

MIDDLESEX CLUB

A group of young men from Maynard organized the Middlesex Club in 1910. It was to be a social club and a cottage was hired in the section known as the second basin of Lake Boone. Joseph P. Dineen was the first President. Other members were William Stockwell, Corneilus Callahan, Thomas Maley, Eden Tobin, William Tobin, Vincent Sweeney, Harold Higgins, James Priest, Clifford Whitney, John Punch, Michael Lynch, Joseph Kaler and Daniel Lowney. Dancing parties were held by the club in Music Hall every Wednesday evening. The first annual concert and ball sponsored by the club on Tuesday evening, January 3, 1913 at Riverside Cooperative Hall, with music by Collins orchestra of Marlboro. Seventy couples attended. The grand march was led by Mr. Joseph P. Dineen and Miss Annie McCarron. A catered supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyward. The club disbanded in 1918 because almost the entire membership was in the Armed forces on account of World War I.

* An interesting sidelight - the club refused to pay rent because owner would not provide screens - a sheriff attached the box office at one of the dances, but got nothing because the club had been "tipped off" and withdrew all receipts before the sheriff arrived - owner took the case to court and lost because Judge Keyes ruled "they could not live at Lake Boone without screens".

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