



This issue's recognized veteran is **Maynard MacEwen** (taken from BDN obituary)



STOCKTON SPRINGS and BREWER – Maynard Leslie MacEwen, 97, died Jan. 30, 2007, at Waldo County General Hospital, Belfast. He was born Dec. 28, 1909, in South Brewer, the son of Benjamin Beecher and Mary Emma (Coles) MacEwen. Maynard was the second of nine children. He graduated from Brewer High School, Class of 1927. After graduation, he was employed in the shipping room of Eastern Fine Paper. He married Aimee Maxine Barnes, of Bangor, in 1932. He served in the Army National Guard in the 1930s and in the U.S. Army during World War II, attaining the rank of captain. After the war, he went to work for the Bangor

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Post Office, as a letter carrier. He also served in the Air National Guard. After retirement from the post office, he was associated with his wife selling antiquarian books in Bangor and Stockton Springs. Maynard was a member of Rising Virtue Lodge No. 10 AF & AM, Bangor; Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Bangor; Anah Shriners and was a member of the Anah Patrol. Surviving are one son, Andrew B. W. MacEwen of Stockton Springs; two sisters, J. Joyce Coldwell of Portland and Kathleen Mitchell of Eddington, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Aimee in 2000; an elder son, Anthony Roger MacEwen in 1958; three brothers, John W., B. Beatty and Gordon MacEwen; three sisters, infant Isabel, Grace Hazel Ramsay and Edna U. Elliot.

The Leach-Higgins Home As told to Virginia Peppard by Verna Leach

In 1834 Leemon Stockwell built the Leach-Higgins home from bricks that were made in his brickyard. He was the son of Right Stockwell, one of the first settlers in East Eddington Village. The brickyard was located on Route 9 east of the village near the Clifton Town line. Bricks sold for \$5 per thousand back then. The house was built on Route 46 bordering the Blackcap Road.

The Peter Ward house on the corner of Hatcase Pond Road was another house built with these bricks. Many of the chimneys on houses in the village were made of bricks from the Stockwell brickyard.

Previous owners of the Leach-Higgins home and property were Thaddeus Adams and Lawson Woodbury. They were great grandfathers of Verna Leach. In 1870 Elon Comins, Verna's grandfather, bought the house and property from Elijah Comins. The property was willed to Elon's daughter Alma Comins who married John Albert Leach. Alma and John Albert were Verna's parents. So Verna Leach Higgins was a lifelong resident living in the Leach-Higgins home.

John Albert and Alma had four children: Ernest, Wilbur, Ethel and Verna. This farming family worked hard as did all families in the early 1900s.

In the home there were always lamps with chimneys to be cleaned, wicks to be trimmed and bases to be filled every day, meals had to be prepared on wood fires on the black iron cook stove. The stoves and sinks had to be rubbed daily with a grease cloth to prevent rust. At one end of the first sink there was a pulley wheel with two buckets, which were lowered into a cistern to provide drinking water. This cistern is still in the cellar of the house. At the far end of the second sink there was a pump which brought water for the household use from a well which also is still in the cellar of the house. (to be continued)

Excerpts from the Annual Town Report for the Town of Eddington
1919—1920

School Buildings

The school building at the Bend was remodeled during the summer. The light now comes from the left and rear. A new hardwood floor and slate boards have been added, and the building connected with the boys and girls closets so that they can go to these closets from the school room. The result of this is highly satisfactory both from a sanitary and a moral point of view. There are still some changes to be made in the vaults of the closets which should have been made when the walk was built or before. It will cost considerably more to do this now.

Fuel

We have plenty of dry wood and the price paid has been reasonable. I would recommend that the School Board ask for bids on green wood to be delivered at the school house before May first. In this way an equal opportunity is given to all to furnish wood and the lowest price possible will be paid.

Common School Statistics For The Year Ending July 1, 1919

Number of pupils registered in common schools from September 1918 to July 1st, 1919. Boys 48; Girls 60; Total 108.

Number registered in village schools. Boys 39; Girls 41; Total 80

Number registered in rural school. Boys 9; Girls 19; Total 28

Number conveyed at the expense of the town. Boys 15; Girls 19; Total 28.

The cost of conveyance for the municipal year was \$24.10 per pupil.

Total number of days present of all pupils, 12,116.

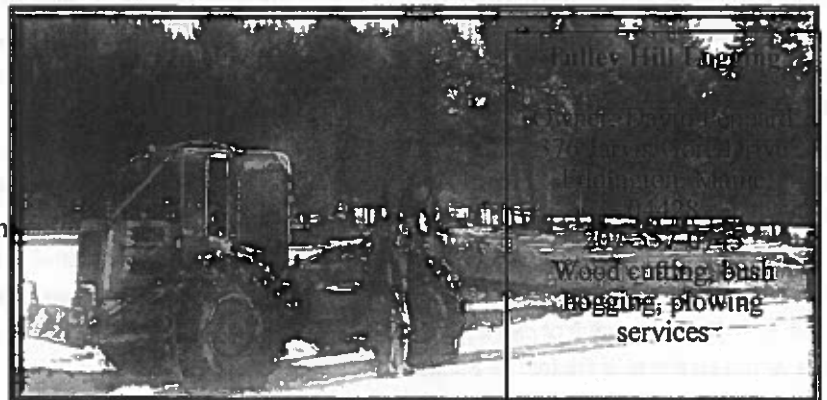
Average daily attendance for the year, 77.41.

Number of weeks of school, fall 12; winter 8; spring 12; Total 32.

Enrollment by grades in the common schools for the year ending July 1st, 1919.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	6	10	16
2	7	3	10
3	6	2	8
4	5	8	13
5	1	8	9
6	6	4	10
7	6	5	11
8	2	1	3
9	3	13	16

Eight girls passed the Examination for high School.



What made this building so important to so many people?

The Hall History

On December 9, 1878 the Eddington Agrarian Club met to lay the foundation for what would become the East Eddington Public Hall. For years this group of local farmers had been meeting in each other's homes on "the first Wednesday following the quarter phase of the moon" to talk about the economic returns of using horses rather than oxen and the best time to fertilize a field.

But soon they felt it was time for a permanent meeting place. They formed a company and sold five-dollar shares to fund the new hall's construction. By 1879 they had completed a three story building that included a cloakroom, ticket booth, large dining room and 300 seat auditorium.

At first, the East Eddington Public Hall served the community as a meeting place for the farmers who envisioned it, as well as for The Grange and many other civic groups. It quickly became a popular site for road shows and vaudeville acts as well and a favorite spot for wedding receptions, school plays, bean suppers, town meetings and public dances. Many people saw their first silent movie or heard their first political speech in its auditorium. For more than 100 years, the East Eddington Public Hall was truly the center of the town's social life.

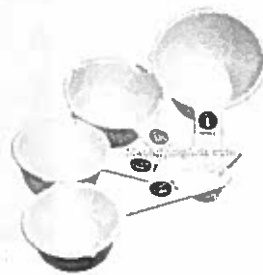
But by 1982—and despite the care given it by members of The Grange, local Boy Scout troops and others—the building's 100 plus years had taken their toll. Competition from many other social activities meant fewer people used the hall and income dropped. Then in 1983—and for the first time in its history—the town decided to assess property taxes. The future of the historic hall looked bleak.

We had \$500.00 in the treasury, a \$500.00 tax bill and a leaky roof," recalled long-time Eddington resident Dr. Malcolm Coulter. "But a group of us vowed to modernize this historic building and once again make it useful to the community."

And they did—with a lot of hard work and dedication to the building's heritage.

How Much Is It?

- Dash = 2 or 3 drops or less than 1/8 tsp
- 1 tblsp = 3 tsp
- 1/4 c = 4 tblsp
- 1/2 c = 5 1/3 tblsp
- 1/2 c = 8 tblsp
- 1 pint = 2 c
- 1 quart = 2 pints or 4 c



Safe and Sure Substitutions

- Baking Powder**
For 1 teaspoon of double-acting baking powder use 1/2 tsp baking soda, plus 1 tsp cream of tartar.
- Chocolate and Cocoa**
For 1 square of baking chocolate (1 oz) in batters and doughs, use 3 tblsp of cocoa plus 1 tblsp fat
- For 1 c of all purpose flour use 1/2 c of cornmeal or whole wheat flour with 1/2 c all purpose flour or 1 c rolled oats**

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Raffle Prizes at the Town Picnic

Afagan and needle point pillows by Pam Dore
Rug bag by Sylvia Decker
1 cord of firewood cut/split & delivered within 15 miles of Eddington Town Office by Tulley Hill Logging
\$25 certificate by Clifton Store
Citgo gift certificate
A & J Auto Repair - 3 \$30 gift certificates
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The beauty of plants, besides their looks and aroma, is that they can be propagated to create "babies" to replant, give as gifts or sell. And you don't have to spend a penny more.

For instance, bulbs make tiny bulblets every season. Once they finish blooming, dig them up, gently separate the bulblets, you will have new flowers.

How Much Do I Need?

Apples

1 medium = 1 cup

1 pound = 3 medium apples

Bread crumbs

3 to 4 slices oven dried bread = 1 cup fine crumbs

1 slice fresh bread = 3/4 cup soft crumbs

Butter/Margarine

1/2 cup = 1 stick or 8 tablespoons

2 cups = 4 sticks or 1 pound

Cheese

Cottage, 1/2 pound = 1/2 cup

Cream, 3 ounces = 6 tablespoons

Cheddar, 1/4 pound = 1 cup, shredded

Cream

Heavy, 1 cup = 2 cups whipped

Eggs

5 medium—1 cup

8 medium egg whites = 1 cup

12 to 14 medium egg yolks = 1 cup

The Eddington Historical Society would like to thank all of the businesses in town that have sponsored our newsletter through their advertisements. The advertising fee helps off set the cost of the newsletter printing and postage. Thank you all again for supporting us.

If you are interested in advertising in our quarterly newsletter, please contact one of the board members .

The price is as follows:

Business card size ad: \$25.00 for one issue or \$50.00 for three issues.

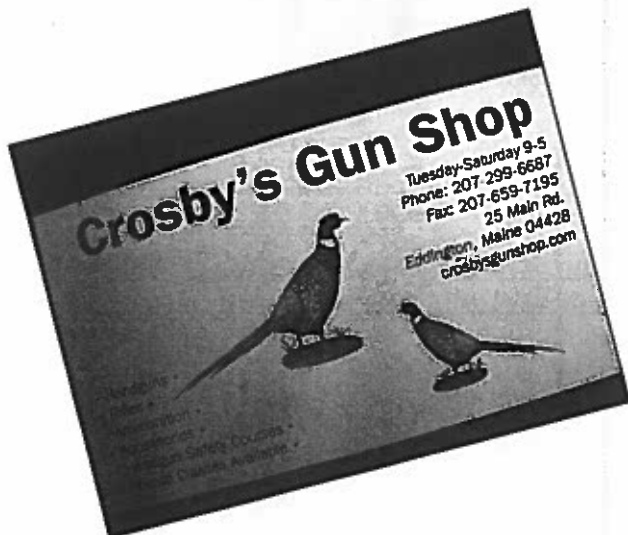
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Town Announcements

Plans are in the works for another Eddington Town Picnic this year. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 12:00 pm. Donations are needed to help pay for the food that will be served and can be mailed to the Eddington Town Office, 906 Main Road, Eddington, Me 04428 or you can stop by the Town Office. Anyone that is interested in being on the Committee for this event can call the Town Office at 843-5233 or Margaret Dougherty at 843-7402.

The Eddington Town Office continues to build their Email List. If you would like to be added to the Town of Eddington Email Notification List and receive emails for Trash and Recycling Reminders, Upcoming Meetings Schedules and Local Area Activities, please send us an email to eddingtinfo@roadrunner.com and we will add you to the list.

Please let your friends and neighbors in need know that the food bank in Clifton has many food items available. Eddington residents are also able to use this Food Cupboard, as the Town of Eddington donates to it yearly. A ministry of the Clifton Baptist Church, the Food Bank is open at 10 am on the first Monday of every month and at 5 pm on the third Monday at 742 Airline Rd, Clifton.

Upcoming Meetings:

Town of Eddington Annual Town Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6:30 pm at the Eddington School.

The Eddington Historical Society meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Town Office Meeting Room and everyone is welcome. If you can't make it to the meetings every month, they invite everyone to stop by a meeting, see what they are working on and share any history or ideas with the Society.

Eddington Historical Society Mission Statement

The Eddington Historical Society exists to collect, preserve and make accessible any items of historical significance to the town of Eddington and surrounding areas.

To accomplish the Society's mission effectively, we are committed to:

- Retaining existing members and attracting new members.
- Maintaining open communication with other entities as appropriate.
- Collecting, preserving and making accessible any materials of historical significance.
- Stimulating interest in the Town's past.
- Undertaking the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers.



President's Message by Margaret Dougherty

Eddington Historical Society members are the backbone of our town. Whether volunteering at our events, helping with projects or being a resource in reporting the history of our town, our members compose a strong organization. The Eddington Historical Society meets at the Town Office on the second Monday of each month at 6:30p.m. I hope you will join us at our meetings.

There are many ways you can support the Historical Society.

- _____ Annual Membership is \$10.00
- _____ Life Membership is \$50.00
- _____ Donation
- _____ Gift in Memory or Honor of _____

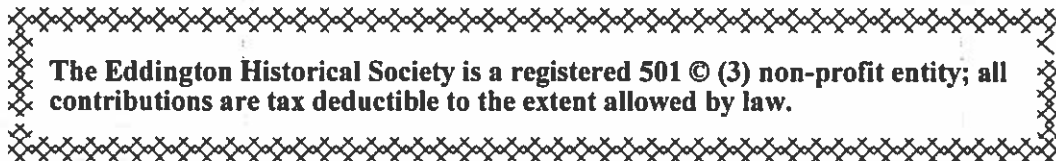
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How can you help? Stories and articles for newsletters would be very much appreciated. Do you have old pictures or newspaper articles? Please bring them to the town office so we can scan them to use in the newsletter or put in our files for future reference.

*******Please Note*******

Due to the increased cost of printing and postage, newsletters will only be sent to memberships currently paid up to date through 2016. Thank you.

Garlic Lemon Chicken for the Slow Cooker

- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 cup water
- 1—2 lbs chicken breast (skinless)
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 tsp chicken boulin (1pkt or 1 cube)
- 1 Tbsp parsley (dry or fresh)

In a bowl mix oregano, salt and pepper. Rub into chicken. Melt butter in fry pan and cook chicken 3 - 5 minutes on each side. Place chicken in the slow cooker. Mix the water, lemon juice, garlic and boulin and pour over chicken. Cook on high for 3 hours or low 6 hours. Add parsley 15 - 30 minutes before done.

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MEETINGS

- Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. You should check with the Town Office to confirm the meeting is being held.
- Dues are \$10/year or \$50 for a life membership. Officers are:
- Margaret Dougherty, President
- Denise Knowles, Secretary,
- Lou Higgins, Treasurer
- Theresa Peppard, Newsletter Editor

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