



The caption in *Andover Lakes, Rivers, and Ponds* reads: "1938 Hurricane Aftermath - Altogether 1,464,000 bd. ft. of pine logs were salvaged in the water here in Horseshoe Pond and the the Blackwater Bays from the town of Andover."

Historical Society Publishes Chaffee On Lakes And Rivers

By Nancy Tripp
Andover Historical Society News

As darkness comes earlier and the wind bites a bit harder, I want nothing more than to snuggle up near a blazing fire with a good book. Too bad the Andover Historical Society's publication of Ralph Chaffee's writing about the lakes, rivers, and ponds of Andover won't be available until the spring.

The stories are full of interesting information and humor. Here is an excerpt about Horseshoe Pond, a shallow body of water divided in two sections by the railroad bed just east of the eastern intersection of Routes 4 and 11. From the rail trail, there's a great view of this pond.

"Horseshoe Pond gained its greatest publicity and entry into history books during the winter of 1938-39. The first hurricane of the century, which swept over New Hampshire and the rest of New England in September 1938, uprooted and leveled thousands of feet of mature and growing white pine. The damage was so extensive that not enough sawmills existed here to handle the downed timber before it would be attacked and virtually destroyed by white pine weevils the following spring and summer months.

"The Andover Selectmen checked over the various water areas in town and decided that the larger of the two Horseshoe Ponds would be the most suitable for the purpose and could be used with the least disruption of any summer activity.

"At first these [logs] were rolled directly into the water and then held by a boom at the further side of the pond. When the pond froze over, several long skidways of logs were piled in readiness

to be rolled into the water when the ice went out.

"Thru [sic] most of the winter, Horseshoe Pond was a scene of great activity, until it became evident that the small pond could hold no more logs. A second site was then established in one of the Blackwater bays to handle the remainder.

"A reasonably accurate survey showed that a total of 1,464,000 feet of white pine was salvaged in Andover thru [sic] the program; the greater part of it floated in Horseshoe Pond. At a later date, the Government sold the salvaged logs under contract to private parties, and a portable sawmill was set up on the south shore of the pond."

Excerpted from Andover Lakes, Rivers and Ponds by Ralph Chaffee, 1974

I guess we'll just have to wait until the spring to read more fascinating stories about our town.

The shade garden in the cellar hole of the Richard Potter home near the Potter Place Railway Station has gone to sleep for the winter. It's a stunningly creative and peaceful place to visit.

With the new parking lot and the extension of the Rail Trail toward Danbury, Potter Place has become a hub of activity. What better ways to spend a day than to ride your bike on the trail, visit the museum and Emons Store, and stroll through a shady garden? I for one am already looking forward to the arrival of spring.

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50 YEARS AGO

DECEMBER 1960 AND JANUARY 1961

December 1, 1960: Miss Gail Fisher, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Buswell of Andover, and of Hoyt Fisher, Watertown, Massachusetts, became the bride of Edward Smith, son of Mrs. Eleanor Smith of Ogunquit, Saturday afternoon at the Andover Unitarian Church. The Rev. Ray Cowen performed the double-ring ceremony in the presence of 150 relatives and friends. The reception was held at Cary House.

A traveling science demonstration, a part of a General Motors' promotion program called "Scientific Previews of the Future," was put before Andover High School students on Monday. A miniature car powered by the sun through something called a photovoltaic cell; a roaring jet engine; and synthetic rubber that leaps from a pop bottle were a few of the demonstrations. Another example of sun-power, the fuel cell in which "liquid sunshine" provides the power for a portable radio, also was shown, together with demonstrations of the way television shows are sent across the nation, and how spaceships of tomorrow will be controlled with whirling gyroscopes.

December 8, 1960: Humphrey's At Andover, "Where quality is high and prices are low," advertises Castle wood and metal skis, Humanic Ski boots

(made in Austria), and Marker safety bindings (plus a full line of winter sports accessories and clothing.)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Adams on the birth of a son weighing eight pounds, four ounces on Wednesday, November 30, at New London Hospital.

Mrs. Louisa Keniston, 83, widow of Albert L. Keniston, died at the Franklin Hospital following a heart attack at her home Wednesday evening. She was born February 22, 1877 in Franklin, and moved to East Andover, where she resided on the same farm for the rest of her life.

December 15, 1960: Albion Guptill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Guptill, celebrated his 14th birthday with a supper party at his home on Saturday. Guests present were Marsha Kimball, Mary Lindley, Wanda Prescott, Sandra Nelson, Sherida Keyser, Cynthia Phelps, Beverly Miller, Donna Fortune, Marion Blake, Russell Hersey, Albert Hoyt, Craig McDonald, Rufus Stacey, and the guest of honor.

Mrs. Helen Phelps was guest of honor at a tea given by Mrs. Ella Phelps in celebration of her birthday. Pourers were Mrs. Emma Dunlap and Mrs. Dorothea Smith. Attending were Mrs. Elaine Eastman, Mrs. Kay Hamp, Mrs. Ad-

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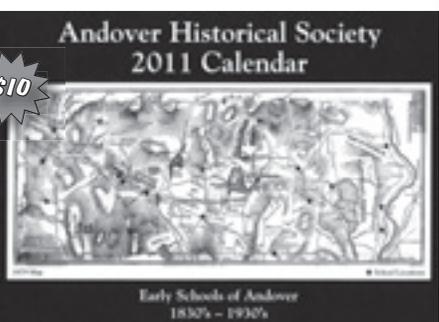
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