

YESTERDAY

PICTURE FROM THE PAST



BANGOR DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO BY SPIKE WEBB

"Brewer for You in '62" — That's the slogan on the tags these members of the Junior Anniversary Club of Brewer were selling in June 1960 to raise money to erect plaques and markers at points of historical interest. They are (from left) Penny Humphrey, Jackie Balabas, Ann Stetson and Mary Kiah.

BANGOR — Angela Pushor, 14, of Bangor, a freshman at John Bapst Memorial High School, was named the first place winner in "An Artistic Discovery," the annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by Maine's 2nd Congressional District, represented by U.S. Rep. Olympia Snowe.

Second place went to Kari Van Tine of Penobscot, a sophomore at Ellsworth High School.

Lisa Paradise of Bangor, a John Bapst Memorial High School sophomore, came in fourth.

50 years ago — June 3, 1960

BANGOR — The opening of the Better Homes Inc. sales and showroom in Abbott Square proved to be a major attraction as thousands walked through the modern home building center.

George Tsoulas, president of the firm, and his staff of 20 were on hand to greet the public.

Tsoulas pointed out that 95 percent of the work done in converting the former supermarket into a building center had been done by the company's installation crew.

Even the office desks, surplus Army desks, have been remodeled into attractive office furniture with the addition of tile tops and a paint job.

ORONO — It was 275 years of rich humor and charm from the old school gathered into one party at the Penobscot Hotel.

historic items belonging to Harrison N. Brooks of Wilson Street.

Mr. Brooks is especially proud of this item which contains the bones of the right hind flipper, three tail bones, and shoulder and radial bones of a sea mammal similar to our present day walrus. He discovered the bones himself while digging for blue clay to use in making pottery at his backyard in Orono.

from the yard to tell her the rear shed was on fire.

Orono postman Edward Stover of Middle Street, assisted by his cousin, David Stover of Peter Street, passing by, rushed in and carried the 1-month-old baby from his crib in the smoke-filled house.

HAMPDEN — Hampden Brownie Troop 35 held a fly-up ceremony at the home of

HERMON — The Free Will Baptist Church of Hermon, which has been undergoing extensive repairs, will be rededicated.

The Rev. S.C. Whitcomb, state agent of the denomination, will deliver the dedication sermon.

The Rev. A.H. Black, the pastor, said that the repairs have cost about \$1,000 and most of that amount has been

Organist

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years. His musical training includes stints at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston (one year) and the Northern Conservatory of Music, formerly in Bangor (three years).

Rogers, a photography buff, taught business education at Brewer High School until his retirement in 1988. He also taught piano to more than 300 students.

As is appropriate for a former educator, Rogers is still learning.

In 2007, the church got the third organ in its history, an Allen Renaissance Quantum Digital organ.

Rogers explained that it's the equivalent of eight organs in one, with 132 sounds available. The new organ is attached to 10 speakers, to best take advantage of the church's great acoustics.

Rogers, whose computer use is limited to playing solitaire, admits that he still doesn't know what a lot of the buttons on the organ do, but he's excited to try and find out.

"We had a recent concert with other organists playing here, and I learned things from them," he said.

He played his 50th anniversary concert on the old organ, installed in 1928.

"The old pipe organ was good, but it cost too much to repair," he said. "We've got a nice new organ now."

Rogers works "99 percent" from sheet music.

"I only know three songs from memory," he said. "My memory's always been bad. When I taught, I always had a seating