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A photograph of the Bowman Flying Service, Inc., circa 1945, hanger at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Keene. Owner Lee Bowman is seen on the far right. Bowman was also the manager of the airport.



A photo was snapped of the arrival of Mohawk Airlines at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport in 1954. This was the second airline (the first being Northeast) to offer flights to New York City and Albany, NY; Boston, MA; and Lebanon, NH. The runways were extended in 1956, and night lighting and other needed improvements were installed in 1958. (Photos courtesy of Historical Society of Cheshire County)

In The 1940s
 In 1948, Keene celebrated 100 years of railroad service. On May 16, 1848 the first train to reach Keene was en route from Boston. This momentous moment opened the door to the birth of The Cheshire Railroad.
 Also, in 1948 was the formation of The Keene Clinic, which included a blood bank, visits by the "bloodmobile," and inoculations against polio.

Popular Culture 1949
 In 1949, George Orwell's book, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, was published, and the first Polaroid Camera was sold for \$89.95.
 Hit song makers included Perry Como with "A" You're Adorable, and Frankie Laine's *Mule Train*.
 The war film, *Twelve O'Clock High*, was popular and went on to win four Academy Awards. From 1964 to 1967, a *Twelve O'Clock High* TV series – based on the movie – also became popular.
 Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly starred in the musical, *On The Town*, and Rodgers and Hammerstein debuted the musical, *South Pacific*, on Broadway.

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