

# Provisions

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Newsletter for the Lebanon Historical Society

## Programs & Events

Unless noted our programs and events are open to the public and are held at the museum.

**Saturday, May 25 •**  
**12pm — 4pm**

**Lebanon Towne Militia**  
Craft demonstrations in front of the museum after the Memorial Day parade. Beaumont House & Pastor's Library will be open for tours.



**• Saturday, June 8 •**  
**10am — 3pm**  
**Celebrating**  
**Traditional Crafts on the**  
**“Second Saturday”**  
**in June**

**Free - Family - Fun**  
Model T rides around the Green, demonstrations of traditional crafts, and children's hands-on crafts and chores. Held rain or shine. Hot dogs & burgers for sale.

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## From Liberty Club to Camp Laurel

By Ed Tollmann

The previous issue of *Provisions* included an article titled, “Have you ever wondered how Lebanon’s Clubhouse Road got its name?” It told the story of how the Liberty Club was formed with the promise of continuing with the “rest of the story.” I’d like to begin with a brief recap.

It was around 1889 when Frank L. Barnes and Joseph R. Scott of Boston traveled to Liberty Hill to hunt and fish on Edwin Stiles’s property, located on Tobacco Street. They formed the Liberty Club, purchased the land from Stiles, and built a clubhouse and annex. The original clubhouse was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in

Liberty Club decided to sell the property, including the clubhouse and other buildings.

*This is where our current story really begins.*

In 1941, the Liberty Club property was sold to the *Herald Tribune* Fresh Air Fund. The New York City newspaper



*Top right photo of the Liberty Club annex. Above the annex renovated and used as the dining hall at Camp Laurel.*

1925, but “the annex” still stands today. Within a few years, the club had built a new lodge around the original clubhouse chimneys. In 1937, with membership declining, the remaining members of the

was looking for a property to start a camp for underprivileged children from the city.

In 1940, Liberty Hill resident Frederick Loomis passed away, bequeathing his entire estate to the *Herald Tribune* Fresh Air Fund. This bequest included the surprisingly large sum of \$136,000, his store in Liberty Hill

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**The mission of the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society**

*To encourage a sense  
of community, the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society connects  
residents and visitors  
with the people, places,  
objects and stories  
of the Town's past.*

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## From the President

Rick Kane

Spring has arrived, and with it a new fiscal year. We held our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5. A moment of silence was observed for all members lost over the past years, and especially for a much-loved and valued Board member, Sandie Chalifoux, who passed away in March of this year. We will miss her contributions and friendship.

A new slate of Board of Trustees was elected, adding Tony Tyler as Community Events Chair—welcome, Tony. Linda Heatherly returns to the Board after a few years' absence as Membership and Development Chair, and Missy Hayes moves to Publications Chair after doing a stellar job as Membership Chair for the past two years. Other Board members up for reelection to new two-year terms: Matt Flegert, Secretary; Al Vertefeuille, Finance Chair; and Betsy Petrie-McComber, Personnel and Nominating Chair. For a full list of our Board of Trustees, see the sidebar on the left side of this page.

We were unable to fill the Programs Chair position at this time. It will remain open until such time as a candidate is identified. The agenda also included several revisions to our by-laws, which can be viewed upon request by any member at the Historical Society Museum. I also provided an update on the many projects in and around the campus site, details of which are described in a separate article on page 6.

My "State of the Society" update provided a status on our financial well-being. The Board-approved budget for fiscal year 2019–20 is \$225,078, slightly less than the budget for our fiscal year 2018–19. We finished the 2018–19 fiscal year with a surplus. This good news demonstrates the responsible management of our committee chairs and staff.

But what keeps me up at night? Sustainability and succession management: Succession management is one of the items that keeps the Society a healthy and active organization. We need new blood in the organization from time to time, and our inability to fill the Programs Chair position this time around is of concern. Anyone wishing to participate, please let us know! Our by-laws dictate term limits for Board members. Next year we will have as many as nine members that must leave for at least a year.

Keeping this incredible Town asset going is particularly important given the Lebanon Green ownership and preservation issue. On April 5, following the court decision to award quiet title to the Public Works, Town Hall, and Library parcels, the Selectman signed documents providing for their ownership of the parcels, but **LHS owns the conservation and preservation restrictions in perpetuity on the Town Hall and Library parcels. In the case of the Library, the restrictions apply to the post-Library building expansion. The ownership of the restrictions imposes more importance on the sustainability of the Historical Society. The remaining northern Green should be settled in the same way in the course of the next several months.** So I ask for your assistance on behalf of the Society. Promote membership to friends, neighbors, and family whenever possible. Volunteer whenever possible—an hour a week, an hour a month, or whenever your time allows; it all helps. There's much to do to help preserve Lebanon's rich history!

We periodically conduct a Strategic Planning event consisting of one day in the fall, and it comes up again this year. We will be looking for volunteers from outside our Board who are willing to participate. More fresh ideas are always helpful. Anyone interested is welcome to join us; let us know, and we will make sure to notify you when we schedule the session. It will most likely be a Saturday in mid- to late October or early November.

We hope to see as many members as possible at "Second Saturday" on June 8, and "Evening at the Museum" on July 20. Thanks for all your support!

## Director's Message

Donna Baron

"Is your playroom open?" asks a grandmotherly visitor with two small children beside her. That question occasionally sparks a touch of frustration because the Museum includes a "hands-on history room" with both "please-touch" objects and information about Lebanon's role in the American Revolution. Following a brief pause, however, I smile and open the door. After all, these children are learning that history is fun and worth exploring while their grandmother is sharing their enjoyment of discovering the past. What a wonderful way to fulfill our goal of making Lebanon's history interesting, relevant and fun.



Interactive history is not just for big museums with substantial budgets, farm animals or horse-drawn wagon rides. By collaborating with partners like the Lebanon Towne Militia, the Northeast Connecticut Model T Club, FFA and numerous local crafts-people, the Society celebrates the past with living history. For ten years, the Second Saturday in June (Connecticut's Museum Open House Day) has featured rides around the Green in restored Model T cars, demonstrations of crafts such as blacksmithing, furniture making, carving and waffle making AND hands-on crafting for children and adults. Have you turned a wooden pen? This year, our June Celebration of Traditional Crafts will include even more opportunities for young and old to practice the skills needed to run a farm household a hundred years ago.

If stepping further back in time sounds like fun, visit the Lebanon Towne Militia's living history encampment after the Memorial Day Parade or when they return later in the summer and fall. This family-oriented group welcomes new members to help them share

the stories and trade-skills of Lebanon's colonial residents. As the militia men drill and practice using their muskets, their families will demonstrate cooking, spinning, weaving and other domestic tasks.

For more information about these and other events, visit our website ([www.historyofLebanon.org](http://www.historyofLebanon.org)) or Facebook page, call the Museum at 860-642-6579 or look for our ads in *Lebanon Life*.

## Trivia Answer:

Thanksgiving,  
November 28, 1868  
Although students  
were on vacation  
from December 7  
to December 23,  
school was in  
session on  
December 25  
and January 1.

In rural New England, many families maintained the old Puritan tradition of not observing Christmas. For some families, Christmas was just another work day until the late 1880s. Diaries show cutting firewood, doing laundry or tending a general store on Christmas Day.

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**Museum Hours:**  
Wed. thru Sat.  
12pm to 4pm

**Research Library**  
by appointment.

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

### *Family Memberships*

**Christopher Page** of Oakdale  
**Ron & Heather Ricard** of Lebanon

### *Individual Senior Membership*

**Anne Dawson** of Lebanon

### *Senior Couple Membership*

**James Gudenrath & Marion Holbrook** of Texas



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- **Sunday, June 23** •  
2 pm  
**Something Old,  
Something New:  
Connecticut Weddings  
Through the Ages**

Learn where our cherished wedding traditions come from.

A Connecticut Historical Society program.

\$2 admission non-members, members free



- **Saturday, July 20** •  
5pm – 8pm  
**“An Evening  
at the Museum” gala**  
Wine & beer tasting,  
appetizers, dinner & dessert  
Silent auction  
*By invitation only.*



- **Sunday, September 15** •  
2pm  
**“Faith Trumbull  
Huntington”**  
Talk by Margaret Meahl  
about Governor  
Trumbull’s daughter.  
Co-sponsored by the  
Governor Jonathan Trumbull  
chapter of the DAR.  
Free admission  
Refreshments

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## Hinckley’s and Pitchers’ mills, circa 1860 to 1938

By Donna Baron

At the January 5, 1702/3, town meeting it was voted to grant “John Calkin, William Clarke and Josiah Dewey jr Liberty to set up a



*dam upon peases brook at the Loer end of Burnt Swamp at the falls for the use and Benefit of the Corn Mill & Grant them Liberty to set up a saw mill there...”*



In 1876, as Lebanon celebrated the nation’s centennial, Reverend Orlo Hine of the First Congregational Church delivered an address about the history of the town. During that talk, Mr. Hine stated: “The first saw-mill was built a little below where Hinckley’s mill now is—in a tract called ‘Burnt Swamp.’ ”

Although Burnt Swamp does not



appear on any map of Lebanon, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, residents were familiar with Hinckley’s mills and with the old name for that part of town. D. Hamilton Hurd noted in his 1882 *History of New London County* that “the first saw-mill was built a little below where Hinckley’s mill is now in a tract called ‘Burnt Swamp,’ ” and the *Norwich Bulletin* published an article by Miss Laura McCall in 1927 which placed the first saw mill in Burnt Swamp, “a little below where Pitcher’s mill is now.”

Edwin N. Hinckley was operating mills on the already 150-year-old mill pond by 1868, when his house and mills were included on the Beer’s Atlas map of Lebanon. They stood on Goshen Hill Road west of Pease Brook, just east of the Smith Road intersection. In 1813, Charles L. Pitcher, Jr. and his brother David bought the site from William E. Hinckley (son of Edwin N. Hinckley). The deed included a saw mill, grist mill, mill dam and “mill privileges with all appurtenances.”

Although the dam washed out during the 1938 hurricane and the mill buildings gradually collapsed and rotted away, many Lebanon residents remember swimming in Pitcher’s Pond. If anyone has photographs of those swimming “parties,” the Historical Society would welcome the chance to make copies for the archives.

# The Lebanon Dairy Bar

## Recollections of Robert Chalifoux

By Sandie Chalifoux

Bill Parkhurst and his wife ran the dairy bar on Willimantic Road located at the corner of Schalk Road (now called Beaumont Highway/Route 289). Schalk Road was a dirt road that went from Route 289 to Route 87 just below the Liberty Hill Cemetery. When I received my driver's license, we were able to drive a vehicle from one end of Schalk Road to the other.

The dairy bar opened around the 1950s and was also a dairy farm. When the ice cream parlor opened, they would hire local girls to run it. They served Sealtest ice cream, sundaes, milkshakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. My two sisters, Evelyn and Rosemarie, worked after school there. When I was around 10 years old, I would walk down Route 289 from my grandparents' farm about a mile away to keep them company from about 4pm to 10pm. It was great to enjoy ice cream and milkshakes plus doing my homework.

The Parkhursts also ran the dairy farm there. The dairy barn was located across the street on the property Bert Bosse built his house on.

As kids, we would ride our bicycles to the dairy bar to have popsicles and play the pinball machine. The trick was that, without getting caught, we would put shims under the front legs, not too high, to tilt the machine. This would slow the iron ball down, racking up 10 to 20 free games. Then, we would remove the shims, and play for up to an hour.

Then we purchased popsicles and walked across the street to sit on the ledge and watch customers come and go from the dairy bar. The money we used was from returning soda bottles for the deposit; five cents for the large bottles and two cents for small ones. Popsicles were only five cents in those days.

The barn burnt down from being struck by lightning. After that, the Parkhurst family sold the farm and dairy bar, moving to Preston, Connecticut. When the farm was in operation, they sold milk and cream that was processed in the rear of the barn. After moving, they had left thirty to forty cases of milk bottles in the field across from the house near a brook and stone wall. As kids we would line up the bottles on the wall and throw stones and break them. Today these bottles bring anywhere from three to four hundred dollars

apiece. We probably broke two hundred of them. I also remembered, while the dairy bar was open, there were three gentlemen from Franklin, Connecticut, who would scare customers by coasting down the road in their car with no driver in the front seat. They would blow the horn with a stick and steer the car with a rope around the steering wheel. These three gentlemen were Vinnie Majchier,

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*Close-up of one side of Parkhurst's Wunnegunset Valley Farm milk bottle.*

### A Note from the Publications Committee:

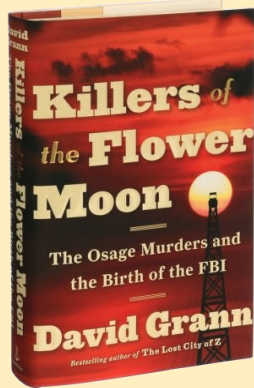
In true dedicated fashion, Sandie Chalifoux, our Publications Chair for the past 4 years, could be counted on to deliver promised articles, and on time. Always willing and prepared to do whatever was needed to make life easy for others.

We hope you enjoy the article on the left. It was written by Sandie after interviewing her husband Bob about his recollections of growing up in Lebanon. We'll save a second article for a future issue.

Her articles were dutifully delivered by Bob, via son Bob Jr., so we could meet our publications deadline. Sandie taught them well.



## A Good Read



### *Killers of the Flower Moon*

By David Grann

#### BOOK REVIEW

By Louise Rheame

*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann, award-winning staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine, chronicles the scandalous treatment of the Osage Indians and the development of the FBI in the early twentieth century—a juxtaposition that is not coincidental.

The Osage were forced to accept seemingly worthless land from the government. However, when oil was discovered beneath the dusty plains, the Osage became excessively rich. The original Osage owners had shares of the property, which could only be passed down by inheritance, and the oil rights could be

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## Campus Site Activities

By Rick Kane

A few years ago, we created a campus site planning subcommittee to make sure we addressed any and all long-term maintenance issues, and also to develop and implement a land use plan for the properties. In May 2018, the Rain Garden was created at the front entry of the museum driveway. A new cedar shingle roof on the Broom Shop should be completed by publication time and the relocation of the Smoke House to an area behind the Beaumont house may be well under way.

Last fall, Brian Bartizek constructed the combination “woodshed and privy” behind the



*Woodshed and Privy*

Beaumont House. The Beaumont family was appreciative to have a place to store their dry wood, and most appreciative of the privy, certainly needed for a family of 9!

In the fall, we paved the Museum driveway. Board member Ed Tollmann handled the arrangements for paving the Museum driveway, which has solved the long-standing and nagging issue we had with water erosion. We were constantly forced to repair the area where the old pavement and stone-dust area met. It survived the winter, and the grading job done by the paving company has allowed



*Improvements to our “little green” and driveway*

the water to drain to the rear of the property. Staff and visitors appreciate no longer having to trek across the muck during most of the late fall,

winter and early spring.

This spring we also eliminated three trees in the center circle. They blocked the view to the east and the Pastor’s Library and flagpole. The entire center green was regraded and hydro-seeded. We hope to place the tents for “Evening at the Museum” within the center circle in July.

Volunteer Jim Wesolowski is repairing and extending the walkway from the pavement to the steps of the Pastor’s Library. This may be completed by publication time.



*Pastor’s Library walkway*

The passing of many longtime Board members resulted in memorial donations to our Society. One such donation was in the names of Harold, Norma and Richard Geer. When this occurs we ask the family

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# Thank you to our 2019 Annual Appeal Donors

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## ***Killers of the Flower Moon***

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auctioned off, bringing in more money than all the gold rush wealth combined.

This triggered devious plots, with unscrupulous men marrying Osage women to gain the property rights, others committing murders of several owners, and a complicit FBI, a lawless group under soon-to-be-named director J. Edgar Hoover, failing to rectify the crimes.

Thomas White, an experienced investigator and ex-Texas Ranger, is recruited by Hoover. White modernizes the agency, adopting the use of fingerprinting to identify suspects and earning some respect for the work. He is later shot, and after he recovers, goes on to become warden of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, and later, warden of the La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution in El Paso. His hope to publish an account of the murders is thwarted by Hoover's new assistant director, Clyde Tolson.

David Grann visits Pawhuska, the Osage capitol, and learns from a logbook in the tribal museum that many Osage

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## **Campus Site Activities**

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to direct us in how they might like to see the memorial donations applied. The Geer family suggested a sample orchard to be placed behind the Beaumont House. Our director researched "Trees of Antiquity" and found five varieties, which are now planted to the far back right corner of the Beaumont property. Three more trees, modern saplings raised from antique apples trees of Lebanon, by Prides Nursery, have been planted, thanks to Dan Moore and Brian Bartizek.

There are several other smaller projects all related to the campus site,



*Our newly planted orchard*

such as some additional landscaping, informational signage similar to the sign near the Pastor's Library, and lighting for our driveway entrance. We are in need of volunteers to scrape and paint the Broom Shop assuming we do it ourselves.



## Killers of the Flower Moon

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were “managed” by “guardians,” most of whose wards died. The murders (possibly numbering in the hundreds) were compared to the “Reign of Terror” during the French Revolution.

There is apparently no end to man’s inhumanity to man.

This compelling read was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, a finalist for the National Book Award, and a winner of the Edgar Allan Poe Award for best true-crime book. Named “the single best book of the year” by Amazon, it is being adapted into a major motion picture to be directed by Martin Scorsese, with Leonardo DiCaprio slated to play the role of Tom White.



## Camp Laurel

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and its contents, plus many acres of land in Chestnut Hill and Liberty Hill. Frederick Loomis was quite a character. Born in Liberty Hill in 1866, he moved to the Saranac Lake area of New York early in his life, where he owned a very large sporting goods store and some hunting lodges that he rented out. When his wife died around 1912, Mr. Loomis decided to come back to Chestnut Hill, where his aunt ran a general store near the Airline Railroad in the village.

For nearly thirty years, Mr. Loomis stayed and ran the store, stocked with five railroad cars’ worth of merchandise—so the story goes—that he brought back with him from Saranac Lake.

A large man of about 250 pounds, Mr. Loomis didn’t seem to really



*Loomis Cash Store in Saranac Lake before 1940. The clock face reads “10% Loomis Cash Store.” (Courtesy of Saranac Lake Historical Society)*

care whether customers came in or not. He had some dogs outside that often frightened people away. Evidently he had amassed a fortune while in Saranac Lake

so when he returned to Chestnut Hill he wasn’t overly concerned about making any income. It was his dream to have a place where children from New York City could come and enjoy country living. It wasn’t until he passed away in 1940 that it was discovered he had left his whole estate to the *New York Herald Tribune* Fresh Air Camp.



The *New York Herald Tribune* Fresh Air Fund was established in 1877 to provide summer vacations for underprivileged children from the city. When the Fresh Air Fund committee members visited Mr. Loomis’s land, they realized that it would not work as a summer camp. Learning that the nearby Liberty Club property and buildings were for sale, the committee decided to purchase this and using Mr. Loomis’s bequest and the

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*Front view and interior of Frederick Loomis’s store in Chestnut Hill.*

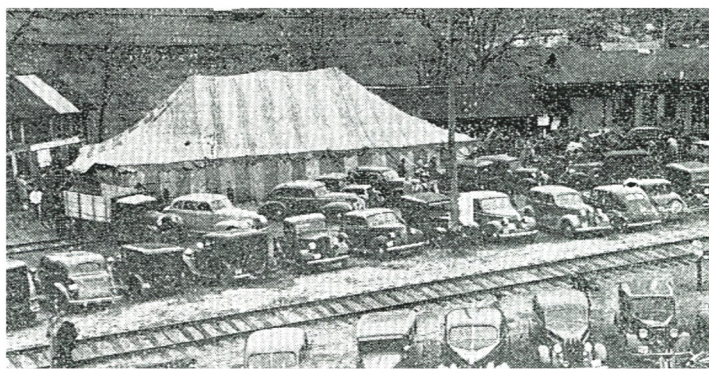


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proceeds from the sale of his land, store and the store contents.

The *New York Herald*



Photos from the *New York Herald Tribune* newspaper article dated May 27, 1940, on the auction of the contents of Loomis's general store in Chestnut Hill, attended by 1,000 people from all over the state.



experience of summer camp at Camp Laurel here in Lebanon, from modern conveniences and buildings with heat and running water to primitive sites with tents and latrines.

The camp and grounds are now maintained and used year-round by Girl Scouts of Connecticut and beyond.

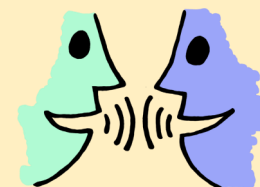


Camp Laurel today

### Reading & talking about history for the fun of it!

Join us for the **Lebanon Historical Society history book club.**

We invite you to join us as we select books and share our thoughts and reactions in open and engaging conversation. Refreshments served.



Our next **History Book Club** will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, August 14, 2019**. Our next book will be

***The Way of Duty: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America*** by Joy Day Buel and Richard Buel

Everyone is welcome. *Even if you haven't finished the book, you are welcome to join us!*

*This book will be available at the Jonathan Trumbull Library.*  
860-642-7763

## Programs & Events



- Saturday, September 28**  
**9am—3pm**  
**53rd Annual Antique Show on the Lebanon Green**  
 Held rain or shine  
**\$5 admission**  
 Free parking  
 Enjoy homemade pies, chowders & sandwiches.  
 Grilled burgers & hot dogs



The dates & times of our Walktober Walks are still in the works but will be included in our next issue



- Sunday, December 1**  
**6pm—8pm**  
**Lebanon Tree Lighting & Open House**  
 Enjoy warm cider and ginger cookies by the fire while kids make holiday crafts. View our latest exhibits and take a lantern tour of the Beaumont House and Pastor's Library.



- Sunday, December 8**  
**1:30pm or 2:30pm**  
**Holiday Spray-Making Workshop**  
 Make a spray for your door, mailbox or a centerpiece. Choose one of two sessions. Materials fee \$5 per spray for members. Non-members pay an additional \$3 to attend. Pre-registration required.

## Lebanon Brass Band

By Donna Baron

An 1888 performance of the Lebanon, Connecticut, brass band was reported in the C. G. Conn Company employee and dealers magazine, "Trumpet Notes." The brief article identified individual band members and their instruments:

*Eb Cornet – Al. Kime, Jr.  
and Orlando C. Tucker*

*Solo Cornet – F. M. Kingsley  
and W.B. Loomis*

*1st Eb Cornet – C. C. King*

*1st Alto Cornet – G. W. Foster*

*2nd Alto Cornet – F. S. King*

*3rd Alto cornet – W. Briggs*

*Solo Trombone & Leader  
– H. W. Kingsley*

*1st Trombone – Louis Tucker*

*Baritone – Charles Loomis*

*Bb bass – L. H. Taylor, C. Briggs  
and N. S. Loomis*

*Bass Drum – Geo. Irish*



Photograph of C. C. King

Charles Gerard Conn (1844–1931) began producing brass instruments in Elkhart, Indiana, in 1876, and a year later began publishing "Trumpet Notes" as an occasional magazine to promote brass instrument playing.

Alicia Wayland found and copied one page from the 1888 edition with its listing about the Lebanon brass band, providing our only information, to date, about this organization. However, other issues of "Trumpet Notes" are available online (<https://www.saxophone.org/museum/publications/museumType/1/manufacturer/13>) and may shed further light on the band.

### The program:

Quick Step..... Copiscolus.....Petту  
 Waltz..... Greenwood.....Qiply  
 Song & dance. Dear One Far Away.....Casey  
 March.....5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.....J.F.O. Smith  
 Serenade to Laura.....Petту  
 March.....Portland Cadets.....Reeves  
 Song & Dance.....Rural Thoughts.....Casey  
 Quick Step.....Montezuma.....Dalby

One band member, Clifford Cross King (1868–1942), is already represented in the Museum's collection. His granddaughter Darcy Battye donated his cornet, tuning forks and other accoutrements, as well as a photo of Mr. King with his instrument. Several band members, including Mr. King, were affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, which suggests another possible line of research.



## Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

By Melissa Hayes

To celebrate Volunteer Recognition Day in April, the Lebanon Historical Society held a volunteer appreciation event at the museum on April 27, 2019, welcoming many of our dedicated volunteers to enjoy lunch and to spend some time socializing.



Volunteers also received a newly designed LHS notepad, featuring a beautiful photo of the War Office and a Revolutionary War soldier. (These pads are now available in our gift shop,

a perfect souvenir for longtime friends and new visitors alike!)

The Lebanon Historical Society is privileged to have a group of nearly seventy hardworking and dedicated volunteers who offer their time as genealogists, docents, museum teachers, and committee members. They organize everything from “Evening at the Museum” to the annual Antique Show. They help with tasks ranging from setting up new exhibits, staffing events, baking refreshments and maintaining and decorating the museum and grounds. We so appreciate their generous donation of time and talents, and hope that anyone who is interested will consider joining their ranks!



## Many thanks

to Jacy Worth who is retiring from the Historical Society Board after serving for six years as Publications Chair and four years as Community Events Chair.

Under Jacy’s leadership, *Lebanon Provisions* expanded to 12 pages with color and earned the New England Museum Association’s first-place newsletter award.

After a required year off, Jacy encouraged the growth of “Evening at the Museum” to its place as one of the Society’s major fund-raising events, while also coordinating many aspects of the annual Antique Show.

Staff and volunteers will miss her energy, enthusiasm and good spirits.



## The Lebanon Dairy Bar

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Bill Kingsley and Mr. Armstrong (all deceased).

The Parkhursts sold the dairy bar and farm to my grandmother’s sister and brother-in-law from New York City for a retirement business. Their names were Fritz and Bridget Dietz. They ran the farm and dairy bar for about ten years, raising geese and veggies to sell. They sold the property to the Spencer family.

The Spencers ran the business for several years. They sold off some of the land for building lots for new houses and converted the dairy bar into a house.

*Right: current photograph of what was formerly the dairy bar. A second story was added, but the original roofline of the dairy bar can still be seen. The barn was across the street. Cars would park in front.*

Also, on Schalk Road just over the brook was a horse barn and a smoke house for curing meat. The barn was the first storage place for the hearse, then went to the Geer farm. Now the hearse is at the Lebanon Historical Museum.



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History Trivia Question:

According to Lavinia Walsh in her May 2, 1965, column in the *Norwich Bulletin*, an old school register revealed that during the November 4, 1867, to March 27, 1868, session, students at Goshen Hill School (District 120) had one day off as a holiday.

What day was it? See page 3 for the answer.

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