

50 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 1960

February 4, 1960

The Regal Theatre marquee for this month includes *Go Johnny Go!*; *The Beat Generation* "...like, I mean, it's way out!"; and Walt Disney's *Third Man on the Mountain*.

A proposal by Harold E. Kidder, Jr., on behalf of the Andover School Board that the Town of Andover discontinue its high school and send its 50 to 60 students to Franklin as tuition pupils was put before the Franklin school board in the nature of a "feeler" last night. This would be for a few years while Andover decided whether to build a new combined elementary/high school or to join a cooperative high school (either Franklin High or a new school being considered in New London.)

The feeler met with an obviously friendly audience, but no action was taken. If Franklin were to take the Andover students there would be an over-crowding issue for the first year until their own building program matured. If Andover students were to be accepted, Franklin would want a long-term commitment – say 20 years.

February 11, 1960

There was a gathering of 70 townspeople at the high school on Thursday evening to listen to the proposals of the addition to the high school to house the elementary pupils and etc. Speakers were Mr. Paul Fenton, moderator, Mr. Peter Shanellaris, principal of the high school, Wallace Scott, a selectman, and Mr. Nahum Alley, who drew up the plans.

February 18, 1960

Discussions with Franklin concerning Andover high school students are in

abeyance until after the Andover Town Meeting. In the Andover school warrant is an article covering one of three possible answers to the Andover school problem. That would be for construction of an addition to the present Andover High School to make it big enough to house all the Andover school students under one roof, plus room for a selectmen's office and a small multi-purpose cafeteria room. If this building project is undertaken, Andover will continue to take care of its own school problems at home.

As an alternative, there is a strong support among some townsfolk for a cooperative school at the high school level, which might join the high school students of Andover, New London, Springfield, Sutton and Wilmot under one roof in New London, although it might take years to make this arrangement. The way for solutions along this line were opened at the last session of the legislature, when an act was adopted to give school boards the right to enter tuition agreements for periods of up to 20 years.

[At the annual school meeting in March 1960, the school warrant article mentioned above was postponed until an adjourned school meeting on May 17, 1960. At the May 17 meeting, with more than 200 people in attendance, and after much discussion, the vote was taken. With 144 necessary to pass, 152 voted for, 64 against the warrant. Thus four rooms were to be built onto the high school to hold the elementary students, and a library, kitchen, lockers for both boys and girls, and a gymnasium were authorized.]

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Proposed 2010-2011 Budget: There was discussion regarding how to print the budget in the annual report. It was the consensus of the Board to use the traditional manner for consistency purposes.

Charlie will be meeting with the Andover Budget Committee on Janu-

ary 14 for their decision on supporting our proposed budget. He will report back to us on the 19th.

Board's Annual Report Draft: Don distributed a draft copy of the Board's annual report for editing, etc. He will e-mail the Board and administration the document for their feedback. The final draft will be honed for the January 19 meeting.



Leigh Webb, president of the Franklin Historical Society, would love to know where this gas station may have been located, and to whom it belonged. Was it in Franklin? In Andover? Does anyone know? If you know, please contact the Beacon at Articles@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099.



Just For Fun: Here's a photo from 1943 of two well-known Andover fellas – do you recognize them? Jane Currier and Betty Dickerman both called the Beacon with the correct answer: that's Les Shaw on the left and Bryant Adams on the right.

Do you have a decades-old photo of one or more former or current Andover residents? If so, please send it to the Beacon and we'll see how many readers can correctly identify the people.

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