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We need your donations of non-perishable staple foods and other necessities. (Please check those expiration dates!)

The food pantry, downstairs at the Town Hall, is open whenever the Town Hall is open.

Take what you need, or drop off what you can.

Do You Have EXTRA EGGS From Your Hens?

Donate them to the **ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY**

Bring them in to the basement of the Town Hall anytime the building is open.

Empty egg cartons needed, too!

A New Excerpt From *Halfway Up The Hill*

Copies of Paul Fenton Jr.'s *Halfway Up the Hill* are still available. The book is based on a series of articles written for The Andover Beacon from July 1991 through June 2003 in which he reminisces about growing up in Andover.

Half Way Up The Hill can be purchased for \$15 from the Andover Historical Society, the Salisbury Historical Society, by calling Paul at 735-5754, or by stopping by his home halfway up Beech Hill at 125 Beech Hill Road here in Andover.

Here is an excerpt from page 6:

World War II Fighter Plane

During the 2000 Fourth of July celebration here in Andover I was standing behind the reviewing stand, after having gone around to the different booths and checking out their offerings, when Wayne Nicoll hollered down from the reviewing stand, "Do you know anything about an airplane that was parked somewhere around here years ago? That fellow over there was asking, and I don't remember anything like that."

I went over and spoke to the gentleman and told him that one used to be parked on the east side of Proctor Academy's Maxwell Savage Hall. "Thank God someone finally believes me!" he said. He told me that from time to time he would come to our Fourth of July celebration and ask

around about the plane, but no one seemed to remember it.

If I remember correctly, he said that it was an F4U10 Corsair. I am not sure if the letters and numbers are correct, but he did say Corsair and that it was a plane that was used on aircraft carriers in the Pacific during World War II. He wondered if I knew how it happened to be placed there. I had no idea but I told him that I was going to try and find out.

I did know that the plane showed up there some time after World War II ended. I could not

remember when it was removed. He told me that he was a former navy man and that as a truck driver out of Massachusetts he often passed through Andover and looked forward to seeing the plane as he passed through town,

The plane's flying controls were operable, and kids in town used to sit in the cockpit and move the rudder stick and watch the wing and tail flaps move. The guns had been removed, but where they used to be could be seen.

I used to crawl in the tail section through a special access panel, more than likely for maintenance use, and often sat in the cockpit dreaming of what it must have been like flying a plane like that during the war. It was a great place to play if you were 12 or 13 years old.



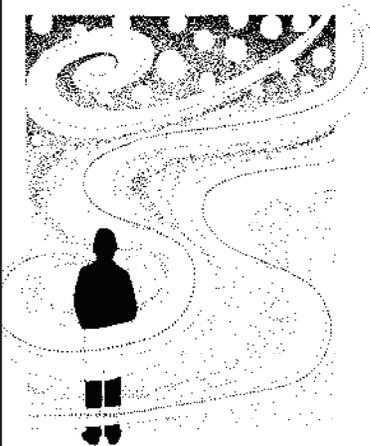
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Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Collection of Antique Schoolbooks Donated

By Donna Baker-Hartwell
Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

The Andover Historical Society recently was given a collection of old schoolbooks which are available for visitors to browse when visiting the schoolhouse. The oldest arithmetic book in our collection dates to 1877.

From *Atwood Complete Graded Arithmetic, Grade VII*, circa 1902: "A rectangular piece of land 25 chains long contains 52.5 acres. How wide is it?"

Mary Lloyd Evans of Highland Lake Apple Farm visited the schoolhouse in June and was browsing through some of the recently donated schoolbooks. She came across this math problem and wondered if any student today would know what a "chain" is. Do any of the *Beacon* readers know?

I asked Mary to explain, and this is what she told me. "Rods and chains

are old colonial measurements used to measure roads and used in surveying. There are 22 yards in a chain. By the way, a chain is the length of a cricket pitch. There are 10 chains in a furlong and eight furlongs in a mile."

If you would like to challenge yourself to a few math problems, please join us on Sunday, July 11, from 1 to 3 PM. Mary will be a guest at our open house and be available to "tutor" math of the late 1800s and early 1900s. She currently teaches at the New Hampshire Technical Institute.

The one-room schoolhouse was built in 1837 and served the Tucker Mountain community for 56 years. It remains in its original condition under the care and ownership of the Andover Historical Society. As Fritz Wetherbee of *New Hampshire Chronicle* recently stated, "It's the best one-room schoolhouse in New Hampshire."

Refreshments will be served. For more information call 735-5586 or 735-5628.