

50 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1960

Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie.

October 6, 1960: Eighteen Little Leaguers were treated to a banquet recently through the efforts of Mrs. Bean in Cilleyville at the Scenic Restaurant. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wollmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Alley. Mr. Currier was presented some money by the ball team.

Henry M. Powers of West Andover will be 93 years old on Saturday, October 8. He is the holder of the *Boston Post Cane* and lives with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent.

The firemen were called out Sunday evening to a fire at Ellsworth Miller, Jr.'s. Their home was a total loss, and the Millers lost all their belongings.

Firemen were also called out Wednesday night for a chimney fire at Robert Robie's.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Colburn and son George attended the ballgame in Boston recently and had the honor of witnessing Ted Williams' last home run.

October 13, 1960: What started out as an ordinary fishing trip for disabled veteran Robert Morrison of Franklin

last Sunday turned out to be a harrowing experience.

Mrs. Morrison drove her husband to Highland Lake in East Andover and left him for a regular fishing trip while she returned home. Mr. Morrison hadn't been out on the lake long before his fish lines got tangled in the motor. He raised the motor and made an attempt to loose the line, when the motor let go and he lost his balance and fell overboard. Mr. Morrison paddled with his arms to the boat, 400 to 500 feet out in the lake, where he clung for his life.

Picnickers on the nearby island saw him and rushed to his rescue. They were unsuccessful in getting him into the boat, so they towed it and him to the island and were able to pull him out and get him steadied on his artificial limbs. Mrs. Morrison was called to take him home, with no ill effects.

October 27, 1960: The Proctor Academy football team, well into its third consecutive undefeated season, kept its long victory string alive last Saturday with a 24-7 win over Westmount High School in Westmount, Canada. Saturday's game was the 12th in a unique series of over-the-border games between the two schools. This year the game was in Canada. Of the twelve games played to date, Proctor has won seven.

Reminiscence

On the Road in 1949

By Walter Walker
For the Beacon

On August 4, we went back into town. About 2:30 in the afternoon, the fellow from the employment office said he had a job for one man. We went to the address he gave us, and we all got jobs digging ditches. We worked until eight then had supper and went to the hotel and got a room for a week, the best they had, for \$21 a week.

August 5 found us up at seven, and after breakfast we went to work. "A routine day," says my diary. August 6 was the same, except we got the Olds in the evening. Had a bill of \$55. "A \$35 job. Ha!" says the diary.

August 7 being a Sunday, we did not get to work until noon and quit at 3:30. We are now digging a cellar hole for the plumber Dugan, who we started out digging ditches for. We went to a

cellar until 6 PM. I wrote a letter and caught up on my diary.

August 9 found us having breakfast at the Oasis, where we had been eating



Skip Powers (l) and Harold Crane on top of Mammoth Hot Springs.
Photos: Walter Walker

since we found work. We worked on the hole from 8 until 5, and after supper we went to the local library for awhile.

Back at the hotel, I hit the sack with Harold Crane. I think I should stop here and explain some things so people will not take this the wrong way. We had a double bed in our room and took turns sharing it. One night Skip and Harold would share and I would sleep on the floor. I soon found my friend hogged the blankets, and I passed up the bed for the floor, as I slept better! My memory says Skip did the same thing.

On August 10, we worked on the cellar hole for eight hours. After cleaning up at the hotel, we had supper. Then, feeling flush, we each bought and smoked cigars. We spent some time at the library, and back at the hotel I did some mending.

This is pretty dry, but the next installment gets real exciting!



Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park
hot springs about 40 miles from our job and went swimming there. Hit the sack about 10:30 that night.

On August 8, we start work at 9, and it was delivering items for Dugan. After lunch we went back to digging on the

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