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IN MEMORIAM
FRANK L. BEAN

Much sympathy is expressed locally concerning the death of Frank L. Bean, aged 81, which occurred at his home on Mt. Pleasant street last Thursday morning, January 21. The end climaxed more than four years of illness, during which time he was confined mostly to his home.

He was born in Concord, Me., October 9, 1872, the son of Amos J. and Angie M. (Grant) Bean. Much of his early life was spent in Solon, Me., a village not far from his birthplace, and for several years he lived in Milton, where he attended Nute high school. He was a resident of this community for more than fifty years and much of that time he was identified as a watch and clock repairer, for over twenty years he conducted the Frank L. Bean Jewelry store in Farmington. He retired from active business a number of years ago.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Agnes G. Bean, three daughters, Miss Agnes E., Miss Eloise and Miss Pauline E., all of Farmington, a son, John A. Bean of Alton, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 23, at 2 p. m. at the Norman L. Otis funeral parlor, with Rev. Tom Hawxwell officiating. Remains were taken to Farmington cemetery for interment.

MARCH OF DIMES
BENEFIT BASKETBALL NIGHT
NETS CLOSE TO \$100
BOY SCOUTS COLLECT \$75

Farmington's March of Dimes campaign was swelled by more than \$175 last week-end as the result of two scheduled programs, generously supported by local residents.

The benefit basketball games held last Friday night at Farmington town hall attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd of sports fans, who witnessed the debut of Farmington's Little League basketball stars. Those people who attended the game are still talking about the real "big league" performance by those youngsters, none of whom are over 12 years of age. The Little Leaguers conducted themselves like real veterans and their wonderful showing is a real credit to the two coaches, Alfred "Bud" Therrien and David Roberts, who have devoted many hours this winter in the development of these boys into basketball players.

To round out a very enjoyable evening, a preliminary game was staged between local army and navy veterans and a wind-up feature game was played between the Rochester city League All Stars and the General Electric League All Stars from Somersworth. This game was won by the latter team, however, both squads displayed a fine brand of basketball.

Those people who patronized this event will be pleased to learn that they contributed approximately \$100 for the March of Dimes.

The second event of the week-end was a house-to-house canvass by members of Boy Scout Troop 179, which began Friday evening and continued throughout the day Saturday. The Scouts did a splendid job in this drive, collecting about \$75, and they certainly earned the respect of all Farmington people for performing such a worthwhile task in extreme cold weather.

MARSHALL BROUGH INJURED
IN SAWING MACHINE
ACCIDENT

Marshall K. Brough, an employee of the Farmington Motor Car company and a school bus driver, suffered the loss of two fingers of his right hand as the result of an accident while sawing wood last Sunday. Mr. Brough only recently purchased the machine and was sawing wood on Mechanic street when the accident occurred. He was immediately taken to the Frisbie hospital in Rochester for treatment, and was expected to remain for several days. A third finger was badly injured, but hope was expressed that he would not lose that member.

IN MEMORIAM
CAMILLE L. NADEAU

Camille L. Nadeau passed away on Monday, January 26, following a period of failing health, which confined him to his home on North Main street for several weeks. The deceased was 75 years of age and was born in Isle Verte, Can., the son of Charles and Philomena (Dumais) Nadeau. At the age of 15, he came to Holyoke, Mass., to live and later in life, operated a large farm in Ludlow, Mass., and was also in business in Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Nadeau was united in marriage to the former Adelaide Talbot and to them two daughters were born, Anne Louise and Mary Camille Nadeau.

Six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Nadeau came to Farmington to make their home and for two years operated a store at their residence at the corner of Spring and Union streets. Due to ill health, they sold this property and moved to North Main street.

Survivors are his wife and two daughters of this town, two brothers, Charles Nadeau of Woonsocket, R. I., and Leon Nadeau of Chicopee Falls, Mass., three sisters, Mrs. Marie Collin of Farmington, Can., Mrs. Alice Robillard and Miss Anne Nadeau of Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning in Springfield, Mass., with requiem high mass in the Catholic church in that city. Interment will be in Springfield.

MEETING SATURDAY, JAN 30
TO MAKE PLANS FOR
OLD HOME WEEK

Everyone who is interested in assuring a good program of celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Farmington's first Old Home week, is reminded of a special meeting which will be held in the historical room at the Goodwin library at 7:30 this Saturday evening, January 30.

The Farmington-New Durham Historical Society, Inc., has given the project a good start and is hoping that all organizations, industrial groups, schools, churches, private citizens and former residents will take a personal interest in developing the plans. It is urged that many will be present to make suggestions or signify their willingness to have a part in making the program for next August an event that will go down in history as the first Old Home week did.

OLD TIME FARMINGTON
By Ned L. Parker

The first issue of the Farmington News came off the press in March, 1879. Shortly thereafter the first of a series of articles on "Old Time Farmington" appeared in its columns. These articles were published at frequent intervals and proved exceedingly interesting, adding materially to the paper's subscription list. The author evidently a lady accustomed to writing, signed each installment "Old Resident" and any amount of research has failed to reveal her identity.

These papers say that our first physician was a doctor Libby whose one-story unpainted home and office was located on the site of the Martin Luther Hayes house. Now residence of Dr. Quinn and family Dr. Libby volunteered for service in the 1812 war and was succeeded in 1813 by Dr. Joseph Hammond, who came here from Cornish, Me. The writer solicited that a country doctor in early times lived a dog's life going first here and there then riding horseback over our wretched country roads to visit patients living under the shadow of Blue Job mountain or perchance traveling to Middleton, Milton or New Durham on the same errand of mercy—to relieve the sick Dr. Hammond in 1829 was elected to the National house of representatives from this Congressional district.

When Mr. Hayes purchased the Hammond house and plot of land, this small house was moved across Central street, then known as the Ridge road, to a spot now occupied by the Central House.

In the early 1860's Mr. and Mrs. William Welch came here from Tamworth, purchased the property and opened a boarding house and a livery stable. As the business prospered and more rooms were required, the building was enlarged and named Central Cottage.

As the town's industries continued to grow and the need for greater expansion was apparent, this building was moved to its present site just to the west of the hotel and the Central House with modern improvements was erected.

The M. L. Hayes house was built sometime before 1870.

Meanwhile Dr. Hammond now a congressman, must have a residence befitting his station in life, so he purchased from the John Ham estate a plot of land

on North Main street and erected the fine stand of buildings known to the older generation as the village doctor over a period of years. Like his predecessor he traveled the countryside attending patients in rural sections and in adjacent towns. Many anecdotes are related of the good doctor and one is told concerning his attendance at the Baptist church, where he worshipped whenever the duties of his profession would allow.

It seems that on a particular Sunday morning the pastor's sermon did not strike a responsive cord in the doctor and he vowed never to hear the pastor again. Through the following week the pastors of the two churches decided to exchange pulpits. Along came the Sabbath day and the good doctor donned his frock coat and tall hat and solemnly wended his way to the Congregational church on Main street, where with all the dignity befitting a man of his profession he marched up to a foremost pew. Looking up he beheld his hated minister seated in the pulpit. Summoning all the stateliness he possessed, the good M. D. marched down the aisle and home presumably to find religious consolation within his family Bible.

Dr. Parker's life was saddened by the loss of his only son when a young man. This son had married Miss Adelaide Cilley daughter of Rev. D. P. Cilley. In later years his widow married Judge John Waldron. For years Mrs. Waldron's "Here and There" column in the News was read extensively and was appreciated for its wide range of subjects.

Dr. Parker's brother John practiced here in the nineties, as did Dr. John's son, John C. Parker. They were natives of Lebanon, Maine.

It is a singular coincidence that two of the fine and stately old mansions in our village should after several ownerships become the homes of the families of a father and a son. W. H. Davenport and son Thomas.

One of the early settlers along the Ridge road was James Roberts who owned a large estate now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer. The Ridge road started at our village square and continued up through the hilly country to the summit of New Durham Ridge. Today we call this highway Central street until we arrive at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Miller. From this point it is called the Ridge road.

On the farm of Mr. Roberts were two fine clay banks. Around these banks Mr. Roberts constructed brick yards with two sons as assistants. This energetic Quaker soon was making brick the sale of which brought him considerable revenue. As was the custom, Mr. Roberts gave to his sons portions of his land for homes. Moses, the older son settled near his father while Jesse made enough bricks to build a home and it was he in 1833 who erected the finely appointed home of Mr. and Mrs. William Davenport located at the junction of Central street and the new highway. This house and the original part of our National bank building were constructed of brick made at the Roberts yard. In more recent years the Mad River yard was operated by the late Charles Berry and by others.

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The next regular meeting of the society will be held in the historical room of the Goodwin library on Friday evening February 5, at 7:30. A most interesting program is planned and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance to help to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

GALA MINSTREL SHOW
FEBRUARY 5 AND 6
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

A real old-time minstrel show is on tap for Friday and Saturday nights, February 5 and 6, at Farmington town hall. The show is under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kennel club and is expected to attract a capacity crowd on both dates. Three rehearsals a week are being conducted for the large cast that will include a lively chorus of 20 male voices, six endmen interlocutor 15 specialty acts, and a four-piece orchestra and everything is shaping up into a real good time so don't miss it.—Ady

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