

Fifty Years Ago: May, 1963

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.*

May 2, 1963

Andover Man Escapes Explosion: Reginald Matana of Andover escaped with his life and without injury when he instinctively jumped from his car just before it exploded last Monday. The gas tank on Mr. Matana's 1955 sedan let go and dragged along the paved surface of the road, generating sparks that ignited the escaping gas fumes, causing the car to explode and catch on fire. The tinder dry brush along the side of the road smoldered, but was quickly brought under control by Salisbury Fire Department, which is housed but a short distance away.

Much sympathy to the family of Mr. Robert McIvor, who passed away last week. Funeral at Chadwick Funeral Home. Burial at Lakeside.

The Andover Women's Bowling League held their annual banquet Saturday evening at the Laconia Tavern. There were 101 guests and members present. Winning Team – the Sociables; Millie Newton, Florence Thompson, Linda Shampney, Yvette Shaw, Joyce Rand – Captain.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shank of Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Taylor and baby have put their trailers on Beech Hill.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Pauline Barton) French on the birth of their new son born at Franklin Hospital this week.

May 9, 1963

Dr. W. H. Norton, who has maintained an office in Franklin, and used to have an office in Andover, has retired to Concord.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bliss on the birth of a son at Franklin Hospital April 29.

Weirs Drive-in is featuring a bonnie

new film; Follow That Dream with Elvis Presley.

May 16, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parks are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Wayne Wheeler of Sutton. The wedding will take place June 1. They also announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Parks Fortune, to Mr. Elwood R. Davis of Agawam, Massachusetts. A July wedding is planned.

The Wm. J. Orkin catalog is available to anyone interested in their fine line of fried marbles for making necklaces, cuff links, earrings, tie clips, sweater clips barrettes, rings, etc.

The burial of Mrs. Hazel Flanders was held Saturday at Proctor Cemetery.

May 23, 1963

Much credit goes to the East Andover Fire Department for their quick action at the Herbert Holden home last Wednesday evening. The chimney was on fire and caught the wall and did damage to the attic. The Holdens very much appreciated their help and thank the firemen for their fine work.

Mrs. Willis and son from Franklin have moved their trailer on the land they recently purchased from Henry Fagon on Flaghole Road. Henry has sold some more of his field and more trailers will be put on the land.

May 30, 1963

A regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held in Legion Hall at Potter Place every Monday night, with the new Scoutmaster, Howard George.

Paul Fenton, Jr. has gone to work for US Department of Agriculture. Paul will be in a training program for eighteen months, after which he will be located somewhere in New England.

The East Andover Fire Company was called to a fire at Ragged Lake Boys Camp Sunday evening. With quick action the fire was kept under control. A small building, a platform, and some brush was destroyed.

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Mary Anne offered to write an overview article for the April *Beacon*.

Members suggested possible dates of May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3 (all Saturdays) for a wildlife inventory walk to be led by Emma Carcagno of UNH Cooperative Extension. These dates will be provided to Emma. (Note: Subsequent to meeting, Nan has decided to coordinate with Emma on wildlife inventory walk for Bog Pond area).

Larry agreed to contact Andover resident Rick Libbey (aka "Mooseman") re: possible participation in the Wildlife project.

No other scheduling or specific events were determined for the priority areas or potential school projects.

Recreation Committee

March 5, 2013

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Committee members Justin Carey, Nicole Donovan, Tom Frantz, Christine Frost, Ellie George, Howard George, Alan Hanscom, Tim Norris, Brian Reynolds, and Kurt Weber.

The meeting focused primarily on the design and construction materials of the Blackwater recreation building as detailed below.

- Design: Stickbuilt
- Siding: Hardyplank
- Roof: 30 year shingles
- Mechanical: Space for electrical, water, and irrigation pump when that project can be completed.

After the Committee discussed the design and looked at drawings of the building, it was moved, seconded, and approved that the building design be accepted by the Committee.

Following the vote to approve the building design, the Committee discussed the importance of getting it built before baseball season was fully underway and the need to expedite construction.

If the building passes Town Meeting, the Committee decided it would

ask for standing permission to purchase supplies as needed from the Board of Selectmen. A specific individual will do all the buying. All invoices must go through Alan Hanscom. There are no other expenses anticipated for the spring season.

Pat Frost will be in charge of the construction project, with Justin Carey supporting Pat. Pat wants to put together a strong crew and put up the building in a weekend or two in April.

Additional Funding

The Committee wishes to empower a committee member to speak to the issue of the \$8,000 of donated money that was paid to the State of New Hampshire for the triangle of land that the Blackwater Park parking lot sits on. That money was donated to support the Recreation Building. If the Town is willing to reimburse the Recreation Committee this \$8,000, there will be ample funds to complete the irrigation project for the two Town fields which would allow them to be watered without the use of expensive, treated Town water.

Ice Rink

Kurt Weber has committed a lot of time to keeping the ice rink snow free. Recently, after three hours spent with a snowblower, he was only about two-thirds done with clearing snow from the rink. Kurt thought that 10 kids with shovels was a much better way to go, but there is no easy answer. He wanted to get the hydrant fixed.



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