MEMORIES
OF THE PAST

SHARON
MASSACHUSETTS

PRIMARILY DURING
THE 1930s, 1940s, AND 1950s

A & P Store
Abbie Matheson, teacher & first
Principal at Cottage St.
School
Air Raid Wardens
Airport on So. Main St,
Airplane Spotters in tower at the
Sacred Heart School during
WWII
Air Raid Signal
Al Bock on his Beaconsfield
Laundry route singing
"Mammie's Little Baby
Loves Shortnin' Bread"

Al Bussewitz
Al Jerauld & the tower at the
Heights

Al Pierce, the Fuller Brush Man
& also a barber in Clarence
Lonergan's shop

Albert Pink
Alfred Mathews
Alice Packard's Kindergarten,
Walnut St.

Althea Farm
Anapolsky's
Andrews Coal Delivery
Angle parking in the square
Apartment House corner of
Depot & Pleasant Streets

Archibald Peck Furniture Mover
& his big red truck

Aronson's Pharmacy

Arthur Collins, Town clerk,
Town accountant

Arthur Fisler Oil Delivery
Arthur Whittemore
Attorney Paul Sykes
Asparagus & Potatoes at the
Sanitorium
Auditorium under Library
Autograph Books
Babbie Erkelens
Balcony in old HS Gym where
parents could watch a
basketball game or take a
peek at their children dancing.

Bald Hill Farm
Barbara Burns
Barbara Flemings
Beale's Bridge
Beatrice Gardens
Belden's Asparagus Farm
Bell House
Bell Spring Water
Bendinelli's "Bandits"
Bendinelli's Variety Store
Bessie Curtis' Nursery School
Big Forest Fires in 1940's

Bill Dingman's Garage
Bill Konsavage
Bill Major, Mgr. of the First
National Store

Billy's Supermarket
Bird Sanctuary
Blackouts
Blacksmith Shop
Blizzard of '78

The Yellow Schoolhouse Museum, home of the
Sharon Historical Society, Inc., 16 High Street,
opened September 1999.

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Bob Carlson, teacher and banker
Bob Spear's Print Shop over Pettee's Mkt.
Bonfires
Boston Edison Store
Boy Scout Building opposite Rock Ridge Cemetery
Boy Scout Cabin off Crest Rd.
Bremner's Variety Store
Brookfield Engineering
Brothers of the Sacred Heart, black robes billowing in the wind, ice skating effortlessly over a shimmering frozen lake Massapoag.
Bruce Scott Septic Pumping
Buckley, the electrician
Bunny Healy's Garage
Burning of Pettee Block, Dec. 11, 1966
Burt Forsythe, Blacksmith
C. Philip Curtis, electrician
C. W. Hixson Taxi
Canatta and the Building boom at the Heights to house the returning veterans at the end of WWII
Card games in old Town Hall
Carleton Skillings
Carriage Sheds behind Congregational Church
Carvin's Inn
Charlie Biondi
Charlie Crocker's Bakery
Charlie Deeg and his horse-drawn tip-cart
Charlie Geissler
Charlie Norton
Chester Harris
China Villa, Sharon's first Chinese restaurant
Chinese Laundry/Workmen's Building
Christian Science reading room located in Sharon center
Clarence Pedley
Clarence the Barber
Cliff Jerauld's orange and blue School buses
Cliff Jerauld's Sharon Parcel Delivery
Cliff Tolman's Ice Truck
Clip-on Roller Skates with key
Cobb's Corner with nothing there
Color of Markt Oil truck Comet
Connolly's Bus service between Sharon, Walpole & Franklin
Country Store
Corman's Inn
Cow underpass on Massapoag Ave.
Cranberry Bogs
Crescent Ridge Dairy with only one delivery truck
Curfew, 9 pm winter; 10 pm summer
Curved stairway in Town Hall
Cushman's Bakery Truck
Dancing in SHS Gym after basketball games
Daub's Manor
Dave Hare's Garage
Dennis' Mink Farm
Devil's Rock
Dorothy Chase's knitting needles
Dorris Newton
Dorr's Cucumber Farm
Doughnut machine in Pettee's Store
Dr. Brass
Dr. Caldwell
Dr. George C. Wright, chiropodist
Dr. Griffin Corn stand at Bald Hill Farm
Dr. Walter Griffin
Dr. Harding
Dr. Vincent Ryan
Dr. Porter
Dr. Sherwood Steere
Dr. Robert Brown
Dr. Savage
Dr. Fred Layton
Dr. George V. Hochman
Dr. Harold Tate, dentist
Dr. Stanton's Mink Farm on Edge Hill Rd. (Viaduct St)
Dwight Colburn
Dump
E. Gilmore Richards
East Walpole Street
Ed Koskella
Economy Grocery Store
Eleanor Carder Kellogg, Real Estate
Elevation Marker corner of Depot and South Main Streets.
Elmer Dick
Elmo Morganthaler
Ernest Brown
Ethel Seaver and her yellow convertible with rumble seat
Evergreen tree & overhead light at the center of Post Office Square
Fakkel's Bakery, Pond St.
Farquhar's Nursery
Females painting legs (WWII)
Finegan's Dairy
Fire Tower
Fire Whistle blowing for No School
Fire Whistle blowing for Out-of-Town Calls
Fire Whistle calling the Firemen to the station
Fireman's Musters
First National Store
First permanent SFD: Bernie Roach, Stanley McLean, and John Van Vaerenwyck.
First Town Dump off So. Main St. on Marie Ave.
Fletcher's Cove
Flora O'Donnell & her old Ford, School Nurse & Truant Officer
Florence Kates Real Estate
Founding of Massapoag Sportsman's Club
Founding of Sharon Fish & Game Club
Fourth of July Bonfires
Fourth of July Carnivals
Frank Page, Superintendent
Fred Cushing, Ute Indian and a WWI Medal of Honor winner, leading Memorial Day Parades
Fred Ward, Superintendent
Geissler Orchards
Gentle's Bakery Truck
George Arguimbau, egg sales
George Hart, Tree Warden
George H. Markt Oil Delivery
George Washington's picture in most classrooms
Giberson's Garage
Gillespie Highway
Gillespie House
Gilmore's Hay Delivery
Girl Scout House
Gladys Crocker, Hair Stylist
Glen Hill Farm
Glen Rock Farm (Hare's)
Golfing/ Sharon Country Club
Grace Boyden, egg sales
Grand auditorium at Old Sharon High School
Grant's Plumbing Shop
Green Manor
Grimshaw the Ice Man
Gross' Mink Farm, East St.
Gross' Turkey Farm, No. Main St.
Gulch
H.L. Nelson Garage
Helen Eaton, piano teacher
Henry George Horse & Wagon
Henry Hanson, painter
Herb Baxter, Ticket Agent at Railroad Station
Herman Richardson
Heuser's Roxbury Screw & Gear Company, So. Main
Higbee's Hill and house known as "Hilltop Haven"
Hill's Jewelers
Hindenburg
Hitchhiking
Hockey Rink at the "San" with lights, & shed where skates could be changed.
Hope Anderson, Real Estate
Horace Robinson, Mgr. of the A&P Grocery Store
Horse Trough at RR Station
Horse-drawn sidewalk plow
House being moved down So. Main to opposite Dunbar St.
Hunting most anywhere and having Bill Moulton show up because somebody thought we shouldn't be there
Hurricanes Carol & Edna 1954
Hurricane Diane 1955
Hurricane of 1938
lee Boating at the Lake
Jackson, the Jeweler
Jacksons, the teachers,
Jail in old Town Hall basement
Jake Danovitch from Canton collecting $1 /wk for household goods and clothes
James J. Leonard
Jaycees
Jelle Roos' Gladioli Farm
Jenny R. Soule
Jim Dowd, HS Principal & Supt. of Schools
Jim Rose, First RFD carrier
Jimmie Kimball
Jimmy Goldhonk
Jive Five Band
Joe Eaton's Grocery Store
Joe Keating's Print Shop, Pond St.
Joe Monahan Sr., Singer
Sewing Machine Repairs
John Gillespie, Plumbing
John J. Rafter, owner of the Pettee block of stores
John Waldman, Metropolitan Insurance
Jolla Cleveland
Jr. Legion Baseball
Jr. Legion Boys camping at the Cranberry Bogs
Junior Commandoes
Keating Funeral Home
Keeling Funeral Home
Knickers
Knollwood Cemetery, Mausoleum and train station
Knott Machine Shop Glendale Rd.
Lang's Garage
Large Incinerators behind stores in the square
Last ice house - either the one opposite Sacred Heart beach or the one up at the San
Lawrence Peck Furniture
Laying pennies on the railroad tracks
Leary's Blacksmith Shop, Tolman Street
Leavitt Dunham, the Fishman's Truck
Legion fireworks shack in the Square every July 4th
Leonard Bernstein's productions of H M S Pinafore and Pirates of Penzance starring Al & Norm Bock
Lester Salisbury, school janitor
Leventhal's Inn
Local Stores closing
  Wednesday afternoons,
  Sundays & Holidays
Long Brothers' Store
Louie Harwood's green house
  and garden
Louie Young, the Tailor
Lubin's Bake Shop
Mackay's Paper Store
MacLean's Variety Store So.
  Main & Walpole Sts.
Mail Trains picking up local
  mail at station
Malcolm Mars
Mamie & Harry Horton
Mansion House
Mariner Scouts
Marion Hitchen's "Thrift Shop"
Mary Glover's Nursery School
Mary Murphy
Mary Nelson Real Estate
Maurice Rockett's Dry Cleaning
  Service
May Baskets
McGonigle's Gas Station
McLeans Farm, Ames Ct.
McManus Gas Station
McMillin's Variety Store, Pond
  St.
Men's Straw Hats
Memorial Day Parades
Miss Alice Packard and Mrs
  Helen (O'Leary) Whedon,
  first grade teachers in the
  School Street School
Miss Betty French, Harold
  Clark's secretary
Miss Vel ina Myrick and her
  Blue 1936 Ford
Mitzi's Hairdressing Salon
Monkey House at Dunn's
Moody's Garage, Gas Station
  & Taxi
Morandi Family Contractors:
  Mario & John
Morandi's Vegetable Stand
Morgan's
Morse's Bakery, 25 Billings St.
Morse's Market
Moulton's Drug Store
Movies in old Town Hall
Mr. Colaneri's Tailor Shop
Me McKay's Egg Sales
Mr. Pfieffer with his black bag
  containing sewing &
  household supplies
Me Primack of Canton with his
  horse-drawn wagon seeking
  old rags
Me Roger Poole,
  Superintendent
Mr. Saunders' Drug Store
Mr. Vadala's Cobbler Shop
Mrs. Bolan's Lending Library
Mrs. Dundas' Dancing School
Mrs. Dutton's Egg Sales
Mrs. Field's Egg Sales
Mrs. Hodgdon and Mrs.
  Middleton, librarians
Mrs. Kane's Harmony Lunch
Mrs. Ring - Post Office
Mrs. Wolfson, the "Personal
  Shopper" for women's wear
Ms. Mary Brady - Post Office
Neighborhood Open Fields &
  games played there
New Sharon High School opens
  on Pond St. 1957
Nick, the barber
Nick's Clam Wagon at Cobb's
  Corner
Niethold Bros. Farm
Norfolk County Trust
Nudie Knott
Number 69 License Plate
Nurseries: Diesso's & Savino's
Octagon House
Odd Fellows annual minstrel
  show
Old Post Road
Old Sharon High Gym on Prom
  Night
Old Town Hall
Olive Hampton
Outdoor bubbler at High St.
  School
Outdoor movies at site of
  Dunn's Restaurant & Cabins,
  Rt. 1
Painting top-half of head-lights
  black during WWII
Paper Drives
Paradise Farm
Passing of 100 plus freight cars
  per train through Sharon
Paul's Radio & TV
Pearl Cartoof's Hair Salon
Pearl Harbor Day
Perry's Bus Service from
  Mansfield to Foxboro,
  Sharon, & return
Peter Marvelli's Fruit &
  Vegetable Truck
Pettee's Hill
Pettee's Store where money
  would be put in a tube that
  traveled along a wire to book-
  keeper for change
Pike's Field
Playing Tennis at old Sharon
  High School courts
Poirier's Coal Delivery
Poirier's Egg Farm
Police Chiefs Kennedy &
  Lavezze
Police Officers: Bill Cornell,
  Bob Feist
Police Telephone on the outside
  wall at Pettee's Store
Policemen located in the square
  directing traffic after the train
  came in.
Polio-Salk Vaccine
Pony rides at Dunn's
Poor Farm, Everett St.
Post office as it was while in
  Post Office square
Pres. Roosevelt's Radio
  Broadcast 12/8/41
Purdy's Trout & Fox Farm
Quinn sisters in their black
  Cadillac
Rae Bock Real Estate
Railway Express
Ray Snell, Insurance
Raft at the Lake 2nd (tower & spring board)
Raider's Village Restaurant and Cabins - Rt. 1
Railroad Crossing-Depot St.
Railroad Station Bells in the night-signals at work at the Heights & Mohawk St. rail crossings
Ration Books
Record Hops at the Mansion House
Reinhardt Writing Lessons
Reinhold Pearson's Bowlder Dairy
Ringing bell at Unitarian Church from apartment house garage roof
Robert Davis, killed in the '38 Hurricane
Rodman's Poultry Farm
Rogers' Strawberry Farm
Rose's Beauty Shop (Marion Poirier Dodkins)
Rotary Club sponsored movies & dances in old High School
Rumble Seats
Running Boards
Ruth Eaton, violin teacher
S. S. Pierce Delivery
Sacred Heart School
Sacred Heart School dormitory built in 1956
Sanatorium Water Tower on stilts
Saturday afternoon movies at the Congregational Church
Saunders Drugstore
Savage's Gas Station
School Custodians: Brud Markt, Joe Cole, Bud Parker, Joe Roach, Warren Bezanson and John Pruett
Schuyler Clapp Co., Surveyor
Scores of kids walking home from School, rain or shine
Scotch Train on way to N.Y. World's Fair
Scotty's Garage & Buses
Scotty's Store at the Lake
Scrap Drives
Sea Scouts
Second Floor of Dennett Building:
Dr. G. V. Hochman, Dr. Harold Tate, Dentist; Gladys Crocker Hair
Louis Young, the tailor
Martha Bock Piano Studio; Telephone Office with Miss Conley, operator
Second Rotary (the small one) near The Flume house at the Lake
S.F.D. 1923 Stewart hook and ladder truck
Segrini Brothers, Louis & Angelo, masons
Sharon Advocate ala the Reeves
Sharon Athletic Club
Sharon Box when it made boxes and the original Sawmill that gave the hill its name
Sharon Cash Market
Sharon Civic Foundation
Sharon Cooperative Bank located in the colonial house on the corner of South Main Street and Depot Street
Sharon Credit Union located in Lubin's Bakery in the Heights,
Sharon Drum & Bugle Corp
Sharon Grange
Sharon Hardware
Sharon Heights Underpass
Sharon Hill
Sharon Laundry, Ames St
Sharon Rockets (late '40s scrub football team)
Sharon Sanatorium
Sharon Spa
Sharon Sunbather's Association
Sharon Tennis Club
Sharon Town Club
Sharon Transcript
Sharon Unit of State Guard
Sharon's volunteer Special Police
Sharon Women's Defense Corp
Sherman Drake Newspaper Deliveries
Shooting cans & rats at the dump.
Sign at RR Station
Simco's little yellow Ice Cream Truck
Singer's Inn
Skating at the San Pond
Skiing at Van Ostin's Hill
Slave Clocks in classroom
Sledding down Chestnut St.
Sliding down curved banister in old Town Hall
Smelling ether at Dr. Griffin's Office
Snack Shop at lake
Snow Slides at Sacred Heart made out of RR ties
Soda fountains in the Square
Spear Hardware
Spreading sand on icy roads while standing on back of Town truck
Street Lights turned off at 12-12:30 a.m. every night
Strout's Garage
Stuart & Kincaid's Store
Suicide Hill
Summertime outdoor bowling at Raider's & Dunn's, Rt. 1
Sunday Newspapers at Moulton's
Sunset Lodge
Sweet Shop
Timmy Dunn
Sweetman's Garage  
Sydney Hull, barber  
Taylor's Garage  
Ted Delaney's Garage  
Teresa Sweeney's Spa  
Tess the Tattler, Dot Dennen  
Tillie Cutler's Dress Shop  
Town Clock Striking  
Toy Maker at 52 Upland Rd  
Trolley Car Barn, No. Main St.  
Valentine Boxes in Classrooms  
Vanilla cokes & penny candy at  
Bendinelli's  
Various laundry & cleaning  
pick-up delivery services  
V-E Day  
Veterans' Recreation Room in  
old Town Hall  
Vienna Crossing at Mohawk St.  
Village Gift Shop  
V-J Day  
Waldheim's Curve  
Walking the paths at the Bird  
Sanctuary  
Walter Feeley's Barber Shop  
Walter Mortonson, carpenter  
Walter O'Neil Bike Repair  
Walter Roach Sr.  
Water Tower on lot between  
Unitarian Church and  
22 North Main St  
Watering Trough near RR  
tracks at bottom of Depot St.  
Hill  
Weasel Aronson's Taxi  
Well deep in woods off Upland  
Rd.  
When house at corner of  
Upland Rd. & Norwood St.  
was not situated at a "rotary"  
When one could only whisper  
in the library  
When Sharon had only one  
police cruiser  
When there was no fence at the  
Lake  
When there were only three  
school buses  
When we could burn rubbish  
When we had garbage pick-up  
White Wing Turkey Farm, So.  
Main St.  
White's Field  
Whiting's Milk Delivery  
Wilber School gym on prom  
night  
William Keating, Sr. and  
George Markt, Sr  
William Roche - were all  
Reserve Police Officers  
William Ring, postmaster  
Willis Hanscom Egg Sales  
Workman's Building  
Wyman's Inn, Beach St.

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The Bell House, North Main St., noted for its fine food was a popular function facility for many years.

The old Town Hall, corner of So. Main & E. Chestnut streets opened in 1883 and was demolished by the Town in 1963.

Wilber School on left (opened 1922) with the High School addition added in 1929. Later used as a Junior High and Intermediate School. Closed in 1981.

Sacred Heart School for Boys grades 1-8, E. Foxboro St. opened 1920s. Building was demolished in 1976.

Sharon’s Post Office Square in early 1940s with angle parking. Dennett block on left; Pettee block on right destroyed by fire December 1966.

Sharon Sanitarium located on Everett St. was a TB Hospital and later the home of The Kendall Whaling Museum.

Beautiful Willow trees line Beach Street on the northeast shore of Lake Massapoag, circa 1930s.

The Comet passes the old Sharon Station around 1935.

Mural of Sharon landmarks painted by Saul Levenson, commissioned by the Sharon Credit Union to hang in their Main office on Pond St. How many of these buildings can you identify?

Sharon’s Post Office Square in early 1940s with angle parking. Dennett block on left; Pettee block on right destroyed by fire December 1966.

Cranberry Bogs on South Main Street near Sharon-Foxboro town line. Wild cranberries could be found at this location by Native Americans in earlier times.

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Carvin’s Hotel, Massapoag Ave., was once the summer home of George C. Morrell, a philanthropist from Boston who gave land for Pleasant St. School. It was later known as Corman’s Hotel, before becoming Green Manor. Destroyed by fire 1980s.

If you discover that you have photographs that you would like to share with us, Please write the who, what, where and when on the back of your photograph along with your name, address and telephone number and drop it off or mail it to the Museum. All photographs will be returned to you.
Present School Administration Building was first constructed in 1892 as Sharon High, with two floors. Top floor eventually removed and then used for first graders before becoming classrooms for kindergartners.

High Street School was constructed in 1899. Girls’ entrance was on left while boys entered on the right. Also, during recess time girls and boys remained on separate sides of the playground. School was demolished in 1981. Now Municipal Parking Lot.

Pleasant Street School was constructed in 1909 to house High School Students. Later used for 4th and 5th grade classes and as an overflow facility for intermediate School in the 1970’s. Closed 1982. Now used by Sharon Housing Authority as a complex with four apartments.

The rotary in Post Office Square kept traffic flowing smoothly, thanks to the sign saying "Keep to the Right"! At one time a tall evergreen tree was planted in the middle. In later years the rotary finally gave way to traffic lights.

Sunset Lodge on the shores of Lake Massapoag was a popular destination during the resort era. This building was constructed in 1932 following a fire that destroyed the first Sunset Lodge on this site. It is now owned by the town and used as Sharon's Community Center.

Sharon's Railroad Station at bottom of Depot Street has been called the most attractive station since it was constructed by the NY, N H & Hartford RR about 1936.

Campers from the Sacred Heart School enjoy swimming in Lake Massapoag while the Brothers of the school watch them from the school's rafts, circa 1940s.

The Glendale Inn at the corner of North Main Street and Glendale Road, opened in early 1900s; destroyed by fire in late 1930s. Once the home of Deacon Philip Curtis.

Harold A. Clark, long-time principal at Sharon High and his family lived in one of the apartments here at 42-44 Pond St. The house was later purchased by Jack Keeling, owner of the Keeling Funeral Home; his mother lived on first floor & Olive Tucker & teacher Barbara Burns lived on second floor.

Raiders' Village, Route One. Boston Providence Highway, consisted of a popular restaurant and cabins. Owned and operated by the Raider family of Sharon for many years.

Sharon Public Library opened at the corner of North Main and High streets in 1914. One of the town’s most beautiful buildings, it was constructed with funds from Andrew Carnegie.

Please share some of your interesting photos of this period with the rest of us. Perhaps a group of your friends ice skating at the Dam, or at any of the ponds around town. Or a group of your friends coasting down Pettie’s Hill, or standing in line in front of one of the refreshment stands at the Lake. A picture of the people clearing the field on Ames Street that later became the playground would be great. How about a photograph showing you standing next to the first automobile you ever owned.