

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
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Haleyon Seekers took a step back in time as we learned about The Great Depression, which began with the 1929 stock market crash and lasted right up to World War II. To add to the problem, the western US experienced a drought during this time, and certain areas turned into "Dust Bowls." President Hoover did little at the time to alleviate the situation. When Franklin Roosevelt was elected, he instituted a number of programs to get people back to work and stimulate the economy. The most far-reaching was the Tennessee Valley Authority.

It was a time when families and neighbors helped each other out with food, clothing, and shelter.

There were all kinds of cost-cutting measures: re-soling your shoes, cutting wood for fuel, hunting and fishing for food, and making clothes out of old material and grain sacks. Many a child had "Gold Medal" printed across their homemade bloomers.

Nothing was purchased that could be raised or made at home. Farmers used butter for axle grease. We noted that today we are practicing some of these money saving activities as we cope with the present depression.

Meal planning became an art, as recipes were concocted out of fewer and cheaper ingredients. Bacon fat, salt pork,

and bones became the basis for many recipes calling for meat. Our hostesses prepared three depression desserts for us to sample. They were all good.

It was an era when you could buy a mail-order house for \$650. For a nickel you could make a phone call, buy a cola, or mail a letter and two postcards.

There was no TV. Radio reigned supreme with music, news, sports, soap operas, and programs like *Amos and Andy* and *Fibber McGee and Molly*, brought to you on battery-operated sets which you didn't leave on too long.

Autograph books were popular, with verses such as "Roses are red / Violets are blue / Sugar is sweet / and so are you." Signatures were works of art.

Burma Shave signs decorated the highways. These were a series of signs a certain distance apart with part of a verse on each sign. For example: Drove too long / Driver snoozing / What happened next / Was not amusing / Burma Shave. They made boring rides fun.

Much of the entertainment was in the homes with card parties, games, dinners, dancing to records, singing, and picnics.

We really enjoyed this program, as many of us lived through part of this era and could recall how our parents coped with making a living and raising a family.

Our next meeting is in September and is about apples. Interested? Call 735-5493.

ANDOVER HIGH REUNION

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Andover High School '53

We hope you'll stop by this year at AE/MS (the old High School) to see the new stage curtain and gym floor on your way to the reunion. Shirley Henderson Currier '54 will be there from 9 AM to 10:30 AM to show you around.

Some of you may want to don sneakers and take a few laps around the gym or practice some basketball maneuvers for old times' sake – then again maybe not.

Festivities start on Saturday, July 10, at the Ordway Recreational Area on Route 4 in Danbury. We'll have the sign and blue and white balloons out as usual.

Coffee will be ready at 10 AM, with the program commencing at 11 AM.

We start with the Andover Cheer followed by the pledge, song, moment of silence, recognition of classes, a brief meeting, and prizes.

Our four-star pot luck lunch starts around noon. We have great cooks. Of course we have had years of practice.

Bring your memories, pictures, and keepsakes. We will have the Mystery Plaque (see the story on page 17) on display.

We want everyone to limber up their vocal chords to sing one of our school songs:

*Glory to our school,
Loyal we sing,
Now all together,
Make the echoes ring for our school,
We are the winners,
We got the stuff,
We wear the Blue And White and that's enough.*

Sound familiar? Don't forget your blue and white outfit. There is a prize for the best one.

In case of rain we will meet at the old high school.

See you at the reunion.



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