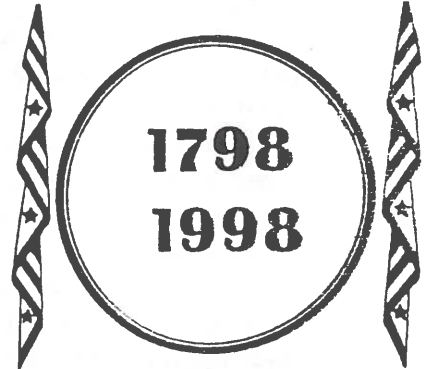


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## The Town Clock

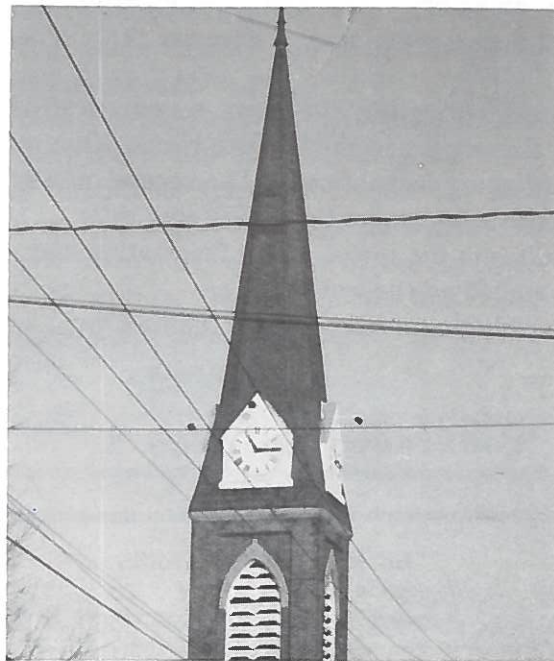


Photo by George Meyer

The Farmington News, 1882

The clock was manufactured and placed in position by E. Howard & CO, of Boston, whose productions are considered to stand foremost in this country.

The following dimensions, while some of them may not be exact, are sufficiently correct for the purpose: Height of clock frame- 6 feet; length of clock frame-5 feet; width-22 inches; Diameter of main wheel-16 inches; Length of striking line-140 feet; length of pendulum- 8 1/2 feet; weight of pendulum ball-75 lbs; and weight of striking hammer-60 lbs.

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The striking weight weighs 1200 pounds. The hands are moved by four horizontal shafts connected by bevel gearing to the main shaft, which extends perpendicularly to the clock below, a distance of some thirty five feet. "What is the matter with the clock?" is a question for which there has been an occasional reason for asking, more particularly of late. One cause during the winter is the lodgment of snow and ice on the dial and hands, but the chief trouble is, and always has been, from the moisture contained in the warm air which rises from the church below; this condenses and forms frost and ice on the walls of the tower, and in the shaft box; during warm days it melts and notwithstanding all the means taken to prevent it, will sometimes find its way to the hangings and gearings connected to the shaft; this afterward becoming again frozen, stops the clock.

An occasional stoppage from the above caused during the winter season is unavoidable. The only exception to this was that last autumn, some of the numerous sets of gearing connected with the shafting in the steeple, became bound in consequence of the springing of a timber. Being absent from town, the clock remained at a standstill.

It has also failed to strike a few times, by reason of the breaking of the wire rope which draws back the striking hammer.

There are three main areas to the tower. There is the clock itself, which is uppermost. Below it is the bellhousing and below that is the gear room, which houses the 4'X2' gear assembly. The bell housing contains the giant bell itself, approximately five feet across at its base. There are three separate clapper motions to the bell.

A clapper on the outside, driven by the gears, automatically hits the bell to chime the hours. The inside clapper is attached to two ropes. One moves only the clapper and arouses a series of short intonations. The second moves the whole bell, and continuous pulling on this rope causes the tolling sound.

It is not an easy climb into the tower, but a fascinating one. Names of those who made it to the top are etched on the walls.

In the mid 1940's Farmington almost lost it's Town Clock, when lightning struck the bell tower.

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August 6, 1943's Farmington News reported: Farmington and vicinity was the chief target for the bombardment in the midafternoon last Saturday, when almost from a clear sky, the lightening, accompanied by deafening thunder, flashed out and caused considerable damage over a wide area. Damage of major importance was inflicted on the Farmington Congregational Church when a bolt of lightning struck

the tip of the weathervane and ripped open the tall spire for a distance of over twenty feet downward, then crossed the space and crashed out through the rear side of the steeple. Fortunately, it passed out before reaching the clock, so that the timepiece was not disturbed. No fire resulted, but the damage is not yet estimated. However, the building was well covered by insurance.

August 20, 1943 Farmington News went on to say: Work is underway in the repair of the spire on the Congregational Church which was damaged to the amount of \$1350 by lightning which struck during a storm on the afternoon of August 1. Examination by contractors and adjusters disclosed that the bolt destroyed some of the supporting timbers for a distance of about sixty feet and had torn open the steeple to considerable extent. The full amount of the estimated cost of replacement was granted by the insurance and no time was lost in preparing to restore the spire.

The Hall Brothers of Berwick, experienced steeple workers, are the contractors in charge of the repairs, and the men working on their lofty rigging have fascinated all who had the opportunity to observe them.

Operations are progressing rapidly and soon this portion of the church will be restored to its former appearance.

The Farmington News, Sept. 3, 1943: Everyone within hearing distance of the Town Clock, welcomed the sound of its striking the hour on Wednesday evening after a silence since operations started to repair the steeple of the brick church which was damaged by lightning. The large dials of the clock were removed to the repair shop of Andrew Foss, chief engineer of the precinct, where they were newly painted black with gold letters. This completed the restoration work on the spire which has been in progress for several weeks.

NEXT MONTH ICE CREAM AND MOVIES

## ATTENTION WRESTLING FANS!

- The Farmington 500 Boys Club Presents -

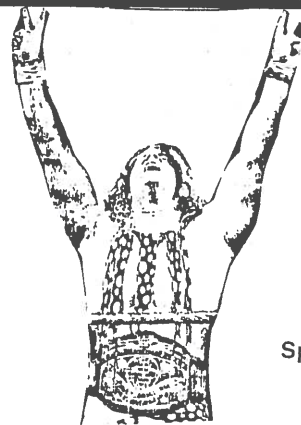
## WWA WRESTLING!!!

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## TOWN HALL TOPICS BY BARBARA SPEAR

Certainly the topics on most of our tongues is the success of Hay Day. The weather was great, the food delicious, the entertainment fine - especially the parent-child look alike. It was great that there was much more for kids. And what more can be added to what has been said over and over - the fireworks were spectacular!

On a more serious topic, I would like to focus on the Sarah Greenfield Business Park. All of us are anxious, particularly the two existing businesses, to put the finishing touches on the landscaping (more than touches, however). The finish will be grass, trees, shrubs and appropriate signage along Route 153. The tenants have been waiting for the town to put in the underground utilities, get the road built and paved and bring final closure to our obligations. The Reilly's especially, have been waiting to pave their lot and do their landscaping. Driving by the area it still looks like a gravel pit. This will change soon.

To let you understand some of the town's issues, you must realize that the most economical approach is for our departments to do the work. At the same time, short term and long term projects (road construction, reconstruction, ditching, etc.) have to be done. A lot of work is jammed into the summer months. Please be patient. If you want further information, call or drop by the office.

A great deal of road work has been done this year, including extensive ditching. Dale Sprague, Director of Public Works, has and will continue to look for new and improved ways to do some of the tasks facing him.

The Spring Street bridge being built is now under way with a completion in November.

## A TRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL FRIEND by Mary Barron (with permission from Rochester Times)

Recently, Sgt. Walter Brown (Brownie to those who knew him) passed away. Farmington has lost a good friend and dedicated law enforcement officer. A looming presence with a huge heart, Brownie was always there when called to duty and did his best in every circumstance. Many of my generation remember him fondly at Riverside Manor and high school events where he was as involved as any spectator in the crowd.

You always knew where you stood with Brownie. If you were a youngster starting to stray from the straight and narrow, he seemed to be everywhere. He tried his best to keep the youngsters on the right track and mourned those who "got away." If you were a once in a while offender, Brownie worked hard to make sure you knew that the action would have a consequence.

I have many fond memories of Brownie from both my growing up days and from my days working with him at the Farmington Police Department. He took his job very seriously and did his best every day. I would also like to pay tribute to his family who often had to spend a holiday or weekend without their dad because he was on duty. They shared him with everyone and I know that they spent many holidays, birthdays, events, etc. without Brownie because he had taken an extra shift. Thank you to the Brown family for their understanding.

We shall miss you, Brownie, you always cared for our little town and everyone in it.

### SMOKING CESSATION CLASS TO BE OFFERED AT FRISBIE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Frisbie Memorial Hospital will offer the American Lung Association's "Freedom from Smoking" class to be held from 7:00 to 8:30pm beginning Sept. 23 and 30, October 7, 9, 14 and 21 and will conclude on November 4.

The program focuses on the positives of smoking cessation rather than scare tactics and disease discussions. Group interaction and support, activities and assignments which show smokers how to change their behavior, and cessation maintenance strategies are integral components to the program's success.

Class size is limited, reservations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. The cost is \$75 and covered by some insurances. Pre-payment is required to: Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Attn: Respiratory Care Dept., 11 Whitehall Road, Rochester, NH 03867

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## Farmington Hay Day Thank You

The Farmington Recreation Department would like to thank everyone involved in making the 1995 Hay Day a great success! It was the goal of the Recreation Staff & Commission to make sure we had a good mix of entertainment and events for all ages and I believe we surpassed our goal! Hay Day is coordinated by the Recreation Department but it truly is a town event as we had assistance from so many dedicated Departments, organizations and individuals.

The Recreation Department would like to thank the Farmington Police Department, Department of Public Works, Fire Department and the Farmington Fire Rescue, EMS for all your support and assistance that made this and every Hay Day a success. People probably don't realize the months of planning and preparation that go into planning for Hay Day- without the cooperation of these department Hay Day would not be possible.

Special thanks to the members of the Recreation Commission- Jean Davenhall, Donald & Sylvia Howard, Mark McGowan, Betty Mros, Tad Thomas, Audrey & Tiger Vachon and Kevin Willey for the time and efforts they dedicated to Hay Day and all of the other programs coordinated by the Recreation Department. This is a dedicated group of individuals who certainly deserve much thanks!

Thank you to the many business that made donations to the Recreation Department for Hay Day- Coastal Materials Corp., Donald Howard General Contractor, Farmington National Bank, Granite Title Service, Langis Electric, Liberty Insurance, Samco Inc., Vinnies pizza, Holy Rosary Credit Union, Bob's Garage, Cameron's Son Farm, Farmington Laundromat/ What's the Scoop, Village Carwash & Laundromat, Castleberry Fair, DeJulio Electric, Peaslee Funeral Home and Ridgewood Printing Co. Thank you for you kind contributions.

I would also like to thank the members of the Bicentennial Committee for co-sponsoring the Hay Day fireworks this year. It certainly was a great show to celebrate Farmington's 200th birthday. Thanks to the following businesses that contributed to the Bicentennial Committee for the fireworks- Goodwin Library, Historical Society, Liberty Insurance, People of Farmington, Union Telephone, Unex, World Path Internet Services, Village Carwash & Laundromat and Yates Electric. Thank you to the Farmington Business Association for once again sponsoring the E-Z Band as the evening entertainment on Hay Day. Thank you also to the Farmington National Bank for co-sponsoring the "Get Back" music of the Beatles band.

Special thanks also go out to several individuals who donated their time on Hay Day including- Jo & Rich Kenney, Barbara Spear, Joan Funk, Dave & Heidi McGuigan, Rocky Pageau, Mary Barron, Mike Peterson, Bill Vachon, Denny Scruton, Mr. Littlefield and everyone else who assisted the Recreation Department with Hay Day. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank my Staff at the Recreation Department- Steve Mosher, Kellie Chase, Kevin Mosher & Building & Park Supervisor Francis Marcoux for helping make this a great Hay Day! Thanks to everyone and we will see you next Hay Day!

Kerry Mucher, Director of Recreation- Farmington NH

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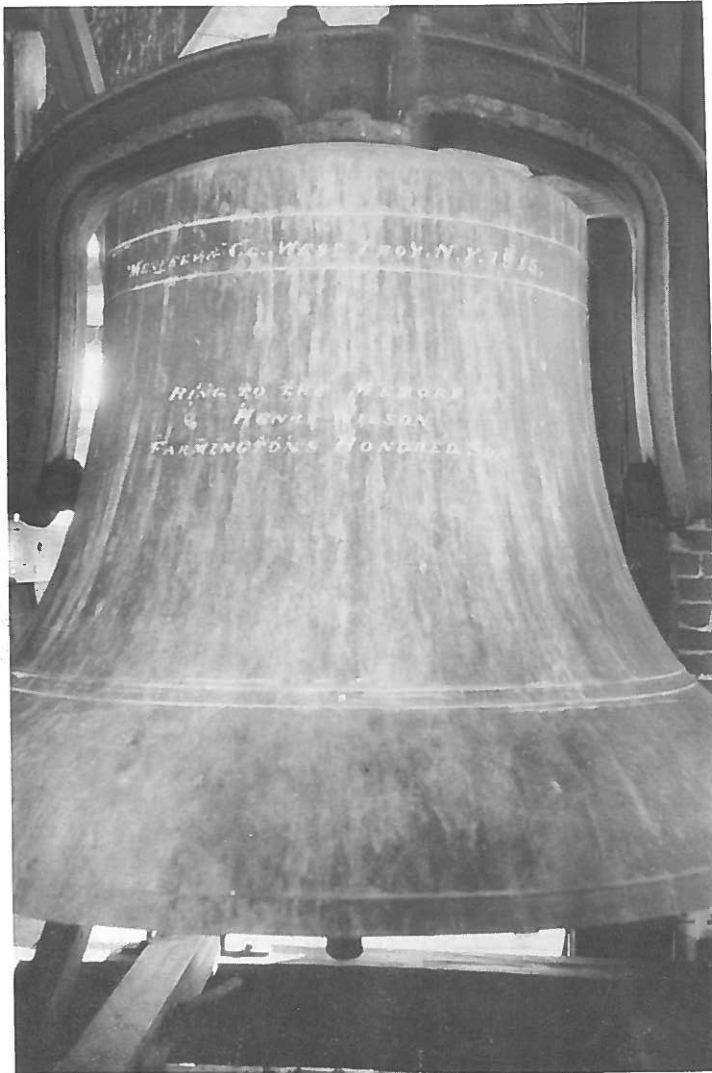
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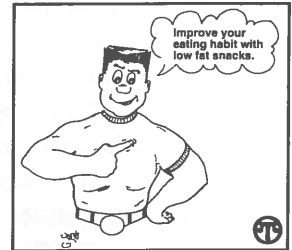
## newsworthy trends

### Americans and Fat: Survey's Surprising Findings

When it comes to healthy eating, Americans know they have to watch their diets but aren't sure what's best for them to eat, according to a new national survey sponsored by Pepperidge Farm. For instance, while 88 percent agreed that a low fat diet is important, a vast majority (67 percent) feel any fat in the diet is unhealthy.

That simply isn't true. Rather than eliminating fat, what is important is reducing the fat in our diets, experts agree. In fact, leading health organizations, such as the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), recommend the daily diet contain 30 percent or less of calories from fat.

In response to the consumer need for low fat foods, Pepperidge Farm has spent the past two years researching low fat alternatives in the cookie category. The new line, called Wholesome Choice, is now available nationwide. The Wholesome Choice line of six delicious cookies—Raspberry Tart, Carrot Walnut, Oatmeal Raisin, Cranberry Honey, Date Walnut and Apple Oatmeal Tart—is low in fat, cholesterol free and contains no tropical oils. The cookies are also low in sodium and contain no arti-



**Most Americans surveyed—67 percent—feel any fat in the diet is unhealthy. Experts say otherwise.**

ficial flavors, colors or preservatives, and they comply with the current NHLBI dietary recommendations. The packaging clearly displays all nutritional information.

With regard to snacking, two in five Americans (39 percent) surveyed feel that snacks have to be eliminated in order to have a healthy lifestyle. In fact, say experts, we are all entitled to snacks in our daily diets, as long as they are consumed in moderation and are within the recommended nutritional guidelines set by the national health organizations. Wholesome Choice provides cookie lovers who are concerned about fat and cholesterol intake with a great tasting, low fat cookie alternative. You'll find these cookies at local stores.



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Monday, September 14, 1998 7-9 PM

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Learn about the healing arts of Reiki and Polarity from Reiki Master Diane Lirette. Watch a demonstration, followed by a question and answer period.

HERBAL TEA BLENDING

Monday, September 21, 1998 7-9 PM

\$15.00

Learn the basic techniques of preparing herbal teas for medicinal and fun purposes. There will be taste testing, hands-on participation, recipes, questions and answers. Your teacher will be Julia Passamonti, Medicine Woman.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO USING HERBS IN THE KITCHEN

Thursday, September 24, 1998 7-9 PM

\$15.00

Learn about helpful tools for preparing herbs, basic guidelines and "rules of thumb". Making and using herbal butter, blends, ethnic blends, vinegar, salad dressings, marinades and other possibilities. There will be taste testing and samples to bring home. Your teacher will be Elizabeth Pilley of Redeeming the Thyme in Somersworth.

HERBS FOR WINTER HEALTH

Sunday, October 4, 1998 10 AM - 4:30 PM

\$40.00

With the winter months coming, colds, sniffles, coughs are sure to follow. Learn how to prepare your own herbal remedies to boost your immune system and help yourself and your family through the winter months. Learn to prepare your own teas, tinctures, cough syrup, salves and more. This is a hands-on class. Come join the fun. Please bring a notebook, pen, small containers and a bag lunch to class. Your teacher for this class is Becky Calef, Herbalist, of Isinglass Herbs in Barrington.

STRESS RELIEF MEDITATION CLASS

This is a series of five classes given as follows:

\$55.00

Monday, October 5, 1998 7-9 PM Meditation to relax and relieve physical stress.



Monday, October 12, 1998 7-9 PM *Meditation to relieve mental stress, aid problem solving*

Monday, October 19, 1998 7-9 PM *Meditation for positive programming (self confidence, self esteem) and goal setting.*

Monday, October 26, 1998 7-9 PM *Meditation for subtle energy awareness of the body.*

Monday, November 2, 1998 7-9PM *Meditation for healing the body with visualization.*

*With the holidays coming, this program is a must to help you relieve the stress and enjoy the spirit of the season. There will be a guided meditation in each class. Your teacher is Julia Passamonti, Medicine Woman.*

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### **MAKING HERBAL SALVE**

Thursday, October 8, 1998 7-9 PM

\$15.00

*Herbal salve is an ointment that can be used on minor cuts and scrapes, on diaper rash, sore cuticles, and in many other ways. A simple salve can be made at home, using herbs you can raise in your garden or gather in a field. In this workshop, we'll learn what herbs to use and why, and we'll walk through the salve-making process. Every participant will take home a sample of the salve we make. Your teacher will be Elizabeth Pilley of Redeeming the Thyme in Somersworth.*

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### **BATH THYME**

Thursday, November 12, 1998 7-9 PM

\$15.00

*Herbs can be used to create some truly luxurious bath products. We'll discuss herbs to use, then we'll create some wonderful products for the bath. These make great gifts, (Christmas is coming) but you may want to keep them for yourself. Your teacher for this class will be Elizabeth Pilley of Redeeming the Thyme in Somersworth.*

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

*Each class will be held at Featherfew Herb Shoppe, 9 North Main Street, Farmington, New Hampshire. Class size is limited so please call Patience at 755-2177 and register early. Payments for all classes should be made in advance to Featherfew Herb Shoppe. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call. Each class promises to be informative and lots of fun.*

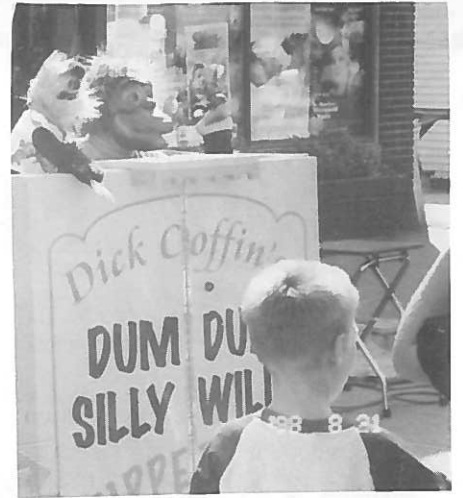
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*Just a quick note to thank all the wonderful people who have made my first few months as a business owner in Farmington a wonderful and happy experience. This is a great town, full of some very special people, and I love it here. THANK YOU!!!!*





Scott Roberge buys first raffle ticket from Zeke at the Bicentennial Booth





# FFD BOX 44



by Deputy Fire Chief Joel Plante

## From the old record books!

Ahh, where were we when we last met? Somewhere in 1929 as I recall. At the annual meeting of the Association in 1929 they elected Ralph. H. Burnham as clerk. Mr. Burnham kept meticulous records I'm sure, but his accounts of fires are very brief. It does appear that the Association made a big deal of the collection of fines. The amount of a single fine must have been quite small since the largest recorded amount collected at a typical meeting is generally less than \$5.

August 28, 1929 - An alarm for fire was sounded today from Box 51 about 11:30 PM which proved to be a fire at the Giles & Langly Mill. Soon extinguished, returned to house.

November 6, 1929 - An alarm for fire was sounded this morning about 5:45 AM which proved to be a chimney fire in the Block on Main Street owned by Wm. Vickers. Soon extinguished, returned to house.

November 24, 1929 - An alarm for fire was sounded today about 7:00 PM from Box 41 which proved to be a chimney fire at the house occupied by Fannie Whitehouse. Soon extinguished, returned to house.

At the regular meeting of the Association held on December 2, 1929 it was voted to let the band use the club room for the winter.

The first fatal fire we can find happened on May 1, 1930. The alarm was sounded at 11:30 PM from Box 45 which proved to be a fire on Water Street at Clarence Clark's house which was totally destroyed and Mr. Clark was burned to death.

May 18, 1930 An alarm for fire was sounded tonight about 2:00 AM from Box 23 which proved to be a fire at the Clyde Edgerly's house. Extinguished in about 2 hours. Returned to house.

The Association responded to 2 automobile fires during July, 1930. These appear to be the first record of any automobile type fires in the books.

September 2, 1930 - Parts of the company responded tonight about 10:30 to a call for fire at Jack Cardinal's which completely destroyed his buildings.

The Association responded to numerous chimney fires between October 1930 and March 1931.

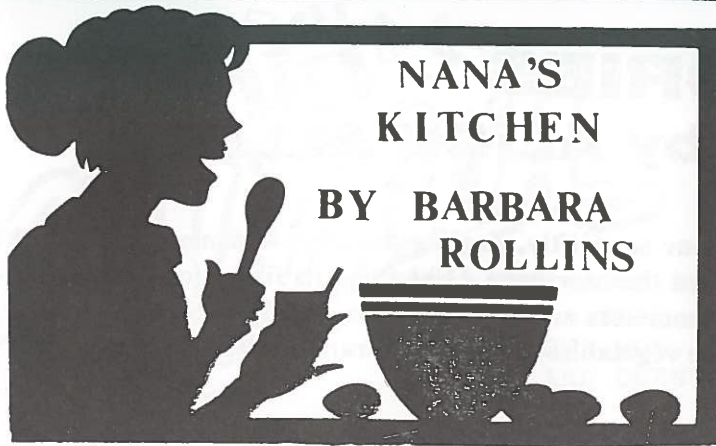
May 17, 1931 - An alarm for fire was sounded today about 2:15 PM from box 42 which proved to be a fire at Jack Boyd's block on the square. Extinguished in about 2 hours, returned to house.

The Boyd Block was the subject of another fire on March 2, 1932.

December 22, 1932 - An alarm for fire was sounded today about 12:45 PM from Box 45 which proved to be a chimney fire at the house occupied by Chester Moulton on Green Street. Soon extinguished, returned to house.

June 4, 1934 - at a regular meeting it was noted that the company inspected fireman's coats for possible purchase.

August 6, 1934 - At a regular meeting the Association agreed to pay an insurance premium of \$3.60 to insure various fixtures.



## NANA'S KITCHEN

BY BARBARA ROLLINS

### WILD BLUEBERRY CRISP

#### FILLING

5 cups (750 g) Wild Blueberries  
 1/4 cup (50 g) sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
 1 cup (2 medium) diced peeled apples

#### CRISP

1/2 cup (100 g) light brown sugar  
 2 teaspoons cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon nutmeg  
 1/2 cup (65 g) white flour  
 1/2 cup (65 g) chopped pecans  
 1/2 cup (50 g) rolled oats  
 1/4 pound (115 g) butter



Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

**Filling:** In a small bowl, combine the Wild Blueberries, sugar, lemon rind, and apples. Mix well and place in a well-buttered 8 x 8 x 2-inch (20 x 20 x 5-cm) pan.

**Crisp:** In a medium bowl combine brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, flour, pecans, oats, and rub in the butter with your fingers until it resembles coarse crumbs. Spread evenly over the Wild Blueberry mixture. Bake 45 minutes or until the crust is brown.

Serves 6.

### WILD BLUEBERRY SAUCE

2 cups (300 g) Wild Blueberries  
 1/2 cup (60 ml) water  
 1/4 cup (50 g) sugar  
 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
 2 teaspoons cornstarch

In a small sauce pan combine one cup Wild Blueberries, 1/4 cup water, sugar and lemon juice. Stir and bring to a boil. Turn down heat, simmer 7 to 10 minutes. Mix the cornstarch into 1/4 cup water until dissolved and add to the Wild Blueberry mixture; stir until it thickens then add the remaining cup of Wild Blueberries. Cook 3 minutes on low heat.

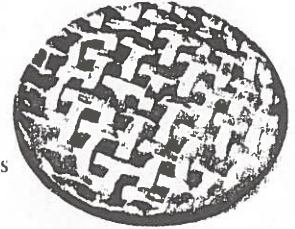
Makes about 1 cup (four servings).



### WILD BLUEBERRY PIE

Basic pastry dough for 9-inch (22.5-cm) two-crust pie

1 tablespoon white flour  
 2 tablespoons cornstarch  
 1/2 cup (100 g) sugar  
 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/8 teaspoon salt  
 5 cups (750 g) Wild Blueberries  
 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind



Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).

Line pie pan with half the pastry dough. Save the remaining dough to make a lattice top. In a medium bowl combine flour, cornstarch, sugar, cinnamon, and salt; mix well. Add Wild Blueberries and lemon rind; stir. Pour mixture in pie shell. Top with lattice and crimp the edges. Bake 10 minutes, then lower heat to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C) and bake for 30 to 40 minutes until top is browned. Let cool before cutting.

Serves 6.

### WILD BLUEBERRY NUT BREAD

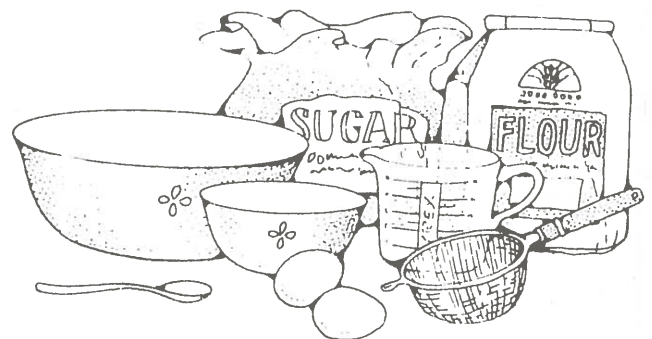


3 cups (400 g) white flour  
 1 tablespoon baking powder  
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
 1 cup (200 g) sugar  
 1 cup (130 g) chopped pecans  
 3 large eggs  
 1 cup (250 ml) milk  
 1/2 cup (120 ml) melted butter, cooled  
 1 1/2 cups (230 g) Wild Blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C)

In a large bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, sugar and nuts. Stir thoroughly. In another bowl beat eggs, milk and melted butter until well blended. Pour the egg/milk mixture over the dry ingredients; stir until thoroughly moistened. Do not beat. Gently fold in Wild Blueberries. Pour batter into a well-buttered 9 x 5 x 3-inch (22.5 x 12.5 x 7.5cm) loaf pan and set aside for 10 minutes. Bake for 1 hour or until loaf tests done. Cool bread upright in pan 20 minutes, then turn out. Cool completely before cutting.

Makes 1 loaf.







# MEMORIES

## by ALICE ALLEN

Summer is almost gone so swiftly, sizzling hot days and nights. Only this morning, a news flash stated that northern Alaska had its first snow fall. In New Hampshire our daily thermometers are hovering between 85-95 degrees.

At least the heat made the vegetables grow, but no rain has left the leaves a trifle brown.

In the mountains there has been too much rain. In one community, one resident complained that tho' the vegetables were plentiful, they couldn't be tilled as it was too wet.

The farmers all say that heavy summer rains keep their wells full and the cattle have plenty of water in the winter months.

I can remember from my days on my great-grandfather's farm how he handled lack of water. He hitched old Tom to the big dumpcart, put two barrels of water in with pails and watered the garden. Hard work? Yes, but it paid off. If you're going to grow food, it takes work.

Now 65 or 70 years later, modern irrigation methods lighten the labor.

To me there is nothing so satisfying as picking food from your own garden. I know, I've just picked a pepper, some cucumbers and green tomatoes to be fried. We've had them for supper last night also, and they were delicious, the green tomatoes!!



John and Jill Barrows of England visited Farmington, NH on their way to Farmington, Conn. Coincidentally they had just left Farmington, Maine. Selectmen welcomed them with gifts such as the bicentennial key ring, coffee mug and town afghan.

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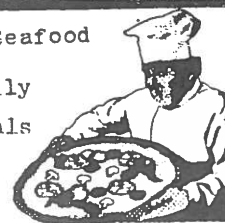
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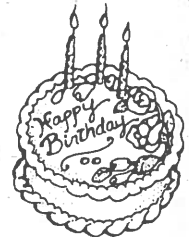


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# THE POET'S PAGE

What are you reading now?

- for Shirley

by Robert Murphy

On the way  
learning Aphrodite of Love  
siding with Ares of War  
and your logical response -

Isn't that the way of love? -

Maybe if one be for gratification  
in peculiar systems of personal barter  
that emptied mirror  
way Grandpa spread his web,

Adam and Even covering  
serpentine  
day in day out  
becoming  
Grandma and serpent  
or perhaps nothing at all?

Or Herodotus fashioning silk  
from Homeric myth  
in a familiar pattern  
so those huddling around flames  
have something to heat  
with one another,

I am reminded of TS Eliot  
distracted  
from distraction  
through distraction  
humankind cannot bear very much reality -

O lets stretch forth our hands for warmth...

paying scant attention to making a living  
especially when the point  
pure and bright  
roaming spirited mountains  
swim selving rivers  
seeing deep as sun  
and moon dearly numinous  
void  
refusing covering up  
walking Fourth and Walnut with Louie -

directly seeing the root source  
and joy unobscured  
living vision  
sparkling thru emerald rainbows!

## GOOD-BYE TO LOVE

by Mary May

I do not know how to say good-bye to  
such a wished for friend,  
I cannot stop my lovely heart for loving  
all these years-

A bitter wind is with us now, I know not  
how to breathe,

This magic day near St. John's night I  
give my love release-

No one to love me, Mummy sick,  
transformed and all alone,

The sunlight pains my eyes, flowing river  
take my dreams-

That someone else will not know how gay  
one day in May for me,

So long ago tender, young when our  
passions grew, at least I knew-

Good-bye my love, God hold you dear  
and keep you all your days-

Now I am dead but walking still, my heart  
no longer braves-

Good-bye my love, hello my fears, Good-  
bye to magic's way--

## Autumn Colors

The beauty I saw yesterday  
is etched within my heart to stay.  
Autumn colors blazing bright  
to fill me up with pure delight.

Red and yellow, bronze and green  
golden shades that lie between.

Gods mighty artwork so displayed  
my mind began to come unfrayed.

I drank it in, my heart filled up  
as if it were an empty cup.

Stirring grandeur mountains high  
my spirit swelled to reach the sky.

I let my soul sing loud and clear  
majestic mountains, God so near.

Shining forth from every leaf  
to take away my cares and grief.

As if a child my soul was light  
with autumn colors blazing bright.

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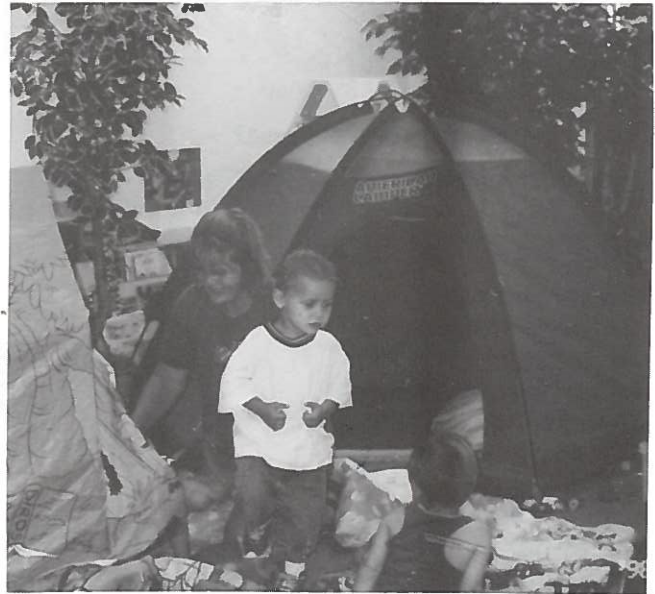
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# Farmington Child Care Center



Children at the FCCC recently spent a week camping and didn't even have to leave the building. The children had fun learning about the outdoors and camping. See pictured is their "campfire" however, the S'mores they made and enjoyed eating were real.

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August 24, 1998 (FHTNC)--Navy Capt., Donald R. Thurston, a 1966 graduate of Farmington High School of Farmington, N.H., recently completed a multinational exercise in the Mediterranean and Baltic Sea aboard the hospital ship USNS Comfort, home ported in Baltimore. He joined the Navy in February 1967. Thurston is a 1996 graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, Maine with a PHD degree.

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## ARE YOU OWNED BY A FERRET?

With Summer fast coming to a close, there are so many stories I could write about to make you sad, most of all about the ferrets that were rescued here in Farmington a few months ago. Several of those ferrets have had surgery, some are slowly improving and four have crossed Rainbow Bridge where they will be Oh so happy from now on.

But, I think we should think of better times like what it is like at our house on a typical Sat. morning! The first ones out are Missitoo and Burglar. They get a piece of peeled raw potato, I hurry to make the coffee before they get back for ferret treats. Hurry while they are eating these and make the breakfast, didn't make it in time, watch out, don't step on Burglar while he runs between your feet and Missitoo is climbing up your leg to see what you are doing that is so interesting on the counter. Watch out when ya open the fridge, Missitoo climbs in to get what ever your hiding in there. Burglar jumps from the chair and lands on the washing machine. Look out Missitoo almost gets hit with the can of raisins he pushes off the dryer so they can share. Ok, let me down now and share those tasty things. He can get up but can't get down. After a few minutes they lose interest and go play in the livingroom. Got to eat fast before they get back. Ok, after cleaning up the kitchen and dodging little feet and tales, Missitoo and Burglar go back to their house so Sabastian can get out to play. He is the foster child and is somewhat laid back because of his age and illness. He is only good for about 20 mins and then back for a nap.

OK, now the fun really starts with five fur butts out at once. Open the door to their cage and look out, they all come a runnin down the ramps and down the steps, pushing and knocking each other out of the way. Poor Blossom, the tiniest one and smartest, just sits back and waits for the rush to be over and comes out nice and easy. Where are the treats, the raisins, the fruit nips, the bannan-raisin treats, where are they hurry-up! I should have put them out on the floor first, opened the door and run for my life! Everyone sits up in a circle and begs. Now, Flower likes the yellow ones, Nala like the bannana ones, Snowball and Taz just lay in the middle of them and eat most anything. But, no one likes the green ones. I wonder why, someday I will get up enough nerve to taste one and see what is so bad about the green ones.

Ok, time to try and clean up the house. How can I go wrong with all this help? First the tub, take Taz and Snowball out, put water and cleaner in, take down Snowball, scrub tub, take down Nala, scrub tub, finally, rinse. With the shower on everyone likes to get in the tub and have play time. Put dirty towels on the floor, everyone gets to dig and crawl into them to dry off before they run for the vacuum cleaner. Blossom likes to ride on it while you are pushing it around. Taz grabs the dust mop while you are trying to clean, bring that back, he gets away with it flying down the hall! There goes Flower with the dust rag you laid on the chair. Never lay anything down that you don't want them to take.

Finally they start disappearing one at a time. Now, I wonder where they have all gone. Lets look under the sofa. Lordy, there is a huge pile of fur under there, a pile of five and tucked out. Noon and the house is sorta of cleaned!!! Not sure just how clean but we sure had a lot of fun.

### SAVE THE GREYHOUND DOGS!

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The Historical Society's Annual Holiday Fair will be held Saturday, October 24th, from 10:30 am to 2:30pm at the Congregational Church Vestry.

The kitchen will be open and serving the ever-popular homemade chowder, sandwiches and apple crisp.

On sale in the vestry, the usual crafts, Christmas gifts and baked goods. This year's raffle offers some great prizes: **First Prize-Tickets for 4 to "Champions on Ice" at the Whittemore Center, UNH, Second Prize- A Sure-Shot Camera and case, Third Prize-a ceramic lamp.**

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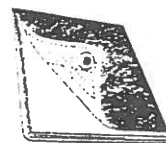
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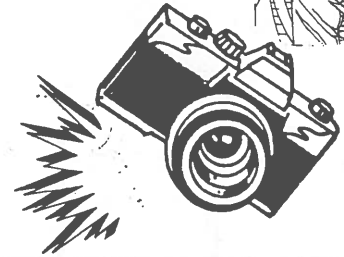
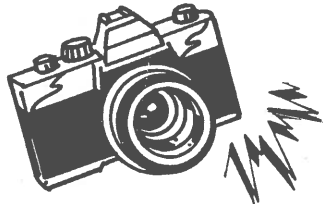
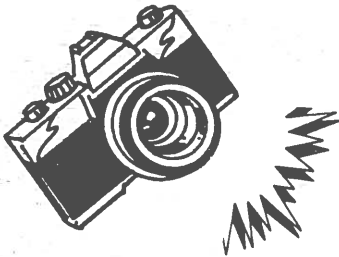
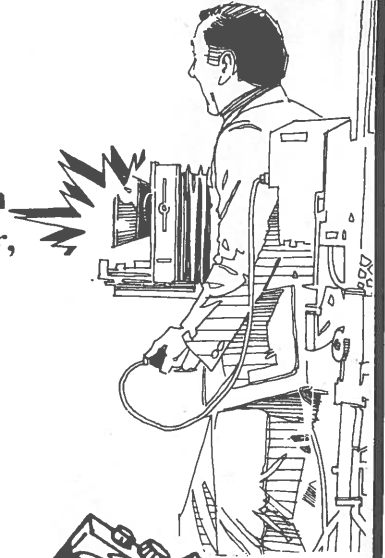
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On September 20, at 12:00 Noon, (rain date Sept. 27) join the Bicentennial Committee for a Town Picture to be taken in the square. Barry Carr will take the first official Town Picture since the dedication of the Library, on May 17, 1929. Come to town early to sign the register, so your name as well as your face will go down in history!

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1st Place Kids Sheaf Toss      Matt Gerry  
 2nd Place Kids Sheaf Toss      no winner

1st Place Women's Sheaf Toss      Louise Miller  
 2nd Place Women's Sheaf Toss      Amy Turner  
 3rd Place Women's Sheaf Toss      Heidi McGuigan

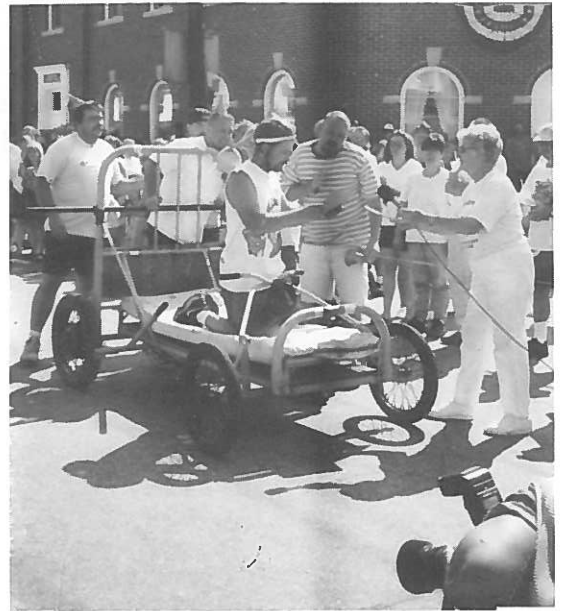
1st Place Men's Sheaf Toss              Dave McGuigan  
 2nd Place Men's Sheaf Toss              Dale Price  
 3rd Place Men's Sheaf Toss              TJ Place

1st Place Parent/Child Look-a-Like      Danielle & Darlene Cameron  
 2nd Place Parent/Child Look-a-Like      Kim & Meleigha Jenness  
 3rd Place Parent/Child Look-a-Like      Ken & Adam Brooks

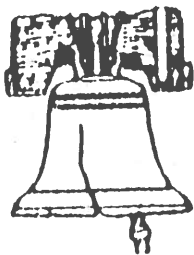
1st Place Bed Race      Farmington National Bank 2:33  
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