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## Building Project To Be Undertaken

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#### Belinsky's Bargain Store Sold To Taylor Stores Co.

FARMINGTON - A business transfer of much importance to this locality took place on Monday, August 5, when Samuel Belinsky, well known merchant of Farmington and Rochester, sold out to the Taylor Stores Company of Boston, his established merchandising business in the Barker block. The announcement came somewhat as a surprise to the host of patrons and friends of this store which dealt in a wide variety of wares and was generally known to enjoy an enterprising and flourishing status. In introducing his successor, Mr. Belinsky explains that in disposing of his local merchandising interests he was actuated solely by a desire to devote more time to his growing lumber business, a field in which he engaged somewhat over a year ago with an aim to finding employment out of doors, a feature advised by his physicians in deference to his health. Mr. Belinsky will retain his original store in Rochester and at this location will concentrate the capital and facilities formerly employed in both stores. He retires from the trade organizations and commerce of this town with sincere regrets, which are shared by a wide friendship. His successors are experienced in the commerce of New England and enjoy the facilities of chain store buying. The local proprietors are Mr. & Mrs. Harry M. Taylor of Cambridge, Mass., who operate one of the Taylor stores at Cambridge, Mass. They are qualified to give Farmington the advantages of a regular city store at one of the most prominent locations in this village. They are opening this Friday with a big sale. Cost will not be considered in closing out in the shortest possible time the large, clean and strictly up-to-date stock of the Belinsky Bargain store. As soon as this is accomplished, the premises will be completely restocked with new fall goods intended to supply the needs of men, women and children. The new proprietors state that for the present every effort and facility of the new firm will be directed toward giving Farmington and vicinity the biggest buying opportunity ever opened up in this locality.



THE ANNUAL MISS ALTON BAY CONTEST was held Saturday evening, August 4 at 8 p.m. Eight girls entered the contest at Alton Bay. Three judges decided the winner. The judges were: Mr. George Twigg, of Gilmanton, and a representative to the NH General Court; Mrs. Margaret McGillivray of Mattlepan, Mass., and Roy Allain of Rochester. The contest was sponsored by the Alton Bay and Alton Bay Chamber of Commerce, which also bought the trophies. Mr. Frank Litch of Alton Bay and Mrs. Gladys Howe of Alton, supervised the event.

Pictured is the winner, 24 years old, Miss Mary D. Burkhart of 7105 Holly Park, Maryland and Laconia, N.H. Presenting the trophy is Dave Dimond of Burlington, Mass., master of ceremonies. First runner-up was 21 year old Pamela Cellier of Chelmsford, Mass. Second runner-up was 18 year old Donna Kelley of Somerville, Mass. and Alton Bay (Earl Blake Photo)

#### Farmington Democrats To Meet Sept. 4

FARMINGTON - Jack Howard, chairman of the Farmington Democratic Committee has announced that there will be a meeting held in the Lower Town Hall to elect members to the committee for the next year. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. Chairman Howard stated that all registered Democrats of

the town are invited urged to attend this very important session.

Those Democrats who intend to run are asked to kindly signify their intention to the committee secretary Mrs. Rebecca Howard Mrs. Howard can be reached by calling 755-2965

#### Flood Damage Inspected

FARMINGTON - A team of engineers from the Army Corps of Engineers inspected the flood damage done to the Precinct water main and adjacent river bank near the Tappan Street bridge on Monday, according to Selectman Norman Irish.

Both the Farmington Village Precinct and the Town of Farmington have applied to the State Coordinator of Federal Funds for aid in repairing the damage caused by the flooding river in late June and early July, said Irish.

During the heavy rains the river bank directly behind St. Peter's Catholic Church was

badly eroded. The eight inches of macadam insulation covering the water main which supplies water to the classrooms in St. Peter's was partially washed away in the flooding river. The macadam insulation is strictly necessary to prevent the water supply from freezing during winter months, Irish reported.

Selectman Irish said the team of engineers indicated that it would be possible to restore the damaged area to its normal condition. He anticipated that once Federal Funds are appropriated to the town and village precinct, restorations would begin.

FARMINGTON - Members of the First Congregational Church voted on July 23 to build a new Education Building through a fund established by the late Grace and Ernest Kimball. The land was made available to the Church by a generous gift of Mrs. Joseph McLaughlin.

The building of brick to match the present Church will be attached to the back of the Church and will face on Pleasant Street. Contained in the new building will be a study for the minister, an office for the secretary, a woman's lounge, five classrooms, two rest rooms, and a fully finished basement.

A Building Committee, composed of Walter Greeley, chairman, Milton Bradbury, Ernest Cardinal, Jr., Malcolm Glidden, Joyce Nutter and Richmond Parsley, Sr. has been named. The contract to build was awarded to James Cameron. Mr. Cameron plans to start the building project in the near future.

The new building will become part of the oldest continuously established church society in the town of Farmington. Organized originally in 1819, the

first church building was erected in 1844 on Central Street. Used for 26 years, the Central Street edifice was replaced in 1870. At that time it was decided to build again, this time on Main Street, on the corner of Pleasant and Main.

In the winter of 1875 fire swept through Farmington's Main Street. On February 10 most of the west side of the street was destroyed in the disastrous fire. Many stores and businesses, along with the newly built church, were completely burned down.

Immediately following the great fire, another new church was raised. Within 13 months it was rebuilt on the same site as the church that had been burned. Dedication services were held in March, 1876.

The present church is that building erected nearly one hundred years ago. During all those nearly one hundred years the First Congregational Church building has graced the Main Street scene, and the church society has been an integral part of the Farmington community.

#### On The Street In Farmington

Question: Do you think that police protection in Farmington is adequate?



"If I call them, they always come. I think they do a good job, myself."  
Alice King, Farmington



Linda Riley, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.



"Definitely not. They're too busy chasing kids. I hardly see any of them here in town."  
Diane Fiorentino, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

#### Search Continues For Cause Of Food Poisoning

FARMINGTON - Mrs. Ethel Auclair of Middleton, a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmington Fish and Game Club said this week that the cause of the food poisoning at a club picnic last week is still under study. She said the samples of the foods have been sent to Concord and as of Monday she had not heard as to whether or not a cause had been found by the Concord Labs.

Following the Chicken Barbecue which was held a week ago last Sunday, twenty-six people came down sick with food poisoning, some requiring hospitalization for a short time. Mrs. Auclair said this week that

the previous report stating that a Board of Directors meeting had been called to look into the cause of the poisoning was an error on the part of The Farmington News. She said the meeting was called for the food committee and the Board of Directors was not involved.

Mrs. Auclair also said that the report that mushrooms were considered as a possible cause, but later determined there were none used in the menus for the day, was also an error. She said she was in charge of purchasing all of the food except the chicken for the barbecue and she knows for sure that no mushrooms were used.

#### FAPT To Sponsor "Unclaimed Articles" Rummage Sale

FARMINGTON - On Saturday, August 18, upset mothers, or carefree kids, will have a chance to redeem articles

of clothing left at school last June. These items will be on display at Wilkins Hardware Store from 9-10:30 a.m. After the time for viewing and reclaiming has passed, the articles remaining will be sold for rummage. In addition to those articles, there will be fresh

vegetables, baked goods and other rummage goods for sale. The sale is being sponsored by the FAPT Executive Committee. Each member is contacting five people for solicitations. Proceeds from the sale are to be used for needed equipment in the Farmington Schools.

Be sure to watch next week's edition of the Farmington News for publication of an inventory list of the unclaimed clothing items.

#### Penny Sale To Be Held

ALTON - Chief Police Charles W. Wheeler said the Alton Police Association will hold a Penny Sale Friday afternoon August

10th, at Alton Bay, at 3 p.m. The event will be held under a tent in the yard at the Alton

Bay Community House. Door prizes will be drawn at 8 p.m. that evening. Mr. Arthur Laurion is Chairman for the event. Chief Wheeler said the proceeds will be used for special Police equipment and Charitable functions.

#### Sweeps Winners

According to a recent press release from the NH Sweepstakes Commission the following are winners of a \$10 check in the 50/50 Sweeps: William D. Davie of Gossville, A.L. Richards of Alton Bay, F.W. Muller of Gossville and Fred Clough of Milton Mills. Winning a \$200 check was Dick Quimby

of New Durham. Winning \$20 checks were Bruce Adams of Pittsfield, Deborah Chandler of Northwood, Jennie White of Farmington, Patricia Bailey of Chester, D. Linscott of Northwood, Robert Strickland of Barnstead, Mrs. Richard Henner of Milton and Gordon Ockle of Alton Bay.

#### Local Artist Donates Oil Painting To Library

Mrs. Muriel Nehring, of the Ridge Road in New Durham, has generously donated a lovely sea-scape oil painting to the New Durham Library. The painting will hang at the Rochester Banks Building, in the Rochester Shopping Center, in Rochester, for a week to ten days, starting

July 31. There are large photos of the painting on display at Ellison's Red

Door Antique Shop, Foxy Johnny's Gift Shop, Marti's General Store, and The Country Store, all of New Durham. Chances are being sold for this painting, and can be purchased in all the places mentioned, and also, the library. The proceeds from this raffle will be used to support the library during the coming year. For more information, please call Dick Jones at 859-2301 or Eileen Dennehy at 859-3641.

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