



## **BELGRADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Another new year has arrived, and your BHS is planning several interesting programs to remind us of Belgrade's unique and sometimes colorful past and how it relates to our present.

For example, the still 'new' shops in Belgrade Lakes village were busy during the Christmas season selling books (Oliver and Friends), Maine-made handicrafts all varieties, as well as homemade jams and other foods (Wild Elderberry) and providing care for the hair, sore feet and aching muscles (Remedy salon). Yet, how many patrons and readers know that this commercial building has been serving residents of Belgrade as well as summer visitors for over a century? Many readers may remember when entire building housed an antiques retail store or or even earlier when it was an automobile service station.

The building was constructed ca. 1915 as a garage to house the increasing number of (then) new automobiles appearing in Belgrade—and everywhere else in Maine and the country! Fortunately, BHS has a photograph of the building soon after it was built to service and stow cars. (SEE Below). We believe the photo is from 1920, but it possibly could be a year or two earlier. If any reader recognizes this old photograph and can provide an exact date, we are offering a prize: Your name in stars in our next newsletter. Meanwhile, enjoy this interesting view of a bygone era!



(Photo from Johnson Collection, BHS)

The New Garage, ca. 1920, across the road from the Central House Garage, which was converted into an amusement center with a stage for plays and movies in front and a bowling alley in the rear but demolished in the 1970s and replaced with cement boat storage shed.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE of Coming Event\*\*\*\*\***

In March, Arcadia Publications will be printing its latest book in its Images of America series:

***Belgrade Lakes Region***

Our February Newsletter will have details on how to order/where to buy this major publication, featuring over 1050 historic photos of Belgrade's historic homes, hotels, sport camps and youth Camps!