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Gilman speaks for ROTC

WAKEFIELD -- At Memorial Day services held in Union Village, State Senator George Gilman of Farmington pledged his all-out support for continuing reserve officers training at the State University. He said "As your state senator and as a trustee of UNH I shall do everything I can to be sure this vital program is properly supported and fully maintained." "I can do no less for those we honor today," he said.

He referred to training he received at UNH as Infantry Officer in the ROTC program after submarine service in the Pacific during World War II, and said ROTC Officer graduates with whom he served in both branches were among the most able and dedicated in the armed forces. "We could never have, and could not now maintain our Army, Navy and Air Force at necessary strength if the ROTC program was cut back or discontinued and I don't intend to see this happen," Gilman said.

Senator Gilman had high praise for Maj. Gen. Melvin Zais, a UNH ROTC graduate now serving in Vietnam who commanded troops involved in the recent battle of "Hamburger Hill" and who has been criticized by Sen. Kennedy and others for his part in this action. "I share the grief of all New Hampshire for the more than 150 men of our state who have lost their lives in this terrible war in Vietnam" he said. "But I know for sure that we could not have held our position in Southeast Asia and that our casualties would have been far greater if it were not for the courage, ability and dedication of ROTC men like Gen.

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This car ran through the Star Diner last week, carrying with it a section of wall, and equipment from the building.

(Photo by Perkins)

Car demolishes diner in crash; Driver is injured

In a spectacular one car accident, the Star Diner in Farmington was put out of business in one fell swoop. At 1:30 in the morning, Thursday, May 22, a car driven by Michael J. Kelley of Bridge St., Union, failed to negotiate a curve on South Main St., and went through the diner, taking out the walls, so that the roof fell back to cover the debris. It took with it restaurant equipment, food, vending machines, and everything else that was in the way. It was a fantastic sight before it was cleaned up. Spectators said it looked like a gas explosion, the way things were scattered. A refrigerator was thrown with such force that it struck the house on the other side of the lot next to the diner. One section of wall was carried by the car, and remained standing in front of it as it came to rest in the bushes. The car went off the left side of the street, and passed between a utility pole and the guy wires holding it, striking the corner of the building, and leaving a much bigger hole

where it came out than it did where it went in. Police and firemen were called to the scene, and Kelly was taken to Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, where he was treated for cuts and bruises and profuse bleeding. He remained there for several days. There were no other occupants in the car, and luckily, due to the late hour, the diner was vacant at the time. Kid and Nick Morris, owners of the diner, were stunned by the occurrence, and do not know yet whether they will try to rebuild, or start another business at another location. Local police are contemplating action against Kelly, probably on a charge of reckless driving. Prior to the accident, Kelly was stopped by Officer Fitch near Len & Fran's on South Main St., and Fitch gave him a ticket for speeding. At that time, according to Fitch, Kelly was polite and pleasant, and did not seem to be upset at being stopped. He even offered

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Cadettes go to Nubble

At 4 p.m., a bus left the home of Merton Tufts and rumbled its way toward the Meaderboro Road. It contained 15 Cadette Girl Scouts and a huge load of sleeping bags and clothing. It was Friday, the 23rd of May. They sang their way clear up to Nubble Pond Camp. There, they had to wait until about 9 p.m. to get tents and a good fire going. Also with the Farmington girls were Troop 406 from East Rochester, and Troops 557 and 651 from Rochester. The highlights of this three-

day camping trip were a Saturday morning trip up to the summit of Nubble Mountain, and a Sunday morning hike up to the summit of Mount Hussey. A small service was held on Mount Hussey. The girls from Rochester left early Sunday morning, the girls from East Rochester left in the afternoon. And last, and also greatest, Troop 787 from Farmington left at 5 p.m. to attend a Mass at the Church of St. Mary's in Rochester. And the bus rumbled back to the home of Merton Tufts at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Arnold receives Purple Heart

PFC George Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold, of Tapan St., was wounded in action in Viet Nam on May 12, 1969. He is serving with an Artillery outfit in support of the Infantry. While surrounded by enemy troops, his group took a hit, which killed one man and wounded ten others. George suffered shrapnel wounds in the left arm and shoulder, and has been treated for nerve injury in his left hand. He is being transferred to a hospital which is equipped for more extended treatment of his injuries.

Arnold was presented with the Purple Heart on May 14, and has mailed it home to his parents for safe keeping. Mail would be welcome to him, and anyone wishing to write is urged to do so. Address follows:

PFC George Arnold Jr., US 51968377 - 1st Inf. Div., Btry A - 8/6 Arty - Hospital Mail Section, A.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96381.

Alumni Banquet

The 15th annual F.H.S. Alumni Association banquet and meeting will be held Saturday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Burtman-Rondeau auditorium.

The menu will be pot roast dinner, catered by Simpson's of Dover. Reservations must be made before June 11, and the Association would like them to be in as soon as possible. Reservations phoned or mailed in can be picked up at the door. You do not have to be a graduate of F.H.S. to be welcome to the party, but since the price of printing and postage is prohibitive, everyone will not receive an invitation, so anyone interested should pass the word

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Memorial Day exercises--1969



Exercises 1969



101st Anniversary Memorial Day conducted by

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Eight O'clock in the Evening
Line of March Form at Edgerly Park
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Parade Marshal, Lawrence Gilbert (18th Year)
First Sgt., "A" Btry, 172nd Arty. - N H N G

All of our citizens are cordially invited to participate in the observance of Memorial Day.

We also extend an invitation to all honorably discharged Veterans and those on leave from present armed forces to unite with us in observance of the sacred rites we owe our departed comrades.

Frederic Marsh, Jr. - Commander
Robert Hoage - Finance Officer
Harry Dodge - Adjutant

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Fire call

On Monday, May 26, Box No. 24, located at the corner of High and Maple Streets sounded at 10:55. It turned out to be a false alarm, apparently rung in by children in the neighborhood. At 1:45 the same day, Box 5 was rung in from the station, and this time it was the real thing. A fire had started along the railroad track, where it crosses the Meeting House Hill Road, near the gas plant. The train had just passed by before the fire was discovered by an employee of the Rural Gas Co. Only a small area was burned over, and two firemen, assisted by a passing motorist, soon got it under control.

At nearly the same time Tuesday, Box 5 was rung in

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DiPrizio takes part in Army title matches

Army Reserve Second Lieutenant Prisco C. DiPrizio, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Constantino DiPrizio of Union, N. H. participated in the 1969 First U. S. Army Commander's Rifle and Pistol Championship Matches at Fort George G. Meade, Md., April 12-19.

Contestants from all of the Armed Forces and several civilian marksmanship groups in the First Army area fired in the week-long competition that included matches with the .22 and .45 caliber pistol, the M-14 and M-1 rifles. Team championships went to the U. S. Military Academy cadet

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Slow down and live!

Another Memorial Day three-day holiday weekend is here! Fred L. Johnson, Director of Motor Vehicles suggests every driver plan ahead. Good planning reduces temptation to hurry and this means less hazards and fewer accidents.

Motorists should remember the purpose of Memorial Day and make it their business to Slow Down and Live. He noted that many people will be traveling to and from cemeteries and their trips of reverence should not be marred by a traffic accident.

Take time to check over your car before your holiday trip. Repair, replace or discard that faulty equipment. Now is the time to recognize dangerous equipment and hurried habits.

Plan ahead - take time today and live tomorrow. Correct conditions that cause accidents.

Director Johnson also asks protection and pity for the poor pedestrian. Holidays increase pedestrian traffic as well as vehicular traffic. Our pedestrian fatality rate is an indictment of the selfish attitude displayed by many drivers. We are aware that pedestrians often invite disaster by their own careless behavior.

Holiday traffic does not excuse drivers from blame. Drivers contesting the right of way with pedestrians is hardly fair play. Please pity the poor pedestrian. Stop at crosswalks. Stay behind the line until the signals change - Don't jump the light - give the walker a break.

Operation Target faces 4th summer

Operation Target, a program through which persons in New Hampshire invite individual children of all races and denominations from the Roxbury-Dorchester area of Massachusetts into their homes, will again be held this summer according to announcement received today from Frank H. Gross, Executive Secretary of the New Hampshire Council of Churches. This visitation program is sponsored jointly by the New Hampshire Council

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A familiar sight around town these days is Terrie Hunter, selling Buddy Poppies. Belonging to both the V.F.W. Aux. and the American Legion Aux., she said first but organization she is shown here passing a poppy to little Billy Leland, son of E.L. Leland, of Central Street.

PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1969 10:00 A.M.

The Town of Farmington will sell the following property acquired by tax proceedings at public auction to the highest bidder on each separate parcel on Saturday, June 7, 1969 at 10:00 A.M. at the Selectmen's Office in the Farmington Town Hall. All this property is in Farmington and is listed as follows:

- a 160 x 75 foot house lot Chestnut Hill Road
- b 17 square rods land and building off Central Street
- c House lot south side Watson Corner Road
- d Land, Mt. Pleasant Street
- e Building only, Spring Street
- f One-half interest in one acre land off North Main Street

Terms: 10% down balance in thirty days

All sales final

All sales by quitclaim deed

For further information, inquire at the Selectmen's Office

By Philip Terman, Craig Eaton, John Pearson



PFC George Arnold

YMCA campers will visit Germany

Recognizing that international understanding can only occur through face to face relationships with individuals in other countries the State YMCA of New Hampshire is sponsoring an international camping program for boys this summer in Germany.

The purpose of the program is to give the boys an opportunity to attend camp with German campers at Camp Hoghelsmar on the Baltic Sea. Following their camping experience they will stay in private homes for six days and will complete their forty day trip by visiting Berlin, Cologne and Amsterdam.

The group of ten boys, ages 13 to 16, will travel under the leadership of Mr. Cliff Cutler of Trinity College, an experienced counselor at State YMCA Camp Coniston. The cost of the



Boston & Maine Engine No. 1220 was delayed along the track, after a fire started

(Photo by Perkins)

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