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Heart volunteers to canvass Sunday

Twenty-six Heart Fund neighbors were listed this week as collectors in Farmington's Heart Fund Canvass to be climaxed next Sunday, Feb. 27.

Robert B. Hunt, Pearson Street, who is serving as chairman of the affair, said that the collection would wind up the local campaign. He said that most of the volunteers would be out during the daytime and urged local residents to welcome them warmly.

Mr. Hunt said that the collectors would all carry the official Heart Fund envelope as identification. Residents who are not at home, he said, would be left a "Sorry I Missed You" envelope in which they are asked to return their Heart Fund gift by mail.

Heart Fund collections will be

held in over 200 New Hampshire towns and cities with an estimated 10,000 volunteers involved.

Named as volunteers by Mr. Hunt are Mrs. Wendell Twitchell, Miss Lynn Pike, Mr. James Fecteau, Jr., Mrs. Clarence Jenness, Miss Sheila Greeley, Mr. Fred Collyer, Mrs. James Cameron, Mrs. Paul Therrien, Mrs. Peter Masse, Mrs. Pauline Colbath, Mrs. Virginia Gilman, Mrs. Donna Johnson, Mrs. Carmela Baud, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Mrs. Marion Newbury, Mrs. Lena George, Miss Debra Sullivan, Miss Beverly O'Neill, Mrs. Diane Lewin, Mrs. Agnes Adams, Mrs. Joyce Woodman, Mrs. Leona Martineau, Mrs. Gladys Lepene, Mrs. Rebecca Howard, Mrs. Sophie Rouillard and Mrs. Mabel Stanley.



LEAVING SOON - Mr. and Mrs. James Beaudry stand behind the desk in the lobby of the Farmington Inn. The Beaudrys have owned and operated the hotel longer than anyone in the buildings history, yet when they took over in 1945, they had no experience at all in hotel management. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary last Labor Day. Behind them is an magnificent old working roll top desk, and on the wall is an old Hotel call clock.

Farmington firm begins 50th year of service

The Farmington Building and Loan Association begins its fiftieth year of service to the Farmington area this year, according to the firm's president, Francis J. Mooney.

The first meeting of the Association was held in the old Town Hall on March 14, 1922. At that first meeting, a committee of Frank Adams, W. Fred Haskell, and Harrison Waldron was appointed to present the names of eighteen men to be voted on to become the first board of directors.

Voted in at that time were Frederick Clements, Frank R. Copp, F.W. Browne, Frank E. Edgerly, O.N. Hussey, John P. Hurd, Francis J. Mooney, S.S. Parker, George L. Pelletier, E.S. Gray, George C. Roberts, W.W. Roberts, George H. Read, W.I. Natter, Carl S. Thomas, E.H. Thomas, Fred I. Thayer, and Elmer F. Thayer.

The first meeting of the board of directors chose Frank R. Copp, to be the first President of the company, a post he held until 1928.

The first meeting also chose O.N. Hussey as first temporary chairman of the board. In 1928, Hussey succeeded Copp as president of the company, a post he held until 1942.

Hussey was succeeded by Carl S. Thomas, who held the post from 1942 to 1963. He was followed by Carl C. Blanchard,

who served for one year.

Mooney, president of the firm since 1964, is the only member of the original board of directors, still actively involved with the company. George I. Pelletier and George C. Roberts, both retired, are the only other surviving members of the original board of eighteen.

The meetings of the Association was held in the Selectmen's Office at the old Town Hall until it was destroyed by fire in February, 1928. Following the fire, the Farmington Public Library moved all remaining books to the American Legion Building across the street and Farmington Building and Loan Association continued to hold meetings at that location until the new library was built and dedicated in 1929.

In 1954, the meeting place was in the office of the Francis J. Moody Insurance Agency in the Hayward block on South Main Street. In 1959 the meeting place was moved to the office of Farmington Insurance Agency at No. 6 South Main Street, where the directors presently meet monthly.

During its existence, Farmington Business and Loan Association has specialized in serving the needs of the small homeowner. Mooney looks back with pride on the last fifty years,

and particularly on making it through the depression ("the Two Depressions" adds Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, Robert B. Hunt) when many much larger firms collapsed.

Besides Mooney and Hunt, the present officers of the association are Eugene F. Nute, Vice President and Attorney, and Ruth T. Lawrence, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Other directors are Murray N. Daudelin, Alec C. Haskell, Charles A. King, William C. Lord, Roger H. Morrison, Ronald D. Parrock, Rufus W. Rundlett, Gideon T. Marcoux, and Norman Irish, all of Farmington, and Charles J. Beaudette of Alton.

The company is planning to celebrate its 50th anniversary with a banquet in April for the officers and their wives.

Dems name slate

Democrat Caucus was held at 7:00 in the Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 14.

Candidates selected to run in the March 7 Primary election are

Selectmen 3 yrs. Donald E. Howard
Selectmen 1 yr. Winfred Sargent
Town Clerk Marie Irene Furbush
Auditors Sylvia J. Howard
Sherrill A. Pulsifer
Budget Committee Paul E. Blouin
Richard J. Welch
Chester E. Glidden
Trustee of Trust Funds Florence E. Carver

There was a large turnout for the Caucus and the Democrats are really going to fight for their candidates this year.

Farmington couple to end 27 years of hotel business

By Ed King

Mr. and Mrs. James Beaudry will be retiring soon, leaving behind them 27 years of memories and experience as owners of the Rest-A-While Inn in Farmington. They have sold the famous old inn to Farmington Inn Inc., a group of New Hampshire businessmen who are planning to renovate the building.

According to the Farmington Town History, the property on which the inn stands and the adjacent land were both owned by Mary Welch. In 1858, she had the front end of the building moved next door, to become the building which now stands to the left of the Inn.

In 1899, she hired a man by the name of Everett Gray to run the hotel, known in those days as the Central House. She turned the building next door into a rooming house.

In 1913, Gray obtained possession of the Hotel, and there followed a long series of confused changes of hands. In 1916, the building was sold to Harry W. Page, who sold it back to Gray two years later. In 1930, the hotel was purchased by Harold W. Harpin, who sold it to Fred H. Ayers two years later.

The confusion sets at about the same time, 1932. Apparently, Ayers mortgaged

the place to the Farmington National Bank, who then sold the mortgage to Gray. At any rate, in 1935, Ayers sold what was referred to as the "W. Deed" to William L. Phelps, and in 1935, records indicate that the bank foreclosed.

There was another succession of owners until the Beaudrys bought the hotel in 1945. The name of the inn had been changed to the New Central Hotel back in 1938, and in 1962, the Beaudrys changed it to the Rest-A-While Inn.

Beaudry tells of the days when he first bought the inn. "We inherited the janitor when we bought the place," he said. "His name was George Crosby, but everyone called him Bing. He spent nearly his whole life here at the hotel. He came here when he was sixteen, and lived here until he died."

"We used to sit around nights, and he'd tell me about the old days when he used to go down to the depot with the hotel's horse-drawn wagon to pick up the travelling salesmen and bring them back to the hotel."

"Back in those days a man got supper, a night's lodging, and breakfast, all for \$1.25. Then he would drive them up through Alton to Wolfborough, then back down again through."

The Hotel is rich in memories of the days when hotels were in

their glory. An elegant mahogany bannister guards the stairway to the second floor, and a fine mahogany topped bar sits in the lobby. Behind the bar is a roll-topped desk, and on the wall an old Seth Thomas call clock.

"When a man wanted to be awakened at a particular time in the morning," Beaudry explained, "he took a tag with his room number on it and placed it on the number on the bottom of the clock which gave the time he wanted to be awakened. The janitor used to come in at 4:00 in the morning and check the clock to see what time people wanted to get up. He would then go to the room numbered on the tag, and knock at the appointed hour."

Beaudry is proud of the fact that since he bought the place and paid off his original mortgage within three years, the inn has never been re-mortgaged. Just the same, he and his wife Alice, who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary last Labor Day, are anxious to finish up and move to their mobile home.

"We hope to be able to leave as soon as we can now," he said. And within a few days, 27 years of life with the old inn, the longest period that it has been owned and operated by one owner, will come to an end and a very well deserved rest for the Beaudrys.

LOCAL LINES

Miss Shirley Parshley and Miss Sherry Parshley, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parshley were honored recently at a party on their 9th birthday. Twenty-five of their school-mates attended the party held at the Congregational Church. Assisting the hostess was Miss Deborah Parshley.

A progressive card party was held at the Club Room by the Farmington Woman's Club recently. Eight tables were in play and Mrs. Alex Haskell was awarded the door prize.

Surplus foods will be at the rear of the Town Hall on Friday, Feb. 18.

500 Boy's Club plans benefit

How does a high school basketball player become successful? A lot of hard work and skills in the fundamentals of basketball. A high school basketball player probably started playing organized basketball at the age of eight. A lot of parents and interested citizens have contributed to an athlete's success. The members of the 500 Boys' Club have been conducting little league basketball during the past ten years each Saturday afternoon at Burtman-Rondeau gym.

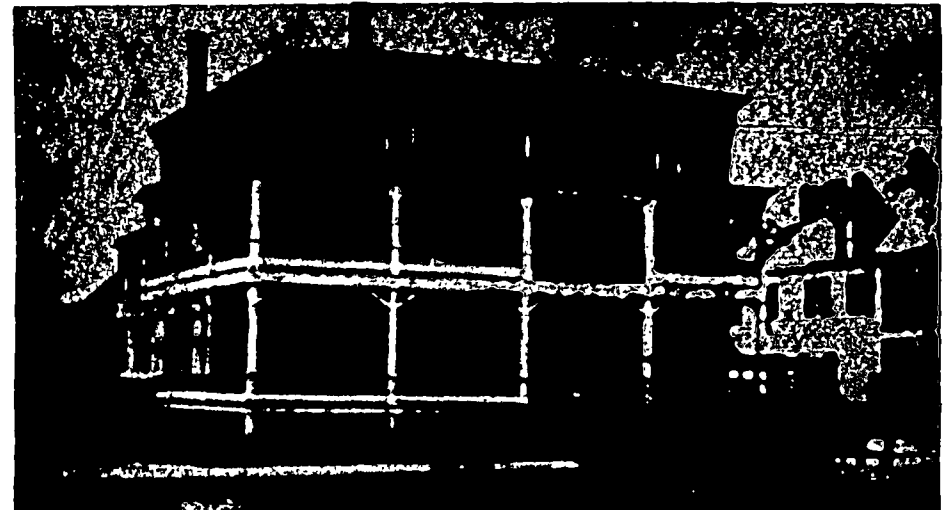
On Saturday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmington High School Gym approximately 100 boys between the ages of eight through fourteen will have an opportunity to display their basketball talents. The boys will be divided into six teams. Each boy will have the opportunity to play.

Approximately 20 adults and

teenagers spend every Saturday afternoon from November to March instructing these youngsters in basketball. The background of these instructors varies from interested parent to member of the 1970 Class M Basketball Team.

The gym is a bundle of activity. The eight year olds could be learning to dribble, the ten year olds learning to pass, and the fourteen year olds having scrimmage.

However, it takes time and money to sponsor these sessions. The 500 Boys' Club needs money to conduct its many varied programs from basketball to a summer recreational program. The little benefit games are one way to raise money. The 500 Boys' Club invites all area residents to come and see the youngsters display their talent.



'WAY BACK WHEN - Early photo of the Central House in Farmington shows how little the building has changed since it was in its prime. The surly out front was the one which George "Bing" Crosby used to fetch customers from the depot to the hotel. In many cases they were salesmen headed for Alton and Wolfeboro.

New 4-H Club formed for Farmington youth

The Smile-A-While 4-H Club was recently formed in Farmington.

The Club consists of 12 girls. Leaders are Mrs. Carol Bickford and Mrs. Beverly Garnett. The officers are as follows: Sandra Lawrence, President, Deborah Bickford, Vice President, Secretary, Amy Fitch, Treasurer, Doris Nichols and Diane Bickford is Reporter.

The Club will meet each Monday from 3:00 to 4:30. The girls are now busy sewing. The beginners have made a needle holder and a pincushion. They are in the process of making slippers and learning how to run a sewing machine.

The intermediates are making a practice garment in preparation for the Strafford

County Annual Dress Revue to be held in the Strafford Room at the U.N.H. Campus.

Each Club's sewing group is judged at the meeting place at which time the three best outfits will be selected. The winners will go to the Federal Building for the final judging. The winners will be announced only at the County Dress Revue.

It's quite an experience for the girls to model their garments in front of an audience. There will be a Miss Junior Strafford County and a Miss Senior Strafford County and each will be awarded a trophy.

The Club is also undergoing a cooking program. The girls meet each Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 at Mrs. Beverly Garnett, Mrs. Garnett is the cooking leader.

The other half of the group meet at the home of Miss Sandra Lawrence, the Junior Cooking Leader. The cooking groups prepare menus, eat them and do the dishes and then evaluate their menus.

Starting the first of April the group will be learning crafts such as basket weaving, embroidery and ceramics.

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BEGINS 50TH YEAR - Photo shows present location of Farmington Building and Loan Association, which began business fifty years ago. Its board of directors used to meet in the old Town Hall before it burned in 1928.