

# Andover Historical Society

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Although the museum is closed for the season, Andover Historical Society (AHS) is still active. We will have a table at the AE/MS gym on Tuesday, November 2, during voting hours. This will be a great time to pick up your calendar for 2011. These calendars are interesting and beautiful, and they make unusual and inexpensive gifts.

Until the snow falls, we will be collecting items for next year's fair, flea market, and auction. Remember us if you have a yard sale this fall.

AHS is sponsoring local photographers

who will be taking pictures of local barns. Owners have been contacted for permission, and this project will be ongoing into next year. Photos may be used for a future calendar or for an exhibit in the museum.

Planning for the Lull house will be going forward during the winter. We have been offered a matching grant of \$2,000 if we raise a like amount. We are about halfway to our goal, so please send a donation of any amount to AHS, PO Box 167, Andover 03216.

Among suggested programs for next year is an Andover Antiques Road Show, so browse through your closets for goodies!

## Reminiscence

# On the Road in 1949



The Olds in Yellowstone. Notice all the window stickers and number plates the boys have accumulated.  
Photos: Walter Walker

By Walter Walker  
For the Beacon

Thursday, August 11, 1949 turned out to be an exciting day. We spent eight hours working for Dugan again, and in the evening we went to the circus that had come in on the train that forenoon. As we stood admiring the train cars that had been left on a siding near our hotel, a man approached us and asked if we would help him run a little gambling game. He would get us in for free, and we would also get to see all the side shows. This was too good to pass up, and we grabbed the offer.

The game was the pea under the shell that most everybody has heard about. We three were mixed in with the crowd around the table, and this guy would slip one of us a ten on which to bet which walnut half shell the pea was in. Of course we won, and he would take the winnings from us on the sly, and then some poor cowpoke would bet his week's pay, which we saw, and of course he lost every penny.

The cowboy was some mad and said he would soon be back with some of his friends, and he would see who would win then! The con men were no fools, and they soon folded up their table and

were long gone. We each got ten bucks and enjoyed the rest of a good circus.

Friday, August 12, was just a routine day. It looks like we will be out of work tomorrow and shall hate to leave this nice town.

On August 13 we worked for Dugan about seven hours and got paid, which was \$54 for each boy. I bought some



Walter caught this one while waiting for work in Dillon, Montana.

pants, socks, and t-shirts. We spent some time at the library again, and later at the hotel we sat around shooting the bull until midnight.

Sunday, August 14, found us late getting up. A lazy day reading, and in the evening going to a V-J day celebration. Back at the hotel, we packed our things, ready to leave, as this is our last night here.

Monday morning, August 15, found us loading all our gear into the Olds, going to work after breakfast, and working for our last day and then getting paid. We got a free meal at the Oasis, where the lady owner and the two girls who waited on us and who we flirted with outrageously were all so good to us, as was Dugan the plumber who, with his pregnant wife, took us on a long trip one Sunday that I never got in my diary. Too tired from work, I guess.

Anyway, we left Dillon at 6:45 PM and headed north. Drove until 2:30 AM, then found a place to sleep beside the road.

The next installment will find us living like kings!

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