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“Mr. Charles examined the bell very closely, looking for critical identifying marks. ‘If I could determine where it was cast, I could tell you exactly what it’s worth,’ he lamented, shaking his head.

“Well...like...how much is it possibly worth?” I asked.

“Oh, this bell is certainly worth \$75,000!” he declared. Shocked, I returned the bell for its installation in the new belfry without telling anyone my precious secret for fear that the school might sell it. That secret ended when the bell was safely in place above North Street.”

The other bell at Proctor is in the steeple of Maxwell Savage Hall. It continues to be rung whenever Proctor wins a game or to call students to Assembly each day. A zealous town resident rang it as midnight gave way to New Years Day in the year 2000.

This year Brenden and Michael Miller, both kindergarteners at Andover Elementary/Middle School, will ring the Maxwell Savage bell to celebrate the Fourth of July. They have earned that privilege with their record of perfect attendance this year. Listen for the bell to ring at 10 AM to mark the beginning of the opening ceremonies of Andover’s Fourth of July celebration, and again at noon to mark the beginning of the Fourth of July parade.

A History Mystery

MOVING THE BAGGAGE SHED

Rocky Theodore, who ran Rocky’s Roost and later The Stable on Main Street in the 1970s, brought these pictures to the *Beacon* last month. The photos were taken on December 30, 1965 and show John Jurta loading a building at Potter Place to take it to Putney Road. Rocky was told that the building had been the railroad’s baggage shed.

Here’s the mystery: nothing in the Andover Historical Society’s ar-



chives matches this building up with any known railroad building in Potter Place. “Baggage Shed” doesn’t appear on any of the property inventories in the archives, nor does the mystery building seem to match any of the buildings seen in the many archive photos of Potter Place.

Another mystery (which might help solve the first): who are the people in the photo? Who took the photo? And where are these people now?

If you have any clues to the identity of this building or the people who moved it, please contact the *Beacon* at 735-6099 or Mail@AndoverBeacon.com.

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