

Fifty years ago this week

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own as "Aunt Lydia," in congratulating her on her 100th birthday.

When visited at the Cedar Glen at Home in Holliston by Robert Nell and other members of the townsman, Aunt Lydia greeted her friends in as lively a manner as when she last came into the [Townsmen's] office on business," the Townsman reported. "On this crowning day of her life she still had her customary spirit of optimism, and a desire to help those less fortunate than herself to make life more joyous for her companions at the home."

"When this birthday business is all over, I am going to rewrite the story of my life," she said.

speculating about responsibilities

of the next president of the United States, the Townsman editorial stated, "There's a job to do in government. The incompetence and the waste — the wartime bureaucracy and the regulating need serious and firm attention. To handle this gigantic job will take knowledge, experience and backbone. Ever since the war ended, we have been in a state of uncertainty and confusion. We've had recurring crises — labor disputes, production, housing, prices, world relations. The next president will have a tremendous job on his hands."

"Sinbad the Sailor," starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Maureen O'Hara, was showing at the Community Playhouse 50 years ago, and the Colonial Theatre was continuing in

the policy of bringing the "finest pictures in Hollywood history" to the screen by presenting a 1948 Academy Award winner: "Gentleman's Agreement," with Gregory Peck, John Garfield, Celeste Holm and Dorothy McGuire.

The Rotary drive for the Girl Scout Camp fund was in full swing. More than 400 enthusiastic men and women began ringing doorbells and generating interest and cash donations for the three-and-a-half acre proposed camp site on Lake Cochituate. "Reports show there has been a happy and generous response by all citizens contacted thus far, assuring an overwhelming success to the campaign," said the Townsman.

A classified ad read, "New nursery

school, opening Monday, April 19, for children two-and-a-half to four-and-a-half years old. Continuing all summer, Monday through Thursday mornings. Transportation provided. Only 75 cents per day."

A Grossman's ad stated, "It's fun to sand your own floors. Three dollars a day plus sandpaper."

Approximately 40,000 square feet of land on Elmwood Road opposite Avery Road was purchased by the Massachusetts Baptist Convention with the expectation that a Baptist church would eventually be erected to be a community church to the fast-growing Wellesley Fells area. "During the past year, a local committee has met occasionally to formulate plans for this proposed community Baptist church, which will adopt provisions to accept persons of other denominations into its membership," the Townsman reported.

— By Tracy Morgan

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