February; the annual town meeting voted to raze the bandstand; first budget committee was appointed with John Nicholson, chairman and Maurice Rosebush, vice chairman; Darrell L. Fernald, local civil defense and public safety director; a search and rescue squadron has been formed; new teachers: Mrs. Violet Pettengill, grade 1; Mrs. Virginia Smally, grade 4; Mr. Ronald Boynton, social studies/coach; Mrs. Juanita Pressley, commercial teacher; superintendent recommended the introduction of modern math in elementary grades; the Union Hotel, owned by Ed Hamm, Sr. was destroyed by fire on September 14; first accreditation of Schenck High School by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NASSC) on 12/10/1964.

1965

The annual town meeting approved the fluoridation of town drinking water; John H. Doe succeeded George E. Sheehan as chief of police; schools: Miss Jane Simoneau, grade 2, replaced Mrs. Ellen Theriault, deceased; new teachers: Mr. Keith Lowry, head of math and science department; Mrs. Betty Goddard, math; the new 500-wing addition at the high school was opened with 7 classrooms, a new library, a biology lab and a language lab.

1966

The new circular St. Peter's Catholic Church and rectory was completed in 1966; Mr. Durward Heal, principal of SHS, resigned due to his health and was replaced by Mr. Charles H. Diehl as interim principal; we thank Mr. Heal for his excellent service to the school and community from 1945 to 1966. Dr. Irvin E. Hamlin was listed as health officer; new teachers: Mrs. Sylvia Lowry/Mrs. Eunice Harris, grade 3; Mr.

Thomas Cahill, driver education; Mr. Gary Clendening, science; Mr. Alden Colby and Mr. Wayne Danforth, industrial arts; enrollment: 479 in grades 7-12, 538 in kindergarten-grade 6.

1967

Article 30...to investigate the possibility of a community center; Mr. Kenneth Nelson, Jr. became principal of Schenck High School (1967-1985) in the spring; Schenck's "Big Green Wolverine Band," with George Himes as director and 118 students, marched in the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC in April; new teachers: Mr. Gary Morrison, grade 6; Mr. John Giffin, physical ed and basketball coach; enrollment of Schenck High School grades 7-12: 502.

1968

Article 4...for education \$375,646; Martin Roach, mill manager, was succeeded by Carl Reed on July 1; new teachers: Frances Willard, grade 1; Harry Rush, Jr., French; James Willard, biology; Katahdin Friends of Retarded Children, Inc. opened the new \$140,000 school building to classes for 14 students in December with Mrs. Ruth Joudry as principal and teacher.

1969

Gordon Mayhew, class of 1969 of SHS, entered West Point; Gordon Page succeeded Ralph MacKenzie as plumbing inspector; the present parsonage of the First Baptist Church was erected in the summer; deaths of Walter H. Birt, Jr. '66 SHS and Robert Nisbett '67 at GNP's chemi-groundwood plant due to asphyxiation. Schools: 1074 enrollment, 58 teachers, education budget: \$713,518; new teachers: Richard McKinnon, grade 5; Robert Thomas, grade 6; Lois Thomas, grade 3; Geraldine Kennedy, grade 2; Dennis Morton, English; John Rhoda, chemistry; Ronald Marks, physical ed and basketball coach; Bernard White, custodian; Daniel Birt, chairman of the budget committee.

1970

Great Northern Paper Co. merged with Nekoosa Edwards Paper Co. of Wisconsin to create Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation. The school board was increased from three to five members; vital statistics: 45 births, 44 marriages, 23 deaths; some new teachers: Dennis Michaud, grade 6; Judith Danforth, grade 5; Jude Ippoliti, grade 4; Marie Heath (Weatherbee), grade 1; Leroy Nightingale, business math/science; Deanna Mosca (Shepperd), remedial reading; "mini-courses in English and a remedial reading program were initiated at SHS; special education was started at Opal Myrick. Town's population was 2,567 with a valuation of \$14,414,450.

1971

Donald Lyons succeeded Roland Glidden as road commissioner; public welfare listed 23 recipients for a total of \$12,777; Donald Tibbitts succeeded Martin G. Stratton as sealer of weights and measures; some new teachers: Beverly Morin, kindergarten; Randi Reed (Birt), social studies; the social studies department, under Mr. John Hackett, initiated "mini-courses;" Bernard Coro, class of 1969 of SHS, was killed in the Vietnam War on September 28, 1971. We honor his patriotism and admire his courage.

1972

The new town garage on Church Street was completed; the SHS boys' basketball team won the state Class L title for the second consecutive year under Coach Ronald Marks; Mary Hersom, R.N. retired as school nurse after 40 years of service. We thank her for her dedication. John Curtis succeeded Kenneth Osborne as chief of the fire department; the relocation of the standpipe has been delayed; it was recommended that the old town garage be sold by bid and demolished; we wanted to obtain permission

from the state to keep our cone burner at the dump; Arthur Dentremont, an East Millinocket native, succeeded Carl Reed as mill manager on September 1; some new teachers: David Weatherbee, grade 5; Angela Segee (Lausten), grade 4; Susan Pelkey, grade 3; Dean Shea, English; Stephen Hodgdon and Barbara Mealey (Daigle), music; Louise Paoletti Morang, R.N., school nurse.

1973

Gretchen Pomeroy, municipal librarian, retired and was succeeded by Frances White; Representative Walter Birt was assistant majority floor leader in the Maine House of Representatives from 1973 to 1975; the town received \$167,689 in federal revenue sharing funds; the police, firemen and school custodians have unionized; we will not benefit from the Educational Tax Reform law since East Millinocket is considered a "rich" community due to GNP being here; Clifford Collinsworth replaced Roderick MacLeod as plumbing inspector; new teachers: Dorothy Rosebush, kindergarten; Esther Deschene, high school principal's secretary; Article 31...reevaluation of the entire town.

1974

Article 16...to study the cost of a community building containing an indoor swimming pool, library, etc. Mr. Franklin J. Belanger retired as treasurer of the Eastmill Federal Credit Union in August and was succeeded by Bernice Jarvis; Senator Wakine Tanous, who served three terms in the Maine Senate, was a candidate for governor in the Republican primary; the "Uniform Property Tax" bill will take away much local control of the schools and increase local taxes by 10%; Francis Morin replaced Clifford Collinsworth as plumbing inspector; some new teachers: Paula Huntley, grade 7; Thomas Jarvis, grade 6; David Michaud, business education; Melinda MacKenzie, English/science; SHS has received renewed accreditation for ten years.

1975

Great Northern Paper merged and formed Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation in 1970, but the area mills continued to be called Great Northern Paper Co., a subsidiary of the corporation; death of Dr. Thomas Sheldon Heal, optometrist, SHS class of 1933, on January 26; completion of Oak Park Manor, low-cost housing for the elderly on 6/15/1975; regional high school vocational education began with the opening of Northern Penobscot Region III Vocational School in Lincoln; Mr. Edward Savage became superintendent of schools (1975-1979) on July 1 succeeding Woodrow Mercier; the rivers can no longer be used to convey pulp wood to the mills; GNP filed suit for a reduction in valuation; community building and library was rejected after two referendum votes; Randall Ewing succeeded John Curtis as fire chief; Walter Nason succeeded Gordon Page as electrical inspector; vital statistics: 29 births, 33 marriages, 18 deaths; a committee investigated the town manager form of government versus selectmen form; new teachers: Nancy Moscone, English; Jonathan Brown, English; school enrollment: 527 at SHS in grades 8-12; 441 at OM in kindergarten-7; 968 total.

1976

GNP's clarifier plant was completed and the new police, ambulance and fire facility on Main Street was opened; gala celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States on July 4th; Deborah J. Belanger '81, daughter of James and Patricia Belanger, won the contest for naming the newest street in town Independence Lane; completion of the new Northeast Bank building next to the post office on 8/9/1976 with Anthony Moscone, Jr. as manager; establishment of the former bank building at the corner of Main and Maple Streets as a place of worship for members of the Mormon Church under the direction of Mr. Jack Waite; Edwin Marden, SHS class of 1968, received his doctor of osteopathy degree from the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine; Mary Rouleau, town treasurer, retired after 15 years; we thank

her for handling this position professionally. She will be sorely missed. We have received a variance from the state for using our cone burner at the dump. The school department will begin a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, which will require a special town meeting in May of each year.

1977

Another revaluation of the town was recommended due to the general dissatisfaction of the citizens regarding the results; negotiations with Northern Water Company for the purchase of the water company by the town; we will continue using our cone burner at the town dump until the air quality agency shuts it down; Frank Clukey succeeded Bruce Locke as recreation director; Charles Lazore succeeded Walter Nason as electrical inspector; recreation budget: \$49,556; education budget: \$1,396,867; vital statistics: 28 births, 38 marriages, 17 deaths.

1978

Cheryl Butts, class of 1970 of SHS, was awarded her M.D. degree from Tufts University College of Medicine; Mark Rosebush, class of 1971 of SHS, earned his doctor of medical dentistry degree from Tufts University Dental School; GNP workers were on strike during July and August; Mr. Eugene "Dean" Parker, junior high math/science teacher since 1953 died on 9/18/1978. We appreciate his dedication. We used anti-recession funds to hire some unemployed citizens to paint the inside of the public safety building and GNP donated the paint; our share of federal revenue sharing funds was \$175,000; the library renovation has been completed; we want to expand Oak Park Manor from 20 to 40 units; school enrollment: 522 SHS, 404 OP, 926 total.

1979

Article 29...\$15,000 to hire an administrative assistant to the selectmen; for the first time, the school budget year went from July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980 and did not coincide with the municipal budget; deaths of Mrs. Beatrice Heal (1907-79), SHS teacher/librarian and Mr. Durward Heal (1906-79), principal of SHS. We thank them for their dedication and many contributions to education in East Millinocket. The Heal point system for tournament standings was named after Mr. Heal due to his involvement with the Maine Principals' Association. Walter Birt was hired as administrative assistant to the board of selectmen; Arthur Michaud, chair of the board of selectmen, left after 23 years of dedicated service; this year marked East Millinocket's freedom from all indebtedness; we have spent \$250,000 to date on planning for municipal pollution facilities; the town has purchased the water company from Northern Water Company and will be renamed the East Millinocket Water Works; Neal Surette, class of 1971 of SHS, received a doctor of dental science degree from Case Western Reserve University; Philip Snowden, M.D. began his medical practice here; Julie Hopkins, class of 1980 of SHS, won the state Voice of Democracy contest with Mrs. Nancy Moscone as advisor; Mr. Edward Savage, superintendent of schools, resigned on 12/26/1979 and Mr. Raymond Hillman became interim superintendent until July 1, 1980.

1980

Grant R. Brees, D.V.M. opened the North Woods Animal Clinic on January 28; the SHS gym was named the Margaret H. Gillis Gymnasium in honor of Miss Gillis, a teacher/coach at SHS since 1942, at the 1980 graduation; Franklin A. Dentremont, Jr., class of 1973 at SHS, earned a doctor of medical dentistry degree from Tufts University Dental School; Dr. Ralph Ryder became superintendent of schools on July 1, 1980 until 1992; tragic murder of Joyce McLain '82 on August 8, 1980; completion of GNP's new bark-burning plant which was financed by a bond issue through the town. However, the bond incurred no expense to the town and resulted in new taxable property. This year our surplus exceeded \$125,000

thanks to the wise investments of Claudene McLaughlin, town treasurer; we have completed one year of successful operation of our water company, East Millinocket Water Works, with the help of Don Lyons and Bob Williams. Teachers/staff at Opal Myrick School, grades K-7: Floyd E. Bolstridge, principal; Beverly Morin, Marie Weatherbee, Violet Pettengill, Gail Deabay, Frances Willard, Angela Lausten, Susan Pelkey, Paula O'Brien, Lois Thomas, David Weatherbee, Ronnee Johnston, Robert Marquis, Richard McKinnon, Thomas Jarvis, Dennis Michaud, Gary Morrison, Jude Ippoliti, David Pressley; special areas: Cheryl Morin, Deborah Bishop, Kathy Churchill, Alan Smith, Barbara Morin, Stephen Hodgdon, Joseph Villani, Peter Fisher, Bonny Betts, R.N.; Kenneth Moore and Albert Bouchard, custodians; enrollment 357 for K-7. Michael Michaud was representative to the state legislature. Town's population was 2,372 with a valuation of \$93,950,000.

1981

Edith Tibbitts retired after 19 years as tax collector and town clerk. We thank her for a job well done. Neal Surette, D.D.S. returned to East Millinocket to establish his dental practice. We thank him. Mr. Emmett Stevens, business education teacher/cross-country coach (1958-1981) retired in June. We admire him. A U.S. Navy frigate was named in honor of Stephen W. Groves, a local resident who died in World War II; construction of a new water reservoir behind the Catholic Church that came on line in November; 20 additional units were added to Oak Park Manor and opened in November; vital statistics: 40 births, 40 marriages, 21 deaths.

1982

Miss Margaret H. Gillis, SHS faculty member from 1942-1981, died of a brain tumor on January 25, 1982. May she rest in peace. She was replaced by Janice Welch. The town changed to a fiscal year of July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983; death of Mr. Theodore Parkhurst, SHS math teacher, in the summer. We thank him for his service from 1963 to 1982. 75th anniversary of the incorporation of East Millinocket on February 21, 1982 with gala festivities on August 8-14, 1982; we honor the memory of Officer Eugene Campbell who was a member of the police department since 1966; construction has begun on the new swimming pool; the town's accounts are now computerized.

1983

Article 59...to enact a sewer ordinance for the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The cover of the 1983 town report was designed by Mark Nisbett '85 SHS; town retirees: Betty Ordway, Reginald Glidden, and Irvin Deveau. Frank Stratton was our new water company foreman. Schenck High School has purchased computers; Schenck High School staff: Kenneth Nelson, Jr., principal; Andrew Hopkins, asst. prin./govt.; Leroy Nightingale, guidance; Jean Osgood, secretary.; Thomas Cahill, driver education.; Alden Colby and Wayne Danforth, Industrial Arts; Juanita Pressley, John Farrington, David Michaud, Business education.; Barry Goddard and Deborah Osgood, grade 8; Keith Lowry, Richard Grant, John Rhoda, James Willard, math/science; George Horvath, librarian; Dean Shea, Melinda Mackenzie, Dennis Morton, Nancy Moscone, English; Ronald Marks, Janice Welch, phy. Ed.; Kathleen Nisbett, home economics; Sally Osborne, Deanna Shepperd, special educ.; Harry Rush, Jr., French; Esther Deschene, prin.'s secy.; Mark Scally, Stephen Hodgdon, music; Peter Fisher, art; Bonnie Betts, R.N., school nurse; Henry Federico, Bernard White, custodians; enrollment grades 8-12: 367.

1984

Gary Morin succeeded Charles Lazore as electrical inspector; town employees: Judith Doore, selectmen's secy.; Anna Powers, Edward Deveau, Sr., custodians; Fire Chief Randall Ewing, Jerry Ackley, Leslie Brown, firemen; Police Chief John Doe, Willard Brannen, Garold Cramp, Thomas Jamo, policemen; Donald Lyons, road commissioner; Wm. Birmingham, Lee Brewer, Steven Campbell, Don Crolepy, Edward Dishon, Sr., Terry Johnson, Virgil Lyons, J. Robert Nicholson, C. Wayne Sweeney, Robert Williams, highway dept.; Arthur Boss, Sr., Leonce Michaud, incinerator; Gerard Lapierre, Louis Morin, wastewater treatment plant; Donis Rogers, cemetery sexton. The accreditation visitation of SHS was in April with James Willard as chairperson.

1985

The town's wastewater treatment plant was completed; Great Northern Nekoosa owns over two million acres of timberlands in Maine and six hydroelectric dams; death of Arthur C. Michaud (1926-1985), class of 1943 Schenck High School, GNP personnel supervisor, selectman for 25 years and outstanding citizen on 5/17/1985; Mr. Kenneth Nelson, Jr. retired as principal of SHS in June and Dr. Phyllis Deringis replaced him; Hatfield Randall Associates began 20 units of housing on Oak Street to be completed by December; Gary Brewer succeeded Gary Morin as electrical inspector; GNP's "Big A" dam permit for electrical production was granted, but with unreasonable conditions attached. The plans for the project have ended. This was the last year for federal revenue sharing funds of nearly \$88,000 annually; we are involved in the Katahdin Regional Development Corporation (KRDC).

1986

Teresa Farrington, class of 1978 of Schenck High School, earned her doctor of osteopathy degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathy. Congratulations! The town's new computer system was on-line July 1; Judy Doore, our new administrative assistant; new employees: Daniel Violette; retirement: Lee Brewer to whom we wish a long and happy retirement; Martha Held filled the new position of librarian at Opal Myrick; Harold Blackstone and Frank Vaznis, custodians at SHS and Eugene Smith, guidance director; Carmen Tetu, grade 7; grade seven was returned to the high school building in the fall; the wastewater treatment plant went into operation on October 29 with Patrick Provenzano and Anthony Civiello as new employees; the town is now 100% metered for water; Farmer's Home Administration financed the loan for East Millinocket Water Works with the final payment due in 2010.

1987

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Katahdin Regional Development Corporation's (KRDC) new training center on Route 157 in East Millinocket were on May 1; the proposed school budget for 1987-1988 was \$2,456,950; Mr. Keith Lowry retired in June after teaching math and science at SHS since the mid-1960's; we thank him for his excellent work; Floyd Bolstridge retired as principal of Opal Myrick since the early 1960s and was succeeded by Thomas Jarvis; we thank Mr. Bolstridge for his stable administration; Thomas Tetu became the SHS librarian; Frank Clukey, recreation director, chaired the gala celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1987, including a parade on 9/19/1987; installation of 2 new, huge paper machines in the East Millinocket mill, replacing No. 5 & 6; Mr. Lyford Beverage, new SHS principal, arrived on 10/1/1987.

1988

The Schenck High School band competed at the All-American Music Festival in Orlando, Florida in April under the direction of Stephen Hodgdon; Joyce Lynch retired as librarian on 7/15/1988. We thank her for her 14 years of service. Beth Mahoney was training coordinator at the Katahdin Training and Entrepreneurial Center (KATEC) on Route 157; John H. Doe, chief of police, was the certified D.A.R.E. officer; Dr. Franklin A. Dentremont, Jr. was chair of the planning board; an industrial park was voted on at a special town meeting on 9/6/1988; Peter Paoletti succeeded Donis Rogers as cemetery sexton; East Millinocket voted against school consolidation with Millinocket on November 8; retirements: Randall Ewing as fire chief on 12/25/1988; Eddie Dishon as public works employee for 31 years; Joan Gordon as town nurse for 11 years; Arthur "Bucky" Boss as sanitation employee for 10 years. We thank them for their services. Wm. E. Van Tuinen is revaluating the community so that all properties are valued at 100%.

1989

Bernice Jarvis retired as treasurer/manager of the Eastmill Federal Credit Union after 32 years (1957-1989); Schenck High School chorus participated in the All American Music Festival in NYC with Mark Scally, director; death of Mr. Thomas A. Cahill, driver education teacher, from heart disease in May; Article 34...\$180,000 for asbestos removal and replacement of SHS's boiler; Nancy (Lombard) Davis, Reg. Ph. and class of 1975 SHS, purchased Bartlett's Pharmacy from David Bartlett, class of 1948 SHS, when he retired on 6/1/1989; retirements: Robt. Nicholson, sanitation employee after 25 years; Stella Thibodeau, administrative assistant to the supt. after 26 years; Jean Osgood, guidance secy. after 22 years; construction of a new wood room at Great Northern Nekoosa; Dr. John Gaetani and his wife, Dr. Anne Hall, optometrists, took over the practice of his father, Dr. Peter Gaetani '46 SHS; Kenneth Osborne, Jr. was hired as school custodian in the summer; SHS's new computerized typing lab began operating in September with Juanita Pressley, chair of the business department; Dr. Danny R.P. Michaud, new SHS principal, arrived in September; death of Walter A. Birt '33, former representative to the Maine State Legislature and the town's administrative assistant, died 9/19/1989; we appreciate his services; Georgia-Pacific Corporation announced a hostile takeover bid for Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation (GNN) on 10/31/1989; Michael Michaud '73 is listed as our state representative; Roy Taylor, executive director of KDRC, resigned on 12/15/1989 and was replaced by Gordon C. Lane.

1990

Georgia-Pacific Corporation purchased Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation in February through a hostile takeover; James A. Ouellette '90 SHS, won the state Voice of Democracy contest; retirements: Mr. Andrew Hopkins, assistant principal of SHS after 32 years; John Rhoda, chemistry after 21 years; Jean Segee, secretary at Opal Myrick; Anna Powers, municipal building custodian after 11 years; Jerry W. Ackley after 21 years as a firefighter. We thank them for their services. Ron Turcotte, president of Katahdin Regional Development Corporation (KRDC); the state valuation of the town was \$304,700,000; 1990 U.S. Census listed population as 2,166; some teachers and education technicians: Gregory Friel, physical education at Opal Myrick; Sandra Rhoda, Darlene Rosebush and Debra Jamo, special areas at SHS; installation of giant yard equipment for wood handling at the mill; the opening of a new trailer park, named Christara Park, in the fall.

1991

The annual town report was dedicated to the troops in the Persian Gulf War; dedication of St. Peter's new parish center by Bishop Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B., a Millinocket native, on 1/20/1991; construction of

a new multi-purpose field at SHS by volunteers that was later dedicated to Coach Ron Marks in December, 1997; Schenck High School cannot sponsor a baccalaureate service because it was declared illegal by a U.S. court decision on 2/6/1991; Mr. Wayne Danforth, industrial arts teacher at SHS since 1966, retired due to ill health; Georgia-Pacific Corporation requested that the mill's assessed value be dropped from \$261,080,011 to \$90 million. The request was denied. The industrial Park was named the Great Northern Industrial Park; Police Chief John H. Doe retired on 12/31/1991 after 34 years of service. Thank you for your work.

1992

Bowater, Inc. bought the Millinocket and East Millinocket mills from Georgia-Pacific Corporation on 1/1/1992 and renamed them Great Northern Paper, Inc. for "A New Beginning." Bowater's 1992 tax abatement request wanted its valuation reduced from \$273,044,500 to \$107,428,341. The departments have made deep cuts as an anticipatory measure; Article 46...to raise \$44,000 for legal defense of the mill's abatement request; proposed budget for the administration of the town was \$206,500 not including the schools; Dr. Ralph Ryder, supt. of schools since 1980, retired and was succeeded by Mr. Thomas Jarvis; Great Northern Industrial Park's name was changed to the Katahdin Regional Industrial Park after Bowater purchased the mills; Katahdin Regional Development Corporation (KRDC) contracted with KATEC (Katahdin Area Technical Education Center) to provide retraining courses for displaced workers from the mills; Anthony Civiello was listed as superintendent of the wastewater treatment facility with Patrick Provenzano and Roger Parady as utility men; superintendent of schools office: Ellen Lakeman, administrative assistant; Carmen Doe, accounts payable clerk; Debra Coon, bookkeeper/secretary; Mr. John Doe succeeded Mr. Thomas Jarvis as principal of Opal Myrick School; Deanna Shepperd, head teacher; Barbara Page, secretary; Donald E. Lyons retired on 10/9/1992 as road commissioner after 28 years; thank you for your service.

1993

Dialing 911 for emergency began on 1/5/1993; Article 16...to raise \$6,000 for Regional Chamber of Commerce because our local organization has consolidated with Millinocket; GNP (Bowater) requested an abatement of taxes on 3/2/1993; the state valuation of the town and mill was \$316,600,000; KRDC provided business counseling, the industrial park, etc.; Peter D. Faloon, superintendent of the wastewater treatment facility; Steven Campbell, recycle coordinator; Bowater, Inc. opened a new recycling and deinking plant in East Millinocket on 9/10/1993; death of Mrs. Mary (Carlin) Belanger, a teacher in East Millinocket for more than 30 years; Great Northern Paper currently owns 2.1 million acres of woodland, an area about two-thirds the size of Connecticut. The company is the only manufacturer of newspaper printing grades in New England.

1994

Dr. Danny R.P. Michaud resigned as principal of SHS and was replaced by Mr. Kevin Held in June; Eastmill Federal Credit Union building was expanded by new construction; a new Opal Myrick playground was built through the encouragement of the PTA; Region III vocational students built a new gazebo in the park to replace the old bandstand; Senator Michael Michaud is the area's senator in the Maine Senate; police officers: Chief Garold W. Cramp, Sgt. Thomas E. Jamo, Officer Willard E. Brannen; library budget was \$24,965; the Nov. 22, 1994 special town meeting limited the amount that the town and schools could spend from 1995 to 1999 per desire of Bowater, Inc.; cuts will be needed in personnel and equipment.

1995

East Millinocket Health Center opened in the former Katahdin Friends School by Penobscot Medical Associates of Millinocket; the anticipated state subsidy for the East Millinocket schools for 1995-96 was \$59,392, a reduction of \$12,494 from last year due to the tax abatement settlement with Bowater, Inc. as reported by Thomas E. Jarvis, supt.; total costs for schools for next year will be \$3,309,443. Jon M. Rosebush was listed as our state representative in the Maine House of Representatives; retirements: Don Cropley, public works director after 25 ½ years; Leonce Michaud, transfer station attendant after 11 years; Roderick MacLeod, transfer station attendant after 7 ½ years; Judith Doore, adm. asst. to selectmen after 13 years. John E. Miner was listed as code enforcement officer. Vital statistics: 16 births, 20 marriages, 17 deaths.

1996

The tax agreement between Great Northern Paper, Bowater and East Millinocket is in its second year; it will end in 1999-2000; it has caused the town's cash flow to be significantly decreased; the mill has agreed to make prepayments to help ease the cash flow; Article 24...to raise \$18,000 for KRDC (Katahdin Regional Development Corporation). School retirements: Dean Shea, English; David Pressley, junior high; Juanita Pressley, business education; Ronald Marks, physical education; Carmen Doe, accounts payable clerk. Businesses: "Maxi-Suds", a new car wash; "Doe's Dogs"; East Millinocket's new mini-mall, owned by Clint Linscott; Osgood's Clothing Store closed on 8/24/1996; East Branch Sno-Rovers celebrated their 25th anniversary; Lewis Hoxie was named the 1996 "National Groomer of the Year;" Francis Morin retired in October as plumbing inspector and John E. Miner replaced him; Stephen Stanley was elected to the State House of Representatives; "Sweet Seniors' Guest House," a newly established residence for the elderly at the former mill manager's house, held an open house on 10/20/1996.

1997

Mr. Thomas Jarvis resigned as superintendent of schools in the spring; Omar Norton served as interim superintendent until Mr. Frank Hackett became superintendent of Maine School Union 113 on August 11, 1997; the revaluation report of the mill by Cascade Appraisal Services, Inc. was due on July 1 and the town's by Wm. Van Tuinen on September 20; Great Northern Paper's chemi-groundwood building was torn down in summer; "Paperfest '97," a festival celebrating the heritage and history of the papermaking industry, took place on August 29 & 30 with Cathy (Rogers) Lufkin as chair; Ed and Gail Hamm sold the Hamlet Motel and Restaurant in August. This marked the end of the longest family-owned business in East Millinocket. Thanks to Mr. James Willard, biology teacher at SHS, for his ecological work in the Spencer Brook Project; Mr. John Doe '69 became principal of SHS on October 6 and Mrs. Ronnee B. Johnston, principal at Opal Myrick School; dedication of the soccer field to Coach Ronald Marks on 12/22/1997. Coach Marks, thanks for your contributions to SHS athletics since 1969.

1998

Great Northern Paper Co. (Bowater, Inc.) announced a thermo-mechanical pulping facility (TMP) plant for East Millinocket for \$220 million; the Millinocket mill was put up for sale on January 29; death of Mrs. Mary Hersom, R.N., school and town nurse from the 1930s to 1972; new businesses during the summer: Bangor Savings Bank bought the Fleet Bank building; Gail's Gentle Grooming for pets by Gail Hamm; East Millinocket has signed a contract with Medway for police coverage; library computers went on the internet; Katahdin Area Training and Education Center (KATEC) planned to double the size of its building; consolidation of Union 113 schools in the fall of 1998: Opal Myrick became a K-4 school and Medway Middle a 5-8 school; Bowater, Inc. announced the sale of 1 million acres and Pinkham Lumber

in Ashland to Irving, Inc. and that they will sell the Millinocket mill and expand the East Millinocket mill on October 21; Bowater, Inc. sold 656,000 acres of timberland to McDonald Investment Co. of Alabama for \$155 million.

1999

Mr. Robert Bouchard assumed the position of superintendent of schools, Maine School Union 113 on July 1; Bowater, Inc. sold both the East Millinocket and Millinocket mills to Inexcon, Inc. for \$250 million on 8/17/1999 under the leadership of Lambert Bedard and Joseph Kass; the new Forest Ranger facility, located on Route 157 near KATEC, opened in the fall; also, the new Tri-Town Baptist Church, with Rev. Todd Bell as pastor, was opened in the fall; the new "Katahdin-Area Journal," with Clint Linscott as owner, began publication on 9/21/1999 until 11/23/2001.

2000

January 1, 2000, the first day of the new millennium arrived; East Millinocket held a 2000 celebration with Kelly Willigar and Tracy White, chairpersons, on August 11-13; Clint Linscott will remodel the Hamlet Motel building for a mini-mall called the Hamlet Mall; 100th anniversary of the opening of GNP's mill in Millinocket on November 1, 2000; death of Garret Schenck, age 68, grandson of the founder of GNP Co. and friend/supporter of Schenck High School on November 13, 2000; Maine Senator Michael Michaud '73 began a one-year term as president of the Maine Senate in November; Donald McNeil, president of Great Northern Paper, resigned.

2001

GNP only paid 14% of taxes due East Millinocket because of cash-flow problems as of January 5; Article 20...\$20,000 for Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council (MAGIC) passed. Article 24...\$154,750 to completely reconstruct the tennis and basketball courts passed. GNP abatement request went to the state board for hearings and had to be funded by the town; total Maine School Union 113 enrollment for 2000-2001 was 698 students with a proposed budget of \$3,750,414 for next year; the board of selectmen was increased from three to five for 2001-2002 as a result of a vote of 152 YES and 149 NO at the 2000 town meeting; three teachers retired at Schenck High School: David Michaud, business education; Harry Rush, Jr., French/Spanish; John Farrington, assistant principal/A.D. Thanks for your service. Mrs. Sandra J. MacArthur, director of special services, assumed the position of superintendent of schools on July 1 for two years. This was the year of the attack of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in NYC by terrorists on 9/11/2001. Town's population was 1,828 with a valuation of \$252,883,353.

2002

Great Northern Paper sold the hydro system to Brascan Corporation for \$156.5 million on January 30, changing its name to Great Northern Energy, LLC; Good Shepherd Christian Fellowship began services on Main Street with Pastor Marcel Daigle in winter; Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council (MAGIC) hired Bruce McLean as director and opened an office in East Millinocket; a major sewer and water project began in May; John E. Rouleau, selectman, retired on June 1 after serving on the board of selectmen for 21 years, including 15 years as chairman. We thank him for his service. Kelly Willigar chaired the third East Millinocket Summerfest that was held at the Opal Myrick Park on August 2-3; Great Northern Energy, LLC changed its name again to Great Lakes Hydro America on August 13 according to Jeffrey Martin, general manager; there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new tennis courts on August 20; KATEC expanded its facility with a 5,500 square foot addition and was renamed Katahdin Region Higher Education Center (KRHEC) on October 4; Schenck High School is proud of the

following winners in the November 5 election: U.S. Congressman Michael Michaud '73, State Senator Stephen Stanley '71 and State Representative Guy Duprey, Jr.'72. Death of Ann Milliken Hamlin, age 78, wife of Dr. Irvin E. Hamlin, M.D., on November 30th. She was an important member of the doctor's team. Eldon Doody, president of GNP, resigned effective December 16; Gary D. Brewer retired December 31 as electrical inspector and was succeeded by Emile Rossignol.

2003 YEAR OF THE GNP BANKRUPTCY

On January 9, 2003, Great Northern Paper, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after failing to reopen the East Millinocket and Millinocket mills that were closed for a 10-day shutdown on 12/27/2002. Lambert Bedard was the owner and chief executive officer (CEO) of GNP. GNP had 1,130 employees and owed at least 1000 creditors more than \$100 million. They had to keep the mills heated to protect the equipment. As of January 15, the mills were for sale. The mills remained closed throughout the winter and spring.

Deaths of former selectmen: Donis A. Rogers on February 23 and Raymond Paoletti on April 18. The war in Iraq began on March 19, 2003. The following is a partial list of some Schenck High School graduates who were in the military service during the Iraq War, although all of them did not go to Iraq: Rick Boucher '81, Christopher Libby '01, Jon Campbell '80, Michael Hamlin '01, Sean Perkins '02, Eric Austin '98, Brian Graham '02, Nicholas Crocker '02, Jeffrey Osborne '02, Joshua Smith '91, Adam Cyr '01, Nick Fleming '98, Galen Thompson '87, Bradley Hebert '02, Jessica Deloge '01, Adam Thompson '02, Jason Prosser '92, Shawn N. McMoarn, Jr.'02. Please be understanding regarding the names of those who have been omitted. We thank them all for their service and respect them for their courage and patriotism. To reduce the town budget, two main services were eliminated: town nurse and curbside rubbish pickup. We thank Cathy Duprey, R.N. for her services as town nurse for 16 years. Selectmen wanted to reduce last year's mil rate of \$23.49 which was the highest ever due to errors in figuring it and significant amounts to pay legal fees for GNP's abatement fight. In April of 2003, Great Northern Paper Company's two mills were bought out of bankruptcy by Brascan Corporation. A letter of intent between Brascan and East Millinocket was signed on April 14. Highlights: advocacy of a tax increment financing agreement (TIF) with Brascan; East Millinocket mill's assessment at no more than \$120 million for 2003; advocacy to get the state of Maine to reduce the town's state valuation; dismissal of all abatement requests and appeals; not to appeal 2002 or 2003 property tax valuations; advocacy of regional consolidation or sharing of services with surrounding towns. Brascan would pay 2002 property taxes of \$3,432,363.49. As a result, last year's mil rate of \$23.49 was reduced to below \$20.00. The mill's valuation went from \$146 million in 2002 to \$120 million in 2003. The East Millinocket mill began operations, under the name of Katahdin Paper Company, when machine No. 6 went on line on 6/8/2003 and machine No. 5 on 6/11/2003. Both machines produced newsprint because of the loss of orders due to the long shutdown from 12/27/2002. Mrs. Sandra MacArthur, superintendent of Maine School Union 113 (East Millinocket, Medway and Woodville), resigned and Mr. Keith Ober was hired as interim superintendent of schools, combining both Union 113 and Millinocket for the 2003-2004 school year, to begin on July 1, 2003. Mr. John Doe, principal of SHS resigned to accept the superintendency of SAD 25 in Sherman. We thank him for his dedicated service. Mr. Thomas Tetu, librarian, became the interim principal of SHS from 2003 to 2005. Katahdin Paper Company held the grand opening of its East Millinocket mill on 7/24/2003. Governor John Baldacci attended. With a reduced number of workers, the mill could produce about 800 tons a day. The Millinocket mill remained closed. The new company will be operated by Fraser, a subsidiary of Brascan's subsidiary Nexfor. Bernard A. Larlee (1925-2003), former postmaster of East Millinocket, died July 31, 2003. We thank him for his presence in the community. The Tri-Town Christian School for grades K-12, sponsored by the Tri-Town Baptist Church, opened on September 2, 2003. The Katahdin Vision Conference, held on September 12-20 at Stearns

High School, brought 60-80 area citizens together to plan a 50-year outlook for Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway and Woodville. Its priorities: economic growth, municipal services and educational consolidation. School consolidation was supposed to be put to a vote by June 2004. Interim Superintendent A. Keith Ober unveiled a draft of a new school system model called "School Leadership District (SLD)" in which all towns would retain ownership of their schools on 11/11/2003. A federal judge in Bangor concluded on 12/4/2003 that Bowater, Inc. was liable for up to \$25 million in pension benefits to its 1000 eligible employees and retirees of GNP for benefits accrued. Bowater, Inc. tried to shift its responsibility to Inexcon, Inc. in 1999 when the mills were sold. This move was a violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Madeline McMahon, age 91, organist at St. Peter's Catholic Church from 1937 to 1998, died on 12/19/2003. Her music was greatly appreciated.

2004

Edgar "Eddie" Hamm, Sr., age 80, owner of the Hamlet Motel, died at the Maine Veterans' Home, Bangor, ME on January 23. He can rightfully be called "Mr. East Millinocket." Shirley A. Tapley became the town's administrative assistant on 3/24/2004; the School Leadership District (SLD) proposed by A. Keith Ober, interim superintendent of schools, was not accepted in Augusta on 4/20/2004. Sara Alberts was hired as superintendent of Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway and Woodville on 6/24/2004; Mark Wallace was appointed postmaster on 6/30/2004; Millinocket Regional Hospital hosted a retirement reception for Dr. Irvin Hamlin on July 1. He practiced medicine in East Millinocket for more than 48 years. Millinocket Regional Hospital (MRH) continued operations at his office under the name of Hamlin Primary Care with John Meserve, M.D. as physician. The area communities thank Dr. Hamlin for his dedicated service and wish him a happy retirement. The schedule of uses in the Katahdin Regional Industrial Park was amended to include commercial uses and a designated Pine Tree Zone, allowing Employment Tax Increment Financing; U.S. Congressman Michael Michaud (D-ME), Schenck H.S. '73, won his seat for a second term on 11/2/2004. Congratulations! Katahdin Paper Company opened a new road that entered from Route 157 across from the entrance to its wood yard; state of Maine sued Inexcon, Inc. for severance pay for displaced employees of GNP for more than \$25 million, 12/7/2004.

2005

Hamlet Pub, owned by Ed Hamm, Jr., moved from the Hamlet Mall to the former Nicholson Insurance Agency building in winter; death of Gordon "Sonny" Jarvis, age 76, GNP fire chief, safety supervisor and active citizen on January 22; death of Anne "Maude" MacDonald Gallant, age 94, the oldest living resident who was born in East Millinocket on October 11, 1910. She died February 1, 2005. Hamlin Primary Care, served by John Meserve, M.D., moved its office to the Ben Fiske Health Center in Medway as of February 28; SHS's accreditation was renewed for 10 years in April; Joel Stanley, SHS class of 2001, was a national winner at the American Welding Society/Skills USA and competed in the World Skills Competition in Helsinki, Finland on May 22, 2005 where he placed fifth. Congratulations Joel! Mrs. Pamela Hamilton was hired as principal of SHS; East Millinocket School Department budget for 2005-2006 was approved at town meeting at \$4,080,280 on 5/17/2005; Brascan Power New England is the new name of Great Lakes Hydro America that includes the former GNP's hydro-electric system; "The Diner" operated by Pam McLain and Ivan Curtis opened on June 24, replacing "The Bar" that they owned; Frank Clukey, East Millinocket's recreation director, took over the administration of the recreation programs in Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway as of July 11; Jody Nelson became his assistant for the tri-town region; Dr. John Gaetani, Gaetani Eye Care Associates, moved his office from 27 Elm Street to 1 Spruce Street, next to Dr. Neal Surette's dental office, on September 5; Dr. Abe Pahilan, a well-liked M.D., closed his Western Avenue medical practice on September 19; Clark

Lakeman's sketch for a veterans' memorial in the George Daisey Park appeared in the KATAHDIN PRESS on September 27; Grant Brees, D.V.M., ended his practice in East Millinocket at the North Woods Animal Clinic, Inc., fall 2005; Porter's Woodworking Company of Patten and Jim Carson's JMC Corporation will move to our industrial park. Town's population was 1,838 with a valuation of \$187,789,913 and a tax rate of \$21.57 per thousand.

2006

The Katahdin Friends, Inc. building at 31 North Street was put up for sale for \$225,000 on January 16; James Meehan, CEO of KFI, gave the selectmen a tour to determine its use as a possible town office; Schenck High School's 2005-2006 enrollment was 203 for grades 9-12 and its sports' classification went to class D; Mrs. Ronnee Johnston, principal of Opal Myrick Elementary School, was a finalist for the Maine National Distinguished Principal Award on February 7; congratulations! Willis "Lefty" Doe and Donald Morin of Feeney-Groves American Legion Post 13 accepted a donation of \$500 from Dan Byron, president of the Eastmill Federal Credit Union, for the construction of the new veterans' memorial, 3/14/2006. Jeff Osborne and Brian Graham, SHS graduates, returned after a tour in the Iraq War in April. Thanks for your service. The selectmen move forward with renovations to the municipal building and are considering the installation of an elevator for approximately \$150,000; Mrs. Marie Weatherbee, grade 2 teacher, retired after 36 years and Mr. Peter Fisher, art teacher, after 28 years. Thanks for your dedication. Jennifer Duprey, SHS class of 1996, received her doctor of osteopathy degree from the University of New England in the spring. Congratulations! In late July, a judge ordered that former GNP Co. owner, Lambert Bedard, would be held liable for approximately \$25 million in severance payments to the nearly 1,100 employees who lost their jobs after the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; after 26 years in business, Robert Bouchard, owner of R.L. Bouchard Funeral Homes in East Millinocket and Millinocket, finalized the sale of his business to Mike and Lee Lamson on 8/2/2006. We thank Bob and his wife, Greta, for their excellent professional services. Jeffrey W. Baker and boiler inventor, Dominic Federico, have been manufacturing outdoor, environmental friendly, wood-fired residential boilers from their building in the Katahdin Region Industrial Park under Pine Tree Zone status and through a \$10,000 state grant, 8/4/2006; death of Dorothy Chasse, age 53, East Millinocket's town librarian and former school board member after great suffering, 8/27/2006. We thank her for her service to the community and may she rest in peace. Roderick J. Fraser, Jr. '82 SHS, a Maine Maritime Academy graduate and a retired 20-year career officer in the U.S. Navy, became Boston's new fire commissioner beginning in September 2006 due to his anti-terrorism background.

2006-2007

TOWN OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS Selectmen: Mark C. Scally, chair; Richard W. Nicholson, Lawrence B. MacKenzie, Gary A. MacLeod, David W. MacLeod. Shirley A. Tapley, administrative assistant; Sara Alberts, superintendent of schools; School Board: Robert L. Leathers, chair; William I. Hamlin, John S. MacLeod, Daniel A. Byron, Gary A. Morin. Garold W. Cramp, chief of police; Leslie C. Brown, fire chief; Francis D. Stratton, utilities' superintendent; Daniel J. Violette, director of public works; Francis F. Clukey, recreation director; Dorothy L. Chasse, librarian; Michael F. Noble, code enforcement officer, plumbing inspector & health officer; Emile Rossignol, electrical inspector. Committees: Board of Appeals: Terry L. Johnson, chair; Patti Dickinson, David Duprey, Michael Page, John Sheehan. Budget Committee: Daniel A. Byron, chair; Deborah Bouchard, Mary Morris, David Nicholson, Charles Powers. Library Committee: Beverly J. MacLeod, chair; Carrie Porter, Dawn VanDine. Planning Board: Anthony D. Moscone, chair; James McLean, Frederick Moore, Jr., Charles Theriault. Recreation Committee: Lorie M. Peabody, chair; Edgar F. Hamm, Jr., John Sheehan, Michelle Sheehan, Alfred Theriault. Municipal Employees: Laura R. Ferguson, town clerk/tax collector; Cherri A. Deveau,

secretary; Beverly J. MacLeod, town treasurer; Erica M. Ingalls, ambulance billing clerk; Peter V. Paoletti, custodian; Rebecca A. Hamlin, deputy town clerk/tax collector and Shelly Blaisdell, deputy town clerk/tax collector; Alfred J. Theriault, cemetery groundskeeper; John E. Miner, fireman; Kendra Preble, Edith Mullane, Brenda Birt, Mary E. Dore, Alison Theriault, library assistants; Sgt. Michael S. Davis, David W. Cram, Andrew R. York, police officers; Jeffrey C. Tapley, mechanic; Richard A. Allen, Steven R. Campbell, Lee S. Powers, truck drivers; Jerry A. Johnson, solid waste; Anthony A. Civiello, wastewater treatment operator & Chester L. Hamm, Jr., assistant; Blaine W. McLaughlin, water works maintenance.

2007 CENTENNIAL YEAR

February 21, 2007: 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of East Millinocket. A birthday party will be held at the municipal building.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEK July 11-July 15, 2007: Wednesday breakfast by Calvary Temple Assembly of God Church, children's old-fashioned games by recreation department, hot dog feed, fire truck hosing by fire department, slide shows on town history, Schenck High School history and class nights by Harry Rush, Jr., children's concert featuring John Tercyak, public spaghetti supper by Tony Cox, children's parade, family concert by John Tercyak, Thursday breakfast, town-wide yard sales, children's games, magic show, a vintage fashion show, teen dance, hot dog and watermelon eating contests, softball tournament, Katahdin Talent Show, a street dance by "Choice" featuring Ray Pasanen '87 SHS, Friday breakfast, Mr. & Miss Pageant, concert by Mark Miller '69 SHS & band, chicken B.B.Q., fireworks' show, Saturday breakfast by Church of the Nazarene, grand centennial parade, dedication of the new Veterans' Memorial in Daisey Park, crafters, food vendors, Doe's Dogs, carnival games, trolley rides, climbing wall, car show, Guiles Hollowell on stage, Dot & the Hasbeens, Queen City UMO Band on stage, Lee Southard-keyboard, vocals, trumpet; public supper at Snowmobile Club, Schenck High School general alumni meeting and social time with individual classes, centennial dance with "The Big Chief," Sunday breakfast by First Congregational Church, a Sunday community worship service sponsored by all of the churches at the Opal Myrick Park. Other events will be included when commitments are made.

East Millinocket Centennial Committee: Kelly Willigar and Debbie Grass, co-chairs; Shirley Tapley, administrative assistant to the selectmen; Frank Clukey, head of recreation department; Ed Hamm, Mindy MacKenzie, Paula Sprague, Harry Rush, Jr., Theresa Dentremont, Betty Heal, Mark Scally, selectman; Kathleen Albert, Doreen Deschenes, Ronnie Thompson. Consultants: Matthew Farrington (Miller's), Beth Mahoney (MAGIC), Carmen Doe (Doe's Dogs), Shelley Farrington (Editor of Katahdin Press).

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

James H. Mack 1907-18, 1921-39; Wm. A. Johnston 1907; Guy S. Baker 1907-09; Sidney Stevens 1908; George Casey 1909; Frank O. Pray 1910-15, 1917-18, 1926; Reid Dickinson 1910-17; H.J. Roberts 1915; Wesley A. Stratton 1918-20, 1924-25; B.H. MacDonald 1919-20; James Bolton 1919; J.F. Kimball 1920; George Daisey 1921-23, 1940-60; Ashfield MacDonald 1921-23; V.J. Stewart 1924; Stephen Casey 1925; Calvin A. Berry 1926-28; Frank O. Pray 1927-31; Franklin J. Belanger 1929, 1945-47; John W. Colbath 1930-32; John E. Nicholson 1932-38, 1933-65; Martin G. Stratton 1933-65; Wilfred E. Ruth 1939-44, 1953-55, 1960-64; Charles E. Moscone 1948-52, 1966-68; Arthur Michaud 1956-70, 1972-79, 1983-85; Raymond Paoletti 1965-79, 1980-82; William MacLeod 1971-72; Donis Rogers 1973-75; Richard Stratton 1976-80, 1982-89, 1992-95, 2004-05; George Giberson 1979-81; John Rouleau 1981-86, 1987-2001, 2003-05; Paul J. Baker 1985-88; Ronald J. Turcotte 1988-94; Margaret N. Daigle 1986-87, 1989-92; James M. Jamo 1993-2000, 2001-04; Claudene B. McLaughlin 1995-98; Wm. D. Brunette 1998-2001; David W. Nicholson 2000-03; Clint Linscott 2001-04; Teresa L. Hoxie 2001-04; Richard W. Nicholson 2002-present;

Mark C. Scally 2004-present; David W. MacLeod 2004-present; Lawrence B. MacKenzie 2005-present; Gary A. MacLeod 2005-present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS TO SELECTMEN

Walter Birt 1979-82; Jody Harris 1982-85; Jim D'Angelo 1986; Judith Doore 1986-94; Margaret N. Daigle 1995-99; Mark Winer 2000; Mary Morris 2000-04; Cheryl A. Deveau interim 2/6-3/23/2004; Shirley A. Tapley 2004-present.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry H. Haines 1907; D.O. Nesbett 1907-09, 1914-18, 1921-27; Charles J. Gosnell 1907-08; E.P. Sheehan 1908-09, 1911-17; Charles A. Murphy 1909-10; W.E. MacDougall 1909-14; W.T. Ray 1909; James Bolton 1911-12; C.L. Scamman 1915-17; A.D. McLeod 1918-19; F.W. Bailey 1918-20; John F. MacDonald 1919-21; George McCann 1920-25; Lala S. Fahey 1922-29; Fred W. Mears 1926-27; Ivan C. Ames 1928-35; Warren F. Daniell 1928-37; Catherine H. Thibodeau 1929; George I. Bouchard 1930-39; R. Isabel Powers 1936-38; Frank E. Mackeil 1937-43; Kenneth F. Sawyer 1939-41; Jack R. George 1940-42; Fred Marden 1942-44; Martin Theriault 1943-45; Leon E. Cousins 1944-62; Everett McCann 1945; Lothrop B. Bartlett 1946-50; Charles W. Morgan 1946-51; William Houser 1951-53; Henry Lyon 1952-54; John Potter 1954-58; James Adams 1955-61; Donald Bail 1958-59; Roland Jowdry 1960-61; Raymond Blaisdell 1962; Dr. Ralph Dhuy 1962; Paul Baker, Jr. 1963-69; Theo Brown 1963; Nathan Rush 1963-70; Donald Lynch 1964-74; Robert Moffatt 1970-72; Richard Osgood 1970-84; Robert MacKenzie 1970-74; Gordon Mayhew 1971-79, 1983-84; James Whynot 1973-75; Barry Bryant 1975-77; Thomas Fernald 1975-77; Paul Noddin 1976-78; Robert Farrington 1978-85; James Nisbett 1978-84; Marjorie Lyons 1979-83; Gary A. Morin 1980-89, 2004-present; Walter R. Heal 1984-88; Charles S. Lynch 1984-90; Anthony H. Chavarie 1987-88; Robert J. Reardon 1985-94; Donald Hendsbee 1988-99, 2000-2004; Ralph O. Sprague, Jr. 1988; Theodore R. St. Pierre, Sr. 1988; Dorothy Chasse 1989-97, 1998-2001; Larry M. Jones 1989-92; Barbara L. Miner 1990-97; Daniel Hinse 1992-95; James B. Meehan, Jr. 1993-97; Frederick J. Moore, Jr. 1995-98, 2004-05; Ronald J. Turcotte 1997-99; Stephen K. Peabody 1997-2000; David C. Rush 1997-2004; Mary Morris 1999-2000; William Hamlin 1999-2002, 2003-present; Kimberly A. Sewall 2000-2003; Lawrence B. MacKenzie 2001-04; Laurie Jamo 2002-2005; Gary A. Morin 1980-89, 2004-present; Robert Leathers 2003-present; John S. MacLeod 2004-present; Daniel A. Byron 2005-present.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

Frank O. Pray 1907; J.A. Williams 1908-09; W.M. Marr 1911-39; Earle F. Wingate 1939-44; C. Everett Page 1944-45; William W. Hale 1945-63; Ralph Anderson, assistant superintendent in 1962 with office at Schenck H.S.; Woodrow A. Mercier 1963-75, first supt. of Union 113 (East Mkt., Medway & Woodville) after separation from Millinocket; Edward M. Savage 1975-79; Raymond Hillman, interim supt. 1980; Dr. Ralph K. Ryder 1980-92; Thomas E. Jarvis 1992-97; Omar Norton, interim supt. 1997; Frank Hackett 1997-99; Robert G. Bouchard, Jr. 1999-2001; Sandra MacArthur 2001-03; A. Keith Ober, interim supt. 2003-04; Sara Alberts, first supt. of Millinocket, East Mkt., Medway & Woodville 2004-present.

POLICE CHIEFS

Wilbur T. (Sid) Ray 1907; H.B. Emery 1915-23; G.W. Daisey 1924-39; George E. Sheehan 1940-65; John H. Doe 1965-91; Garold W. Cramp 1992-present.

CHIEFS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

H.B. Emery 1919-23; G.W. Daisey 1924-39; Gilbert Fiske 1941-46, 1948-49; George E. Sheehan 1947; Harold E. Fiske 1950-53; Fred Thibodeau 1954-62; Kenneth Osborne, Sr. 1963-71; John Curtis 1972-74; Randall Ewing 1975-88; Leslie C. Brown 1988-present.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS (ROAD COMMISSIONERS)

Beecher Colbath 1907; H.B. Emery 1915-23; G.W. Daisey 1924-47, 1951-56; Roland Glidden 1957-70; Donald Lyons 1971-92; Don R. Cropley 1992-95; Steven R. Campbell 1995-2005; Daniel J. Violette 2005-present.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

William Houser 1948-51; Gerald Michaud 1948; Kenneth Sawyer 1948-51; Robert Montgomery 1948-49; Mabel Dunham 1948-50; Ruth Malone 1949-50; Bertram Goddard 1950-51; John Potter 1952-53; Leonard Wallace 1952-53; Edward Hendrickson 1952-53, 1955-56; Chrystal Birt 1955-57; Wallace Adams 1955-56; Robert McKay 1957; Robert Fayle 1957; Leroy Michaud 1958-61; Ronald Parker 1958; George Giberson 1958-60; Walter Cook 1959-63; Bernard Larlee 1961-63; Robert Bouchard 1962-63; Thomas Whitmer 1964-66; Thomas Fernald 1964-68; Carl Hamilton 1964-67; Roland Deschene 1967-74; Robert Michaud 1968-69; Jack Waite 1969-76; Esther Morris 1969-77; Anne Marie McAvoy 1969, 1978-80; Jack Roach 1970-73; Pauline Nelson 1970-78; Edgar Hamm, Jr. 1974-75, 1980-82, 2004-present; John Rouleau 1975-77; Charles Giberson 1976-82; J. Edward Page 1977-81; Carl McLeod 1978-79; Sandra Sturtevant 1979-82; Elin O'Grady 1981-86; James Powers 1982-84; Judy Fernald 1983-86; Raymond Blaisdell, Jr. 1984-86; Kevin W. Held 1983-92; Sharlett B. Currier 1986-90; David J. Blaisdell 1985-91; Marion L. Turcotte 1986-90; Anthony Chavarie 1988-91; Vesta Wyman 1990-93; Dale R. Cyr 1990-92; Randi R. Birt 1991-99; James M. Jamo 1991-94; Christine M. Wyman 1992-99, 2000-04; Jonathan J. Brown 1992-98; Stephen O. Harris 1993-95; Lorie M. Peabody 1994-present; Marilyn M. Brunette 1996-98; Paul Jamo 1998-2005; Scott Lowell 1998-2004; Edgar Hamm, Jr. 1974-75, 1980-82, 2004-present; John E. Sheehan 1999-present; Bob Chandler 1999-2000; Alfred J. Theriault 2004-present; Michelle L. Sheehan 2005-present.

RECREATION DIRECTORS

Richard Bouchard 1954; Albert E. Noyes 1955-57; Ernest Lowell 1958-60; George Willett 1961; Richard Bearor 1962; Edouard DuPlessis 1963-68; Joseph W.M. Ouellette 1969-71; G. Stephen Schaff 1972-74; Bruce Locke 1974-77; Francis F. Clukey 1978-2005 (East Mlkt. only), 2005-present (East Mlkt., Mlkt., Medway, Woodville).

PHYSICIANS & DENTISTS

PHYSICIANS: T.V. Hunter, M.D.; W.E. MacDougall, M.D. 1908-22; H.A. Moody, M.D.; C.L. Scamon, M.D.; H.W. Lente, M.D.; D. Hunter, M.D.; Ernest T. Young, M.D. 1922-24; E.T. Murray, M.D. 1925; Rand A. Dunham, M.D. 1925-67; J.R. Georges, D.O.; H.W. Lyons, D.O.; Irvin E. Hamlin, M.D. 1955-2004; Phillip Snowden, M.D.; Abe Pahilan, M.D. 2002-05; John Meserve, M.D. 2004; DENTISTS: Dr. Ora Gilpatrick, Dr. Clarence A. Harrigan, Dr. Larrabee, Dr. Basil O'Grady, Frank M. Civiello, D.D.S. 1952-present; Neal E. Surrette, D.D.S. 1981-present.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

Ada Hamm, district nurse, 1920; Catherine Theriault, district nurse, 1922; Ruth M. Nichols, public health nurse, 1931; Mary L. Adams, R.N. 1932; Nellie Gibbons, R.N. 1938; Mary L. Adams Hersom, R.N. 1932-

1941-58; Marie B. MacDonald, R.N. 1959-77; Joan Gordon, R.N. 1977-88; Cathy A. Duprey, R.N., 1988-2003. Service was eliminated in 2003 due to GNP's bankruptcy.

BOARD OF HEALTH 1908

W.E. MacDougall, M.D., James H. Mack, W.T. Ray, W.A. Johnston, H.B. Emery, C.L. Scamman, John A. Flye, A.D. McLeod, Augustus Tilley, Fred Bouchard.

NURSING COMMITTEE 1952

(Year indicates the beginning of term.) Alsada Bryenton 1952, Melvina Gagnon 1952, Vera York 1952, Flora Waite 1952, Louise Powers 1962, Marjorie Freeman 1970, Lillian Shinay Nisbett 1976, Judith Martin 1981, Marjorie Harrison 1981, Marilyn Willey 1981, Laurie Goddard 1983, Theresa Bishop 1985, Dawn Roundy 1986, Judy O. Fernald 1993.

LIRARIANS

Charles W. Parsons 1927 (public library in high school building); Edith Hill 1938-43, Blanche Toussaint 1944-62, Gretchen Pomeroy 1963-74, Frances White 1974-81, Joyce M. Lynch 1982-88, Cynthia A. Clukey 1988-99, Dorothy Chasse 1999-2006.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

(Year indicates beginning of term.) Winifred Gagnon 1938, Helen S. Lazure 1938, Montford S. Hill 1938, Louise Powers, Robert Montgomery 1950, Blanche Toussaint 1952, Marjorie Fairley 1967, William Nicholson 1970, Dwight Osgood 1973, Eleanor Coffin 1973, Sylvia Mercier 1976, Dean Shea 1976, Patricia Provenzano 1979, Donis Rogers 1981, Ellen Toussaint 1982, Dawn I. Roundy 1984, Laura R. Ferguson 1988, Adrienne Yonkauski 1990, James Meehan 1991, Dr. Danny R.P. Michaud 1992, Coleen F. Pasanen 1993, Sarah R. Jandreau 1993, Carrie Stanley Porter 1997, Julie Jurgiewich 1999, Beverly J. MacLeod 2001, Dawn M. VanDine 2005

TOWN CLERKS

Charles J. Gosnell 1907-10; Guy Baker 1910-14; John Flye 1914-19; Edward Williams 1919; Angus D. McLeod 1920-25; Lewis Tilley 1925; Minnie Dickinson 1926-33; Mary Nicholson 1933-50; Mary Nicholson Powers 1951; Elizabeth Gates 1952-59; Elizabeth Gates Hatfield 1960-62; Edith Tibbitts 1963-82; Laura Rush Ferguson 1982-99 (elected), 1999-present (appointed).

TAX COLLECTORS

Wilbur T. Ray 1907; Fred W. Drake 1908-11; L.W. Marden 1912-14; John F. MacDonald 1915; John T. Moynihan 1916-18; John J. Flye & John MacDonald 1919; John F. MacDonald 1920; Stephen Casey 1921-23; C.W. Morgan 1924; Lewis Tilley 1925; Minnie E. Dickinson 1926; Stephen Casey 1926-31; Alvin W. Smith 1932; Stephen Casey 1933-38; Leo F. Lynch 1939-40; Donald A. Michaud 1941-47; Amy Spearin 1948-50; C. James Gardner 1951-54; C. James Gardner & Elizabeth Gates 1954; Elizabeth Gates 1955; Margaret Knorr 1956-58; Elizabeth Gates 1959; Elizabeth Gates Hatfield 1960-62; Edith Tibbitts 1963-82; Laura Rush Ferguson 1982-99 (elected), 1999-present (appointed).

TREASURERS

Harry L. Weymouth 1907-11; W.A. Johnston 1912-16; George J. Chisholm 1917-19; Frank O. Pray 1920; Angus D. McLeod 1921-24; Lewis Tilley 1925; Minnie E. Dickinson 1926-32; Mary Nicholson 1933-50; Mary Nicholson Powers 1951; Margaret Knorr 1952-61; Mary Rouleau 1962-77; Claudene McLaughlin

1978-94; Shelly Blaisdell, interim treasurer 1995; Lynn Dempsey 1995-96 (elected); Beverly J. MacLeod 1996-present (appointed).

POSTMASTERS OF EAST MILLINOCKET

(Date indicates time of appointment) Guy S. Baker 11/26/1906; Charles J. Gosnell 10/6/1909; Guy S. Baker 8/6/1910; Daniel A. Michaud 5/4/1914; Nora B. Michaud (acting) 4/1/1919; Owen J. Toussaint 2/11/1920; Perley M. Hanson 5/20/1924; Wesley A. Stratton 7/31/1925; John A. Lyons 3/1/1934; Marie G. Lyons 1/27/1953; Bernard A. Larlee 10/11/1954; Verda Peabody 8/6/1983; Sandra Binder, Officer in Charge 3/3/1997; Pennecia L. Qualey 6/7/1997; Sandra Binder, Officer in Charge 11/19/1998; Richard Smart 1/25/1999; Mark Wallace 6/26/2004-present

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

EAST MILLINOCKET HIGH SCHOOL: Charles Robbins 1908-1918; C.F. Leadbetter 1918-22; William Allen 1922-1925; Charles Parsons 1925-26; SCHENCK HIGH SCHOOL: Charles Parsons (interim) 1926-27; Perley Johnson 1927-41; Howard Washburn 1941-43; Elon Stanley Kitchen 1943-45; Durward Heal 1945-66; Kenneth Nelson, Jr. 1967-85; Dr. Phyllis Deringis 1985-87; Lyford Beverage 1987-89; Dr. Danny R.P. Michaud 1989-94; Kevin Held 1994-97; John A. Doe 1997-2003; Thomas Tetu 2003-2005; Pamela Hamilton 2005-present.

HISTORY OF SCHENCK HIGH SCHOOL

By Harry A.M. Rush Jr.

1926-Construction of Garret Schenck, Jr. High School, named in honor of the deceased son of the founder of the Great Northern Paper Company, at the cost of \$103,000. 1927-First graduation class of 15 students. Mr. Charles Parsons served as principal and librarian for 117 students enrolled. Mr. Perley Johnson became principal from 1927 to 1941. 1941-Mr. Howard Washburn was principal from 1941 to 1943. 1942-Miss Margaret H. Gillis, commercial teacher and coach, arrived and remained on the faculty until 1981. 1943-Miss Gillis initiated the SHS Winter Carnival; Mr. Elon Stanley Kitchen was principal from 1943 to 1945. 1945-Mr. Durward Heal became principal from 1945 to 1966; 107 students enrolled. 1949 & 1950-The boys' basketball team won the state Class S championship two consecutive years under Coach Bill Redmond. 1953-Incorporation of the SHS Alumni Association on 2/2/1953 with Theo Brown, class of 1927, as president. 1954-A planning committee for a new high school building was authorized at the annual town meeting in March. 1957-Dedication of the new high school building on 8/6/1957 that coincided with the 50th anniversary of the town. The school's name was changed from Garret Schenck, Jr. High School to Schenck High School to honor the whole Schenck family. It was financed by a bond issue of \$ 710,000 @ 2.8% from 1957-1979. 1958-First graduation from the new Schenck High School; Alan Stevens '60, son of Coach Emmett Stevens, won the state Class M cross-country meet as an individual runner. 1959-Graduation included students from Medway due to the closure of Medway High School. 1960-The first list of Maine schools meeting the requirements for accreditation was published on July 1, 1960 and Schenck High School successfully met all requirements and was included on the list of 30 schools that were accredited. 1961-Cross-country team won the state Class M meet under Coach Emmett Stevens. 1964-First accreditation of SHS by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. 1965-Addition of the 500-wing classrooms and library in the fall. 1966-After 21 years, Mr. Durward Heal resigned due to health reasons. 1967-SHS Big Green Wolverine Band participated in the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, DC under Mr. George Himes as director; Mr. Kenneth Nelson, Jr. became principal in the spring of 1967 and remained until his retirement in 1985. 1967 & 1968-Boys' cross-country teams won the state Class M meets two

consecutive years under Coach Emmett Stevens. 1969-Mr. Emmett Stevens, business education teacher at SHS from 1958 to 1981, was named "Maine's 1969 Teacher of the Year." 1971-Bernard Coro '69 was killed in the Vietnam War on 9/28/1971. We pay tribute to his sacrifice for his country. 1971 & 1972-The boys' basketball team won the state Class L title two consecutive years under Coach Ronald Marks. 1974-Second accreditation of SHS by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. 1975-SHS students were allowed to attend the new Northern Penobscot Region III Vocational School in Lincoln. 1977-50th anniversary of Schenck High School. 1978-SHS reached her peak enrollment of 471 students. 1979-Julie Hopkins '80 won the state Voice of Democracy contest with Mrs. Nancy Moscone, English teacher, as her advisor. 1980-MARGARET H. GILLIS GYMNASIUM was dedicated to honor Miss Gillis, a gym, health teacher and coach since 1942; class of 1980 was the largest graduating class with 117 students. 1982-Death of Miss Margaret H. Gillis from a brain tumor on January 25, 1982. 1983-SHS business department replaced electric typewriters with computers. 1984-Third accreditation of SHS by the New England Assn. of Schools and Colleges. 1985-Dr. Phyllis Deringis became principal (1985-87); Mr. Alden Colby (1966-91) was named Maine's 1985 Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year. 1987, 1988 & 1989-The girls' basketball team won the state Class C tournament 3 consecutive years under Coach Steven LeVasseur. 1987-Mr. Lyford Beverage became principal (1987-89). 1988, 1989, 1991 & 1993-The girls' soccer team won the state Class C title under Coach Ronald Marks. 1989-Stephanie Carter '89 became the all-time high scorer for girls' basketball in the state of Maine with 2,167 career points; Dr. Danny R.P. Michaud became principal (1989-94). 1990-James A. Ouellette, Jr. '90 won the American Legion's state Voice of Democracy contest with Mrs. Nancy Moscone as advisor. 1991-U.S. Senator George Mitchell (D-ME) was the graduation speaker on 6/2/1991. 1992-The girls' basketball team won the state Class C title under Coach Jonathan Brown. 1994-The boys' basketball team won the state Class C championship under Coach Steven LeVasseur; Mr. Kevin Held became principal (1994-97); fourth accreditation of SHS by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. 1995-The girls' basketball team won the state Class C title under Coach Jonathan Brown. 1997-Mr. John A. Doe '69 became principal; dedication of soccer field to Coach Ronald Marks. 1998-SHS became a grade 9-12 high school due to an innovative consolidation of schools with Medway. 2000-The math team won the state Division D championship under Coach Richard Grant. 2001-Renovation of science labs and installation of a new cafeteria in the shop area. 2002-75th anniversary of Schenck High School; enrollment of 213 students in grades 9-12; Michael Michaud '73 won the election as Democratic representative to the U.S. Congress. 2003-60th anniversary of the Schenck Winter Carnival; East Millinocket School Board proposed the closing of Schenck High School and the tuitioning of students to Stearns High School in Millinocket due to East Millinocket's financial crisis caused by Great Northern Paper Company's bankruptcy. 2003-Representative Michael Michaud '73, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was guest speaker at SHS's 77th graduation on 6/7/2003; Mr. Thomas Tetu, librarian, became interim principal from 2003-2005. 2005-Fifth accreditation of SHS by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; Mrs. Pamela Hamilton became principal in the fall. 2006-Enrollment of 203 students for grades 9-12. 2007-80th anniversary of Schenck High School.

HISTORY OF GREAT NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY

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1899-Great Northern Paper Company is formed and construction in Millinocket begins. 11/1/1900-Garret Schenck, Sr., founder of GNP, officially started up the Millinocket mill. 11/9/1900-First paper made on No. 7 machine in Millinocket. 1901-The first union at GNP is organized. April 1906-GNP begins work in East Millinocket, the area known as "Burnt Land Rips," to construct a three-machine newsprint mill. 8/6/1907-East Millinocket mill makes the first paper, using groundwood that was transported in a pipeline from Dolby. 1913-No. 4 machine was installed in East Millinocket. 1925-Death of Garret

Schenck, Jr. 1926-27-The New East Millinocket high school, named the Garret Schenck Jr. High School, held its first graduation in June 1927. 1928-The death of Garret Schenck, Sr. 1931-Dolby Dam was converted from a grinder room to a hydroelectric station. 1942-GNP's timberland holdings peak at just over 2 million acres. 1953-Two huge paper machines were installed in East Millinocket, requiring a new grinder room, steam plant and a new chemi-groundwood plant that used hardwood. The expansion cost \$38 million. Ripogenus Dam power station, GNP's fifth and largest hydropower dam, is completed at a cost of \$7 million. 10/11/1954-The new huge No. 5 machine was started in East Millinocket. 1957-50th anniversary celebration of East Millinocket and the opening of the new Schenck High School. 1963-GNP purchases its first out-of-state investment, a mill in Cedar Springs, GA. 1970-GNP merges with Nekoosa Edwards Paper Co. of Wisconsin to create Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation. The mills and timberland operations in Maine retain the GNP name as a subsidiary. GNP employment peaks at about 4,400 workers. 1972-The New No. 11 machine is installed in Millinocket, increasing efficiency with a \$50 million investment. The Clean Water Act passed. As the state cracks down on industrial pollution, GNP spends \$36 million on pollution abatement equipment to comply with new regulations. 1973-The Arab oil embargo turns energy into paper mills' top concern. GNP begins an energy conservation operation, spending \$122 million to convert oil burners to use coal and bark. 1976-GNP's new sewage treatment plant opens in East Millinocket. 1978-GNP workers strike. 1980-A bark-burning plant is constructed in East Millinocket. Tribal demands for traditional lands are resolved with the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, but fears over the security of large-scale land ownership remain. Great Northern Nekoosa decides to sell off most of its lumber operations, narrowing the focus to papermaking. 1985-The "Big A" hydropower project is abandoned. Great Northern Nekoosa spends \$200 million rebuilding paper machines in East Millinocket. 1986-A major restructuring results in the loss of 2,000 jobs at GNP. 1989-1990-Georgia-Pacific Corporation launches a hostile takeover of Great Northern Nekoosa. The \$3.75 billion deal is completed in February 1990. 1992-Bowater Corporation of South Carolina purchases the original GNP mills, timberlands and other Maine assets from Georgia-Pacific for \$300 million on January 1, 1992. 9/10/93-Bowater, Inc. builds a new recycling plant in East Millinocket. 1997-GNP's chemi-groundwood plant in East Millinocket is torn down. 1998-Bowater sells nearly 1 million acres of GNP timberland and Pinkham Lumber in Ashland to J.D. Irving for \$220 million; an additional 665,000 acres are sold to an Alabama investment company for \$156 million. They announce that the Millinocket mill is for sale, but that they will keep and expand the East Millinocket mill with a TMP plant. 1999-Bowater sells both the East Millinocket and Millinocket mills to Inexcon, Inc. of Quebec, headed by Lambert Bedard, for \$250 million on 8/17/1999. 2000-GNP is planning to invest more than \$100 million to rebuild No. 11 paper machine in Millinocket for coated/uncoated specialty papers and to have Mineral Technologies, Inc. build a plant to produce precipitated calcium carbonate, a component in specialty papers. Also, Duke Energy is modernizing the hydroelectric system. 11/1/2000-100th anniversary of Garret Schenck, Sr. officially starting up the Millinocket mill. 2002-GNP sells 41,000 acres of timberland to The Nature Conservancy and places an additional 200,000 acres under conservation easement in exchange for a \$50 million contribution to company debts. Inexcon, Inc. sells GNP's hydroelectric system to Brascan Corporation for \$156.5 million; its new name is Great Northern Energy, LLC. However, on 8/13/2002, it changed its name to Great Lakes Hydro America. 2003-Great Northern Paper filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on January 9, 2003. The area is grateful to Mr. James Giffune, a former employee of GNP, for assuming the position of CEO of bankrupt GNP. The value of the work that he and his team did cannot be measured. In April 2003, GNP's two mills were bought out of bankruptcy by Brascan Corporation. In June, the East Millinocket mill began operations under the name of Katahdin Paper Company. 2004-Katahdin Paper, Inc. has No. 11, the newly installed paper machine in Millinocket, on line, producing in excess of 350 tons of RotoNews grade paper per day as of 5/16/2004. 6/9/2005-Brascan Power New England is the new name of Great Lakes Hydro America which includes

the former Great Northern Paper Company's hydroelectric system. In July 2006, a judge ordered that Lambert Bedard, former GNP owner, would be held liable for approximately \$25 million in severance payments to the nearly 1100 employees who lost their jobs after the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. In August 2006, Fraser Papers that operates the Katahdin Paper Company's mills in East Millinocket and Millinocket on behalf of the mills' owner Brascan, now known as Brookfield Asset Management, is looking into buying the facilities outright, according to Serge Sorokin, mill manager of Katahdin Paper Company.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By Ella MacKenzie

The earliest records of the First Congregational Church tell us that in 1906, about two weeks after the Great Northern Paper Company broke ground for its new paper mill in East Millinocket, the Rev. William Mann of the Maine Missionary Society came and held the first Protestant service by the roadside near the old Bangor & Aroostook Railroad station. Shortly afterward, the Rev. James Gregory, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Millinocket, came to hold open-air services until fall. Later services were held in the Granite Hotel, the Company's boarding house, Ferland's Hall and Weymouth's (shack) Grocery Store. In November of 1907, Rev. Gregory was persuaded to resign his pastorate in Millinocket and take pastorate in East Millinocket where his first duty was to build a church. In order that the business of the church construction could be legally transacted, the church was incorporated September 13, 1907 as the First Congregational Church of East Millinocket. Although the church was completed on November 15, 1908, the dedication services were not held until March 3, 1909. In 1955, the interior of the church was destroyed by fire, forcing the congregation to use the High School Auditorium (now the Opal Myrick Auditorium) while the church was being rebuilt. Sometime during the writing of the history, mention of the many contributions of the women of the church needs to be made. They have served through their organizations. The Ladies' Aid was organized in 1908 before the church was erected. In 1945, the Ladies' Aid joined together with the Garden Club and the Homemakers to form the Women's Guild. The Women's Guild was the presiding group until 2000 when they were combined into only one group and renamed Women's Fellowship. Due to lack of classroom space for our Sunday school, an addition to the church was authorized at the annual meeting of January 21, 1959. In the summer of 1964, the front entrance of the church was changed from Church Street to Maple Street. This really changed the design of the church. In 1976, a church sign was erected on the outside of the building in loving memory of Dr. Rand Dunham who was a loyal member and organist for many years. In September 1981, Michael Lowry, son of Keith and Sylvia Lowry, became the first member of our church to study for the ministry. He graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary and was ordained a minister of the United Church of Christ in 1984. He is currently serving as a pastor in Scarborough, Maine. We celebrated the 75th anniversary of our church March 4, 1984. In 2000, the interior of the church narthex was renovated which greatly improved the appearance and made entry into the church much more pleasing to anyone entering through our "Red Doors" (which designates the presence of the Holy Spirit). What's ahead for the future of our church? Who knows but it is certainly in God's hands and we go forth in faith and trust that things will work together in God's service.

"Oh make this church, dear Savior
A lamp of Pleasant Gold
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old."

Dr. Raymond Calkins

Pastors who have served our church: James Gregory 1907-1910; Henry Hitchcock 1910-1913; Willard Curtis 1914-1916; Frederick McNeil 1917-1920; John Hunt 1920-1925; Lloyd Marble 1926-1929; Raymond Cosseboom 1929-1933; Charles Watkins 1934-1945; Harold Woodbury 1945-1947; Ernest Johnson 1947-1952; William Gray 1953-1955; Francis Hawes 1956-1961; Robert Pugh 1962-1965; Wallace Harris 1966-1974; Jack Brownell 1975-1987; Alfred Gagnon 1988-1993; Arthur Gowie 1994-1998; Jillian Wilkins (interim) 1999; Mark D. Pilletere 2000-2004; Andrew MacLeod 2004-present.

HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Harry A.M. Rush, Jr.

1906-1907: Rev. Martin A. Clary, pastor of Millinocket, along with assistants Rev. Joseph D. Quinn and Rev. C.J. Shea, serviced the Catholics in East Millinocket. 1906 CHRISTMAS DAY: The first Mass was celebrated at a Great Northern Paper Company mess hall by Father Clary. 1907-1912: Rev. Matthew W. Reilly, pastor of St. Martin of Tours' Church in Millinocket, serviced the East Millinocket parish. 1907 CHRISTMAS DAY: The construction of St. Peter's Church was completed for the celebration of a Christmas Mass by Father Reilly. AUGUST 15, 1910: St. Peter's Church was formally dedicated by Bishop Louis S. Walsh of the Diocese of Portland, Maine. OCTOBER 3, 1912-1929: Rev. Thomas J. O'Dowd was named the first pastor and the parish ceased to be a mission of Millinocket. He was also pastor in Milo. FEBRUARY 9, 1919: St. Peter's Council #1936, Knights of Columbus, received its charter. 1929: Rev. Thomas B. Henderson was the first native son to be ordained a priest for the diocese. 1929-1946: Rev. John F. Holahan served as pastor. During his pastorate, the rectory next to the church was built. OCTOBER 18, 1931: St. Anne's Circle #545, Daughters of Isabella, was organized with 65 charter members. 1937-1998: Madeline McMahon succeeded Rosamond (Burr) Lyons as organist and held that position for 61 years. 1939: The Sisters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary from Millinocket began teaching catechism to the students of the parish. 1945-1956: Rev. John J. McSweeney was pastor until ill health forced him to retire. He was a strong defender of the commandment, "Remember Thou Shalt Keep Holy the Sabbath Day." Rev. Lionel J. Thibodeau and Rev. Conrad L'Heureux served as interim administrators prior to the appointment of a new pastor. 1956-1967: Rev. Herman Delaney served as pastor. Some of his curates were Reverends Lionel McKeone, Ernest L'Heureux, Maurice Morin. 1957: The Sisters of the Holy Rosary provided two Sisters for full-time religious education instruction. 1961: Rev. Antonio Amato was the second native son to be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Portland. 1966: St. Peter's new circular-style church was completed under the leadership of Rev. Herman Delaney, pastor. A new rectory was also built. 1967-1976: Rev. Antonin Fortier was pastor. 1968: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitmer purchased the former rectory next to the old church for their residence. Mr. Robert Bouchard was in charge of the high school religious education program. He served the students of the parish well. 1972: The Sisters of the Holy Rosary ended their long tenure as religious education (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, C.C.D.) instructors. We thank them for their services. 1975-1976: Rev. Frederick Carrigan served as assistant until Father Fortier retired in 1976. The Whitmers purchased the old church, making it an apartment building. 1976-1981: Rev. Frederick Carrigan was pastor. During his pastorate, the statue of the Risen Christ over the altar and Stations of the Cross carved in Italy were installed. 1981-1982: Rev. Daniel Nee was pastor. Janet Grant served as director of religious education from 1981 to 1992. 1982-1985: Rev. Albin A. Andrus was pastor. NOVEMBER 20, 1982: The funeral Mass for Rev. Antonin C. Fortier, former pastor, was celebrated by the Most Rev. Amedee Proulx, Auxiliary Bishop of Portland, with burial in the East Millinocket Cemetery. 1985-1991: During the pastorate of Rev. Hubert Paquet, the ceiling of the church had to be sealed to contain asbestos. Services were held in the municipal building while the work was completed at great expense to the parishioners.

1989: The parish purchased the Arthur Boss, Jr. residence on Cedar Street to serve as the rectory. The rectory behind the church would become the new parish center. 1990: The rectory was renovated to become St. Peter's Parish Center. 1991: The new parish center was formally dedicated by Bishop Joseph Gerry, O.S.B. on January 20, 1991. 1991-1995: Rev. Robert Vaillancourt was pastor. During his pastorate, the church roof was shingled, the shrine of Our Lady in memory of Carl Lyons was erected and the altar of the unborn behind the church was dedicated. Also, small study groups were organized for the Renew program. 1995-1999: Rev. George Baudet was pastor. During his tenure, an addition was added to the new parish center to accommodate larger gatherings. 1998: Rev. Mr. Daniel Watson, deacon, and his wife, Brenda, began their outstanding service to St. Peter's and St. Martin's in Millinocket. 1999: Rev. Richard Malo became pastor of both St. Peter's and St. Martin's. 2002: St. Peter's became part of the tri-parish of St. Martin's, St. Peter's and St. Benedict's of Benedicta with Father Malo as pastor. 2003 TO AUGUST 1, 2004: Sister Jane Durgin of the Nursing Sisters of the Infant Jesus of NY served the tri-parish until she left to do missionary work in Uganda. JULY 2005: Sister Gilla Dube, C.S.J., a parish member, became provincial superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Winslow, ME. Congratulations for honoring our parish with your vocation. 2006: Bruce Siket, a former member of the parish, was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Portland on June 4, 2006. Rev. Joel Cyr was appointed administrator of the tri-parish as of July 1, 2006. In September 2006, a mass was celebrated by Rev. Joel Cyr, with Rev. Deacon Daniel Watson assisting, to commemorate the 40th anniversary (1966-2006) of the dedication of the present church. A luncheon followed in the parish center. In October 2006, St. Anne's Circle #545, Daughters of Isabella, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the establishment of their organization in East Millinocket. Special appreciation is extended to all those who currently are active in the church's ministry: Father Joel Cyr, our pastor; Deacon Daniel Watson and his wife, Brenda; Charleen Rossignol, secretary; Willard Gagnon, custodian, and his wife, Jean; Karen Giberson, organist; choir members and cantors; Julie Fiske, religious education director, Judy and George Ouellette, Romeo Deschenes, all religious education instructors; also all of the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, greeters, lawn party/Christmas Tea workers, parish council and commission members, financial contributors, prayer group members, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, etc., past and present, who are too numerous to mention, but who play a vital role in the church's life. We thank them and may God bless them all.

HISTORY OF CALVARY TEMPLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

A group of people interested in the establishing of an Assembly of God Church in this area gathered together in the fall of 1953 at the home of Mrs. Jessie Blanchard in Millinocket. Rev. David Flower of Augusta was the speaker at the first meeting. Rev. Flower recommended the people call Rev. John Thompson as a candidate for the first pastor. After prayerful consideration, Rev. Thompson was called to become the first pastor in July 1953. During the interim period, prior to Rev. Thompson's assuming the pastorate, Rev. Grady Fannin, district superintendent, conducted services in the dining hall of the municipal building in East Millinocket. Rev. Fannin recommended the Assembly try to obtain a hall where they could conduct regular services. The Assembly hired the Odd Fellows Hall in Millinocket, with ministers from the surrounding area ministering to the congregation until the arrival of Rev. Thompson. Among those were Billy and Margaret Washington, David, Charles and Hazel Crabtree all of Bangor.

Rev. Thompson ministered to the congregation for two years, first in the Odd Fellows Hall, later in the Bangor Hydro building across the street. In 1955, Rev. Thompson left to assume a ministry in Caribou. The next pastor was Rev. George Gregg of California who came in the fall of 1955. Under his ministry, the church continued to grow especially among the young people. The building where services were being held was up for sale so the Assembly endeavored to obtain land in Millinocket to erect their church. Land not being available in Millinocket, the Great Northern made lots in East Millinocket

available where a church could be built. At this time, Rev. Gregg, felt his work here being done, moved back to California. Rev. Stig Sundberg assumed the pastorate in 1957. His first effort was to complete the legal work and set up the financial structure and the records for the planned, new church. Work was then started on clearing the lots and to get ready to run the foundation. The men of the Assembly went into the woods to cut the logs, and Vern McLaughlin sawed them all into lumber and donated it for the building. There were very few men in the Assembly at the time so this became a dedicated task for them. They worked early and late so as to have the church basement ready before cold weather. The foundation was run on September 9, 1957 with the help of friends and neighbors and the Great Northern. The first service held in the church basement was the Christmas program in 1957. Gunnar Sundberg, father of the pastor, was hired to supervise the work from the beginning of the program. The erection of the building property was begun in the spring and continued through the rest of the year. The 1958 Christmas program was held in the new auditorium. In June of 1960, Rev. Sundberg resigned to go as an Assembly of God missionary to South America. Rev. Herbert Worrell, from Oregon, came to minister to the Assembly in 1960. Under his ministry, the pews were purchased and the carpet laid in the auditorium. Also the baptistery was completed, kitchen finished, and a second restroom installed. Rev. Worrell remained until October 1965. Rev. Clive Meidahl was called to be pastor in March 1966. He had previously been pastor of the church in Guilford. During his ministry, the parsonage was built. Rev. Meidahl remained until the fall of 1968 when he resigned to become minister of a church in Old Orchard. The next pastor was Rev. John Hammack of Pennsylvania who came to the church on October 29, 1968 and ministered until March 1971. During Rev. Hammack's pastorate, the Sunday school rooms were remodeled. Rev. Vinal Thomas of Houlton delivered his first sermon on May 10, 1971. During his pastorate, the Sunday school was enlarged, an addition was added to the sanctuary, complete with new pews and carpet. The entrance was changed to Orchard Street, and the exterior of both the church and the parsonage were re-covered. The church also sponsored a radio program on Sunday mornings at 8:00 A.M. over WMKR. Rev. Thomas ministered to the Assembly until 1983. Rev. Rennie Tichnor assumed pastorate in October 1983 and continued through 1991. During this time, there was a new addition started in the fall of 1985. The sanctuary was finished in September 1986, and the foyer completed in the spring of 1987. During the time of expansion, Rev. Mark Babin was assistant pastor. In 1988, Brother Norman Cook introduced his vision of a "Mountain Movers" campaign to pay down the mortgage. This campaign required sacrificial giving from the congregation, with donations to be applied directly to the loan principal. From 1991-1997, Rev. Harvey Hoffman ministered to the congregation. On July 9, 1995, the congregation celebrated a mortgage burning. This was made possible because of the united effort of the people of the Assembly through the "Mountain Movers" campaign. During part of Rev. Hoffman's ministry, Rev. Herschel Hafford was assistant pastor. Rev. Reginald Adams came to the Assembly in June 1997 from Patten and is faithfully serving the congregation at the present time. There were major renovations to the parsonage at this time including a new bathroom, new appliances and new oil tanks installed. In 1998, new office computers were purchased. In 1999, a storage building was purchased and the computers and sound system were up-graded. Carpeting in the foyer was replaced and tile was placed in the entryways. The vacant lot across the street was also up-graded to serve the congregation more adequately. In 2000, a generator was purchased and the fire alarm system was brought up-to-date. In 2001, a chair lift was added to give easier access to the fellowship hall for those who have problems using the stairs. In 2002, the attic was insulated, a new van was purchased and the whole roof was re-covered. In 2003 with the mill shut down, Calvary Temple opened Angel Hands Food Pantry with Jonathan Birt as organizer. In 2003-2004, Noel York donated a piece of land in Woodville, given for the purpose of building a Royal Ranger Lodge. The building named "Camp Ovah Comah" is mainly used and taken care of by the Royal Rangers, but is available to all the ministries. This

year there are plans to replace the furnace with a new, more efficient system. We give thanks to the Lord for all He has done! Glory be to the Lord our God!

LIVING HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Submitted by Pastor Allen Archer

EAST MILLINOCKET CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

- The church was started in March 1956 with Sunday school classes being held in the basement of the East Millinocket Municipal Building.
- In the fall of 1956, Rev. Jay Bergers moved to East Millinocket and intensified the local witness of the church.
- In the spring of 1957, both Sunday school and morning worship services were held in the East Millinocket Municipal Building.
- In the summer of 1957, work began on a chapel on the lots on Palm Street that had been donated by Great Northern Paper Co.
- On February 6, 1958, the new chapel was dedicated after many hours of volunteer work.
- On June 8, 1958, the Church of the Nazarene was organized with 17 charter members.
- In 1958, Rev. Dale Ames assumed pastorate of the church.
- In 1962, a new church was built on the lot next to the first building and the chapel was turned into a parsonage for the pastor.
- In 1962, Rev. Delbert Wise became the minister and remained a full decade until 1972.
- In 1972, Rev. James Jones, a retired missionary from the Panama Canal Zone, came to the church and remained until 1974.
- In 1974, Rev. Richard Higgins came to the church and remained until 1978.
- In 1979, Rev. Stephen Wallace became the minister until 1981.
- In 1982, Rev. Robert Herring became the minister until 1984.
- In 1985, Pastor David LaPierre became the pastor until 1987.
- In 1988, Pastor Glendon "Glen" Willis became the pastor and stayed 10 years until 1998.
- In 1999, Pastor Paul Bastien came to the church and remained until 2002.
- In August of 2002, the parsonage was lost in a fire. In 2002, the name of the church was changed to Living Hope Church of the Nazarene to go along with our new mission statement of Living Hope- Proclaiming Hope-Bringing Hope.
- In 2003, Pastor Allen Archer took the call to be the new pastor and remains in the church to the present.
- In 2006, a new addition was added to the back of the church to give us a beautiful new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 300 and 4 new, larger Sunday school rooms in our basement.

HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST MILLINOCKET, ME

By Sandra Rhoda

In the fall of 1960, a group of Baptist people began meeting for prayer and Bible study in various homes of East Millinocket. Rev. Richard Viekman, who was teaching in public school in Millinocket, led those services.

November 17, 1961 marks the birth of the First Baptist Church of East Millinocket. The organizational meeting of the Baptist people was the culmination of a year's work and study to realize a Baptist church in the town. Prior to any meeting, there were letters written to those in authority and visits to those known Baptists residing in the area. When it was, evident there was a potential membership, the women, under the leadership of Mrs. Willard (Mary) Waterhouse, organized the Mary Setzekorn Women's Missionary Circle in October 1960, under the guidance of the Women's Missionary Society of the Millinocket Baptist Church. The group, now known as King's Daughters, has met regularly since that time.

A canvass of East Millinocket and Medway was made in January 1961 to determine the potential membership for a new church and results were most heartening. There had been constant prayer for Divine guidance with the faith that God did want a Baptist church in East Millinocket. On February 5, 1961, Rev. Viekman held the first Sunday school and Worship service in the Municipal Building of East Millinocket. Mrs. Ralph Emery of the Wypitlock Baptist Church conducted services during July and August in the absence of Rev. Viekman.

Rev. Charles R. Sims, Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Freeport, Maine, held worship services here in the fall of 1966. His years of experience gave this new work untold advantage and he baptized nine new members. He and Rev. Donald Thompson of Millinocket Baptist Church, together with several members of the church, met with Rev. Craig and Dr. Bentley in Bangor on November 10th to discuss the organizing of this new American Baptist Church. One week later, the meeting to organize was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Waterhouse, with Willard elected as moderator. Church officers were elected and committees appointed. The name for the new church was "The First Baptist Church of East Millinocket."

The Millinocket Baptist Church was most helpful and generous with worship and Sunday school supplies. Most of the charter members transferred membership from Millinocket, making it our Mother Church. The Baptist Church in Dexter helped with hymnbooks and folding chairs. Most of all, the new church expressed appreciation or prayers for its growth and words and letters of encouragement.

After Rev. Sims, Rev. Dick Viekman returned to fill our pulpit. In March, our first candidate, Rev. Duane Seaborn, came with his wife, Barbara. The church called them and they arrived in May. Just prior to their arrival, much work was done on the Landry house on Main Street to make it an attractive parsonage. Evening services were started soon after Rev. Seaborn arrived and were held in the Seaborns' home as were prayer meetings. Morning services continued at the Municipal Building. In May, the Freeport Baptist Church sent us a communion set which was dedicated and used the first Sunday in June.

On June 29, 1962, a groundbreaking ceremony for our church building took place at our site on Oak Street. The Great Northern Paper Company had given the land. In August, the foundation was poured and, in the fall, a pre-fab building was erected. The parts of the building came by truck and in two days the church building was standing. Both men and women worked laying floors and partitioning Sunday school rooms in the basement among other tasks needed to complete the interior. The kitchen was

equipped with dishes purchased with stamp books donated by members and friends. Our first service in the new building was December 1962. During the past year, 22 new members were accepted. Our building was officially dedicated to God in May 1963 and an organ was purchased that fall. The present organ is semi-retired since the gift of a new electronic piano. We bought pews from St. Peter's Church in 1966 though they have since been replaced with padded chairs.

We maintained a parsonage at 3 Union Street for a time but built the present parsonage beside the church, at 2 Middle Street, and it was dedicated in the fall of 1969.

Pastors of First Baptist Church

1961	Rev. Richard Viekman	1982-89	Rev. Karl Washburn
1961	Rev. Charles Sims	1989-92	Rev. David Beal
1962-64	Rev. Duane Seaborn	1992-96	Rev. James Ackerson
1966	Rev. Gary Johnson		Interim Rev. David Garland
1966-73	Rev. Howard Roberts	1996-97	Craig Rhoda
1973-77	Rev. Dennis Reeves	1998-02	Daniel Angotti
	Interim Homer Strang	2002-04	Interim Rev. Clayton Crocker
1978-81	Rev. Clint Carter	2004-present	Rev. Harold Lovestrand

First Baptist Church is a mission minded, evangelical church, with pastors who preach from the Bible as the Word of God. We have tried to serve the community and the surrounding area as Jesus Christ would have us. We continued to minister with Jesus Christ as our Head and the Holy Spirit our Guide, thankful for all God's blessings.

HISTORY OF TRI-TOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Submitted by Pastor Dave Chicoine

Prior to 1993, East Millinocket and the tri-town area did not have an independent, fundamental Baptist Church amongst its places of worship. In 1993, Missionary Church Planter C. Todd Bell had a burden for the northeast and came to the tri-town area with his wife, Amy, on a survey trip. After a short visit in East Millinocket, they both felt God's call on their lives to move their family and start an Independent Baptist Church that preached the gospel and showed those in the community the one and only way to heaven through salvation in Jesus Christ according to God's Word.

Deputation began for the Bells to raise the financial support they needed to live on the mission field.

On January 13, 1996, the first service of the Tri-Town Baptist Church was held in a residence on Western Avenue with 22 people in attendance. Services for the rest of that month took place on Birch and Maple Streets in East Millinocket. The congregation grew quickly and a store-front property was leased at 101

Main Street in East Millinocket. Services began at that location in February 1996 and on May 25, 1997 the church officially chartered with 14 charter members. The congregation continued to grow and a building fund grew large enough that in May 1999 Tri-Town Baptist Church purchased 3.18 acres of land at 8 Cone Street, East Millinocket, for the location of their new church home. On May 23, 1999, the dedication service took place and groundbreaking began right away on the property. With help from brothers and sisters in Christ from North Carolina, and from around the state of Maine, as well as many members of our community, the church building was erected in one week in an old fashioned "church raising" style effort. Tri-Town Baptist Church members continued to labor, and on November 21, 1999, the first Sunday service in the new building was held with 75 people in attendance. Many people sacrificially gave of their time and finances to see this church become a reality, and all the honor and praise is given to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing us to own this property and building debt-free from the very beginning.

The Tri-Town Baptist Church continued to grow and Missionary Church Planter Pastor Todd Bell and his family realized that their work in East Millinocket was complete. They moved from East Millinocket in August 2002 and Pastor S. David Chicoine and his family were welcomed into the congregation as the new pastor of Tri-Town Baptist Church on September 1, 2002.

Tri-Town Baptist Church continues to grow and has many ministries that have been established over the past ten years for the glory of God. Some of these include:

Sunday School classes for all ages, Children's Church for ages 5-12, prayer meeting and Bible study, midweek Youth Program, Food Pantry, Television Ministry, Tri-Town Christian Academy for grades K-12, Women's Fellowship & Bible Study Group, Teen Group, Silver Saints Seniors Group and many more.

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He was both publication and business advisor of the Schenck yearbook, "KATAHDIN CHRONICLE," for 30 years from 1972-2001. He has also written articles for the local newspaper, "PAPER TALKS" magazine, "LE FORUM" (University of Maine's Franco-American publication), the Schenck yearbook and has done two family genealogies.

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Centennial Poem

Happy Anniversary, East Millinocket,
It's been one hundred years,
Since Great Northern built a paper mill,
By men with sweat and fears.
Courageous people from far-off places
Strenuous labor, they worked so hard,
Transforming a deserted wilderness,
Into a town with homes and yards.
Churches, schools and businesses,
Filled with young and old,
Streets and sidewalks all around,
Part of the story to be told.
We sing of wars and tragedies,
Of celebrations and tournaments won,
Of high school graduations,
Of achievements of your sons.
Yet many things will not be known,
Of births and deaths and pain,
Sorrows, griefs and suffering,
Time and time again.
Unemployment, a strike, a hostile takeover,
Sellouts, bankruptcy, and broken contracts too,

Add religious faith and community spirit,
They have all been known to you.
We survived the Great Depression,
The two World Wars are done,
How sad to watch Great Northern fall,
Katahdin Paper, our hope for the best to come.

Let us pray:

God almighty, heavenly Father,
East Millinocket needs your love,
Help us to live decent lives,
Protect us from above,

Amen.

So, Happy Anniversary,
East Millinocket,
Thanks for those one hundred years,
We are grateful for all the happiness,
We earned with sweat and tears.

By Harry A.