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## Fifty Years Ago in Andover: May 1965

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 6, 1965

The East Andover, Andover, and Proctor Academy firemen and trucks were called to Ernest French's on the Plains on Sunday. Their barn, two horses, and some equipment were lost in the fire. The fire spread to the woods, but the firefighters had it under control in a short time.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carpenter on the birth of a son at the Laconia Hospital on May 1. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. His name is Leo Charles.

Steven Chamberlain, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chamberlain, received fourth honors at New London High School this past week. Steven is also president of the senior class.

### May 13, 1965

The firemen were on their toes on Sunday, as they went to a forest fire on Taunton Hill in the afternoon, and to a chimney fire at Girney Putney's in the evening.

Monroe Haley gave a birthday party for his daughter, Joan, on Saturday, with a number of her friends present. Refreshments were served by her dad, and games were played by all.

Those present were Leslie Wright; Rebecca, Holl, Lyn, and Bert Kelsey;

John Ally; Karen Phelps; Kendall and Bruce Currier; Rebecca Jewett; Larry, Marty, and Glen Hilpl; Michael Haley, Coleen Currier, Susan Baker, and Tina Currier.

### May 20, 1965

SFC Dana W. Lull of Andover was awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor, the republic's highest medal awarded to foreign military personnel. He attended Andover High School, leaving to enter the Army in 1949. His wife Irene and two children are residing in Augusta, Georgia.

Sherida Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keyser Jr, was chosen for Girls' State.

Andover firemen and trucks were called out one day this week to put out a fire at the dump. A can blew up and flew over into nearby woods and started a blaze.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Newcomb on the birth of a son, Jeffery Scott, weighing 7 pounds 1/2 ounce, at the New London Hospital on May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Donal Miller, Sr. of Andover celebrated their 25th anniversary on Sunday, May 16. They were joined by their nine children and seven grandchildren. About 135 friends and relatives signed the guestbook. Four generations were represented, and at one point there were 43 small children running about.

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Surely, people traveling on this new highway would not want to go out of their way to stop for food and gas. Most likely, they would pass right by the property before realizing it was even there.

After much discussion, my father approached the people in charge of the road project and asked if they would level off the area between the old road and the new road for him. They agreed, and my parents started making plans to build a new house/store/gas station beside the new road. Their new house would include a large front room which would be used as the store.

After much work, but before the house was completely finished, my parents made the move in May of 1930. It had been their goal to have the filling station and store open for the Memorial Day Weekend, and they did. Unfortunately, it was a cold, rainy weekend, causing most people to stay home. Not one traveler stopped for service that weekend! Luckily, business did pick up, and my parents operated the store for 10 years.

In 1940, my parents decided it was time to close their little store and gas station. My father was working a regular full time job – as he had right along – and my mother had just had their sev-

enth child. It was time to concentrate on family. The room which had once been the store became our living room!

### The Future

Will there be a fourth path or change between the Andover/Franklin town line and Dyer's Crossing? Quite possibly.

A couple of years ago, surveyors were observed in the area of the S-curve and its bridge over today's rail trail. The nearby trees and bushes were suddenly decorated with colored ribbons. This leads me to believe that in the not-too-distant future, there will be a fourth path!

[Editor's Note] Rita's right. According to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the bridge on the S-curve was built in 1929 and is currently classified as functionally obsolete. The eventual relocation of the road intends to shift the alignment to the north so that a new bridge can be built in its entirety while keeping the current bridge in use until all traffic is ready to be shifted to the new alignment.

Since work isn't scheduled to begin until 2019, this alignment has not been presented to the Town for its input, so there is a long way to go before anything is finalized. But it appears that we will, someday, see a fourth path for Route 11 around Hogback.