

Fifty Years Ago in Andover: November 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.

November 4, 1965

The East Andover Congregational Church was the scene of the marriage of Kathleen Ann Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keyser of Shaw Hill, Salisbury, to Roy Charles Downes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downes, Andover, last Saturday, October 30, 1965. Mrs. Downes, a 1963 graduate of Franklin High School and a 1964 graduate of Concord Commercial College, is a stenographer for the State of New Hampshire Division of Welfare. The groom, a 1961 graduate of the Andover High School, is a construction worker for Watkins Construction Company.

The Andover Nursing Board recently purchased a new Maiko Audiometer for testing the hearing of Andover school students. Nursing Board members include Mrs. Victor Phelps, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Ralph Chafee, and Mrs. H. Powers.

"Get More For Your Money." Shop the Franklin Food outlet, where this week, lamb chops are 39 cents a pound and a big five-pound bag of Purina Dog Chow is 65 cents.

Eight Proctor Academy players, two managers, and three football coaches left by bus on October 22 from Proctor, where the whole school turned out on the parade ground to wish the team well in their game at Westmount, Quebec, Canada. The game was played on Saturday and Proctor lost the game by one point, 7 to 6.

The game was followed by a big dance that evening, given by the student council of Westmount High School. During the opening ceremony, Headmaster Norman Wood presented Head-

master Lyle Farrell with a large 9' by 5' Canadian flag. Headmaster Farrell reciprocated with a new 50-star American flag, replacing the one Proctor had given them 14 years ago. The team returned to Proctor by bus on Sunday.

Showing at the Regal Theatre: Joseph E. Levine's *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians* in space-blazing color. Santa kidnapped by Martians! Out-of-this-world fun and action as two Earth kids are whisked away with him to Mars! Saturday and Sunday matinee special - A Christmas Party both days at 2 PM. Children 50 cents, adults 80 cents. Free gifts for all the children. Free balloons. Free bubblegum. Fifty free passes to be given away.

November 11, 1965

The ever-growing interest in the formation of cooperative school districts by surrounding towns has prompted studies for a Tilton/Northfield/Sanbornton Cooperative to the east and a New London Cooperative comprising the towns of Andover, Wilmot, Sutton, New London, Springfield, Newbury, Warner, and Bradford to the west. However, in considering the New London Co-op, the Andover committee decided to also explore formation of an Area District with Franklin, and this prompted a letter of inquiry from the Andover Committee to the Franklin School Board in September. The Franklin Board unanimously passed a resolution favoring such a District and petitioned the City Council for authority to offer a guaranteed 20-year contract to Andover High School students.

Funeral services for Samuel Dalton, 88, were held Thursday. Mr. Dalton, a four-year resident of East Andover, moved here from Northfield where he had resided for over 30 years. He was born in South Durham, Province of

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day the land is so overgrown and closed in, but I'm sure it wasn't back then.

When I was growing up, Clarence Rayno was the owner of the hilltop farm. He, too, was a Keniston cousin, a bachelor and quite a character. He was pleasant and friendly, but I'm afraid he wasn't known for taking very good care of his property!

He was the owner of Hogback when the Franklin Flood Control Dam was built in 1940. The federal government took 12.3 acres of his land in order to use the clay for the building of the dam. Clarence contested the money offered by the government, and the case dragged through the courts for several years.

Eventually the case was settled, and Clarence bought a farm in Sanbornton, while still owning the East Andover farm, where he grazed some of his cattle. Thankfully, subsequent owners of the hilltop farm have brought the property back to life.

Up Hoyt Road and Over Great Hill

One day late last summer I went for a walk on the rail trail from my house to Dyers Crossing. Then I decided I'd walk up Hoyt Road, to the top of the hill.

It had been several years since I had walked down the other side towards Webster Lake, so I ventured on. This was not a very wise decision, as the old road is very, very overgrown, rutted, and steep. Once I had started my descent, there was no turning back, as

it was easier to continue bushwhacking down hill than to try to go back up.

Finally I made my way to the bottom of the hill, coming out on Apple Farm Road, near the old Marcy Farm where my father had worked for so many years. It was an interesting walk, but not one I would repeat or recommend to others!

Over Great Hill in 1921

My walk up and over Hoyt Road reminded me that long ago, my mother, Dorothy Hersey, made this trek every school day for a year.

Dyers Crossing School closed in 1921 because there were so few students. The remaining children were to attend school in East Andover, but for some reason my grandfather did not want my mother and her brother Samuel to go there.

Instead, their father enrolled them at the Pond School near Webster Lake in Franklin. The building still stands on Apple Farm Road today - the house across from the little cemetery.

Every morning, my mother and my Uncle Samuel walked from the Hersey Farm to the top of Hoyt Road and then down the other side to the little school in Franklin. Every afternoon, they retraced their steps.

It was a long, long walk and up and down a very, very steep hill. In their case, it was definitely true about how far they walked to school in the old days, and it was indeed up-hill both ways!



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November and December meeting to the third Thursday of November and December (November 19 and December 17) rather than the fourth Thursday.

Collect additional Capital Improvement Requests and begin compilation of all analyses. Doug will be meeting with Mike Izard of the Lakes Region Planning Commission for a CIP consultation.

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