

50 YEARS AGO

JUNE & JULY 1960

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June 2: The Order of Sisters of Holy Cross, a teaching order of the Catholic Church, has purchased the historic Daniel Webster Home, including the 141-acre farm and the buildings of the former Daniel Webster Home for Children. The property will be used, as soon as necessary repairs and alterations can be made, as a training school for junior sisters of the order, as well as a retreat house, and as a rest home for the elderly nuns.

In 1871 the New Hampshire Orphan's Home, later renamed The Daniel Webster Home for Children, was originally incorporated to take care of the orphans of the soldiers of the Civil War. There were thousands of children placed there over 80 years. With the advent of newer approaches to the handling of homeless youngsters, mostly through placing them in foster homes, the Home became under-used. In the last few years it cared for disturbed youth, and then finally merged with the old Golden Rule Farm to form the Spaulding Youth Center in Tilton.

Mrs. Maria Chase, who retired in March, after serving the Town of Andover as its Town Clerk for the past 23 years, will be honored next week by her fellow townsfolk. Her husband, Fred Chase, was appointed clerk in 1915, following the death of George H. Scribner. He held the office until his own death in 1937. From that time until now, Mrs. Chase has been annually re-elected as the Town clerk until she decided to retire this year. For 45 years the records of the town have been kept in the Chase home.

June 30: The Trustees of Proctor Academy have named Ernest L. Sherman of Bradford, as Assistant to the Headmaster. He will fill the position recently left vacant by Roland W. Burbank, who left Proctor in 1955 to be Headmaster of Cardigan Mountain School.

One hundred and thirty-five alumni and their spouses recently met at the Town Hall for the first Andover High School Alumni Association dance. Spot Waltz prize was won by Robert MacDonald '57, and by Betty Andrews Miller '46, with their partners. Eleanor Smith George '58

won the door prize. Mr. George Corson (teacher, coach, and principal from 1937 to 1952) and his wife led the snowball dance. Eldon Buswell '36, president of the alumni association, greeted the guests and announced an open house and picnic for the following day.

At the open house, which was held at the Andover High School, all present stopped to speak with Herman Seavey, who has been janitor at the school practically since its beginning in 1935. Margaret Frost Fenton '51, secretary and treasurer, gave a report on the activities of the newly organized alumni association. Geneva Smith Jones '35 read the history of the first four-year class to graduate. Dorothy Whitney Fenton, first and only teacher when it began in the firehouse in 1931, spoke to the group. Past principals Ernest Sherman, George Corson, and Ira Stickney gave remarks. A letter from Ella Carr was read, and Victor E. Phelps spoke.

JULY 1960

July 7: The old abandoned Nesmith School property in West Franklin has been sold to a developer who will be turning it into a shopping center housing an A&P supermarket and four other stores.

Tuttle D. Thompson and Ralph E. Davis, both formerly of Andover, have passed away. Mr. Thompson, 52, was born in East Andover, the son of Ernest B. and Stella Thompson. He was employed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard as a shipwright.

Mr. Davis, brother of Mrs. Victor Phelps, graduated Proctor Academy and worked for many years at the Eagle Hotel in Concord, as well as the Odd Fellows Home and the State Hospital.

July 14: Sky-Hi Drive In theater, on Route 3 in Boscawen, is featuring Bridgette Bardot in *Female and the Flesh*, as well as Fabian in *Hound-Dog Man* this week-end.

The firemen were kept busy last Wednesday when they were called to fight a fire at the dump and had only just returned to the station when they were called to fight a fire set on the tracks by a passing train.

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tury of musical theater.

Pirates of Penzance runs through Sunday, July 4.

Hello, Dolly!

Hello, Dolly! is a hilarious musical that tells the story of Miss Dolly Levi, professional meddler, as she attempts to make matches for several lovesick young people and more importantly – herself! When it premiered on Broadway in 1964 with Carol Channing as Dolly, it swept the Tonys, winning ten awards including Best Musical and Best Lyricist and Composer.

Hello, Dolly! runs from Tuesday, July 6, until Sunday, July 18.

Sleuth

The hit Tony Award-winning whodunit, *Sleuth*, will be presented for one week only from Tuesday, July 20, to Sunday, July 25. This ultimate game of cat-and-mouse is played out in a cozy English country house when a celebrated mystery

writer seeks revenge on his wife's young lover. Full of brilliant suspense, *Sleuth* won the Tony and Drama Critics Circle awards as Best Play of the Season.

Hairspray

The Broadway smash hit *Hairspray* runs for two weeks from Tuesday, July 27, until Sunday, August 8. *Hairspray* sweeps audiences away to 1960s Baltimore, where lovable plus-size heroine Tracy Turnblad has a passion for dancing and wins a spot on the local TV dance program. Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can she manage to vanquish the program's reigning princess and find true love without mussing her hair?

Times And Tickets

Evening performances are at 8 PM Tuesday through Saturday and 5 PM Sunday. Wednesday matinees are at 2 PM. Please call 526-4632/6710 or 800-633-BARN (2276) for tickets or more information. Tickets can also be purchased online at NLBarn.org/boxoffice.

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this year.

Frank wishes to thank the Andover community and his friends and family for their support. Without their generous donations, he could not have reached his goals, and many people in the blind community would be missing some of the benefits brought to them by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind. Proceeds from the walk help

support many of the rehabilitation services to adults and children living with blindness in New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the statewide leader in providing vision rehabilitation services for New Hampshire people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. For more information about the New Hampshire Association for the Blind or to make a donation, contact them at 224-4039 or Services@SightCenter.org.

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