



WHERE ALPENA MEMORIES LIVE - AND NEW ONES ARE WAITING

FROM "AUNTIE CAROLE"

The early years from 1924 until the end of prohibition, the establishment was referred to as a dance hall. And it was, as you paid 25 cents to enter the dance floor and dance 3 times.

From the beginning, Maplewood was a meeting place of friends and families. It's seen many parties of many kinds. Celebration parties: weddings, anniversaries, showers, birthdays and retirements, and many memorial gatherings. Maplewood has hosted several fundraisers, Friends Together and Second Chance Animal Shelter come to mind. Maplewood has been the stopping point for motorcycle and bicycle runs.

Music has been and continues to be staged on a regular basis. During the 1950's through 2004 the music was of the jam session kind of entertainment.

There were 2 grand dames of the business because of their long tenure, Orpha 'Smith' Cadarette and Clarice 'Kramer' Cadarette. Both were left as young widows and with the help of family they were able to keep the place in business. The rest of the female family filed in one way or another.

Currently the business is in the hands of the builders' great-granddaughter, Melissa 'Cadarette' Gapske.. She and her sister, Marion, took the reins placed to them by their aunt, Carole Cadarette.