

ANDOVER HIGH REUNION

By Judy Perreault
AHS Class of 1953

It is not too early to save the date of our annual reunion. Lily Ordway has invited us back to enjoy the day at the Ordway Recreational Area in Danbury. In case of rain, it will be held at the old high school. We have a great time visiting, talking over old times, and eating. The food is fantastic.

The date is Saturday, July 7. Come early in the week and enjoy the Fourth of July activities.

The Blue and White Banner

How many remember our school newspaper, *The Blue and White Banner*? Shirley Currier has loaned me a couple of copies to share with you. I wish I had thought to save mine, as these are very interesting.

The issue dated November 12, 1948 is the first edition. The first page features a pen-and-ink drawing of the school with the new addition for the seventh and eighth grades. I was surprised to find my husband Lloyd ('49) had done the drawing. He was art editor with Jesse Parks. Here are some highlights from the first edition:

Ann Graves, assistant editor, made a plea for articles for the new publication.

A new commercial course to be taught by Miss Bishop

The town votes to add a new junior high school addition, which had just opened.

Students Lloyd Perreault and Leon Neff were part of the building crew.

The PTA needs members, written by Fred Putney (editor). Some things never change.

A note that Sam Clark (a later teacher), out of college, was going to try out for the Boston Braves (now the Atlanta Braves), but World War II came along and he joined up and never got the chance.

Don'ts of Hunting by Henry (Skip) Powers, our famous hunter who shot his deer from his house in his pajamas and bare feet.

There was sports news and the basketball schedule. Henniker, Weare, Sunapee, Hopkinton, and Goffstown were our competition.

Last but not least was class news, which was mostly elections. The freshman class had Freshman Day, and the boys had to wear shorts over long underwear and halter tops. It didn't say what the girls wore.

The sophomores hosted a dance that night, which was well attended. The sophomore class seemed to be the largest, with 28 members.

There were a lot of students involved in the newspaper, and I will try to mention them in future issues of the *Beacon*.

Irene Perreault McKinley has loaned me some issues, and Shirley has more, also. Next month I will feature another *Blue and White Banner*.

Andover Congregational Church

By John Wagner
Pastor, Andover Congregational Church

In a matter of weeks, the Church of Jesus Christ around the world, in almost every nation and tribe and denomination, will be shouting, "Christ is Risen!" Death is reversed for One, and in him death will be reversed for all.

The Christian view of all things is resurrection. Dostoevsky in *The Brothers Karamazov* speaks of the consequence of the resurrection for us, when he writes:

"I believe like a child that suffering will be healed and made up for, that all the humiliating absurdity of human contradictions will vanish like a pitiful mirage, like the despicable fabrication of the impotent and infinitely small Euclidean mind of man, that in the world's finale, at the moment of eternal harmony, something so precious will come to pass that it will suffice for all hearts, for the comforting of all resentments, for the atonement of all the crimes of humanity, of all the blood that they've shed; and it will make it not only possible to forgive but to justify what has happened."

All over the world, the Christian Church makes thoughtful observance of the events which led up to Easter in the week before, called Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday (April 1), we commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We remember how the people in anticipation of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah waved and spread palm branches in his path in joyful welcome. On Palm Sunday, children at Andover Congregational will begin our worship with the distribution of palms.

Maundy Thursday (April 5) is the evening when the Church celebrates the institution of Holy Communion during Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his arrest and execution. The word Maundy stems from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "commandment." It refers to the "new commandment" Jesus gave that night to "love one another as I have loved you," which he then demonstrated by wash-

ing his disciples feet.

Accordingly, on this night we will join the practice of the earliest church and eat a holy meal together with the Lord's Supper and foot-washing (optional) in the Grange at 6 PM.

Good Friday (April 6) commemorates the day Jesus was beaten and crucified. The question is often asked, "Why good?" What people did that day, rejecting their only real Hope and Savior, was as bad as it could get. But God turned it to our greatest good in the resurrection, bringing atonement and forgiveness of sin and new life.

On Good Friday at Andover Congregational, our sanctuary will be open for private meditation and prayer from the hours of noon to 3 PM, the hours our Lord suffered and died for us. Then, in the evening at 7 PM, we will observe a Tenebrae Service.

Tenebrae is a traditional service of lessons and special hymns, candles, and shadows signifying the approaching spiritual darkness. Hearing the account in the Gospel of John, we will "follow" Jesus through his "Passion" by meditating on his suffering and keeping watch in his death.

Then we will be all the more ready on **Easter (April 8)** to join with Christians throughout the ages and around the world in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His vindication by God in the resurrection as Savior and Lord sent for all humanity makes this day by far the most important celebration on the Church calendar. Nothing like this had ever happened before. Nothing has been the same since.

All are welcome to join us at 6 AM for the Easter Sunrise service on top of Taunton Hill overlooking Highland Lake, or for Easter Breakfast in the Grange Hall following the Sunrise service at 6:45 AM, and for our Easter Morning Resurrection service with special music and celebration at 9:30 AM. If not with "us," feel free to join with any other Christian faith community celebrating the resurrection on Easter Sunday! You will be very welcome.



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9:30 AM SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION

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