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For Bob Dion, it started in 1953. He picked it up, scrapbooking that is, from his mom, Emma. She kept scrapbooks of the big movie stars of the day—the day being the 1940s. “She went for the movie stars,” Dion said.

That was her interest and there was plenty of material. Movie stars were big and stars were bigger, and there were plenty, including Ingrid Bergman, Cary Grant, Clark Gable, Jimmy Stewart, Humphrey Bogart, William Holden, Gregory Peck, Vivien Leigh, Elizabeth Taylor, Vincent Price, Spencer Tracy, Lauren Bacall, Body Lampard, Lena Turner, Katharine Hepburn, Rita Hayworth, Veronica Lake, Ava Gardner and Claudette Colbert.

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The everyday was important to him. Since he was a police officer, crime stories were at the top of the list, but local politics were important, too. And anything else of interest went into the books.

He condensed the day-to-day life of Attleboro’s Bob Dion, 93, has served his country and his community, and will serve posterity through his scrapbooks, meticulously kept since the 1950s.

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ATTLEBORO — There will be something missing when subscribers open their print edition of The Sun Chronicle starting in January.

The Weekend Edition will still have its regular coverage of area news and sports along with its weekly TV listings and comic pages, along with an array of advertising supplements.

What readers won’t find are the regular ad flyers from CVS.

The Woonsocket-based health care and pharmacy company is switching to online advertising as of the New Year.

Sun Chronicle Executive Editor Craig Borge called the decision “most unfortunate” and said he hopes the company reconsider.

CVS’s public relations office said it could not provide a spokesmen to comment on the new ad strategy. But the company, in an email, said that its customers “were more digitally engaged than ever.”

“Starting the first week in January 2022, our Weekly Ad, which features hundreds of great deals, will be available primarily online at CVS.com/weeklyad and in the CVS App,” the company said.

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