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## LOCAL LINES

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Edward Pouliot, Chairman of the Farmington Fish and Game Trout FISHING CONTEST, has announced that cards are available for the June contest at the Sportsman's Grille at the Club Pond in New Durham. The monthly award goes to the card-holder catching the heaviest trout at the club's pond.

A new FLAG is flying over the Town Hall. It is a gift to the town of Farmington from the American Legion Post.

The 17th annual FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION banquet and meeting will be held Saturday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m., at the Burtman-Rondeau auditorium.

The dinner will be catered followed by a program which will feature the Redlons of Rochester who will present Historical Ramblings, a series of colored slides narrated by Mrs. Redlon, who is an alumna of FHS.

Every one who ever attended FHS is welcome, just make your reservation with Mrs. Walter Newbury, 755-2408.

Mary Torr Chapter DAR will hold the annual Flag Day observance, June 14 at the home of Mrs. John Buchanan, vice regent, Rochester. Each one will take a picnic lunch and dessert and beverage will be served at 12:30 p.m., by the hostess committee.

The program will be in charge of Mrs. Spencer Furbush NHSDAR Flag of the U.S.A. chairman.

The DAV had their State Convention at Nashua June 3-6. Attending from Farmington were Nelson Phillips, Commander, Donald Thurston, Milton Bradbury, Jesse Hill, Harry Dodge, Freeman Sargent, Mark Mulken, Bob Elliott and Chairman Ralph Saverse. Also present were Auxiliary members Alta Saverse, Commander, Unola Dodge, Peggy Eldridge, Elta Mulken, Jennie Hunter and Erika Cotten. Ingoing state officers were Department Commander Peter Ritchie Jr., Senior Vice Commander Theodore Swain, First Junior Vice Roland Belhumeur, and three other Junior Vice Commanders. Re-elected were: Chaplain Brown, Judge Advocate George Pappadopoulos, Officer of the Day Paul Champagne, Sgt. at Arms William Ramsey, V.A.V.S. Chairman Armand Duhalme, Trustee for three years Albra Fisher, Milton Knowlton Trustee for two years and Trustee for one year James Clement, Albra Fisher is also Golden Rodent of the Trench Rats. Clements is a past department commander and an officer of the Trench Rats. Many other state officers were also elected at the convention. Chapter 23 of Farmington will not hold summer meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2.

The New Hampshire Employment Service Mobile Office will be serving the Farmington area Thursday, June 17 to provide information on the Job Corps and other job opportunities, and to accept applications for work. It will be located on Main Street, near the library, from 1-4 p.m.

Farmington High School Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1971 will be held this Sunday evening, June 13, at 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday evening, June 16, the seniors will present Class Night, at 8:00 p.m.

The Farmington High School Sports Awards Assembly will be held Thursday evening, June 17, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Gerry Friel, Varsity Basketball coach at UNH, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zins of the Old Bay Road entertained their daughter Jade Zins of Hanover and Mr. Howard Hawthorne of New York over the Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Delmont Tilton of Natick, Mass., was in town May 27 to visit with his relative Mrs. Albert Zins.

Mr. Maurice White returned home last week from the Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover. We are all glad to welcome him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weymouth attended the May 30 funeral of Mr. Harry Curtis in North Conway.

Mrs. Wilfred Osgood was elected Board Member of the Stafford County Unit of the American Cancer Society in the annual election of officers held at the Wentworth-Douglass

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## Wilfred Osgood Honored at party

Wilfred "Twink" Osgood, owner of Osgood Pharmacy, Farmington, was guest of honor last Sunday, June 6, at a surprise party honoring his 25th year of business.

Don Marble, co-partner with Osgood in the enterprise, for the past 5 years, planned the quarter-century celebration, held at the Wolfboro Inn with 20 past and present employees and friends of the couple in attendance.

Photographs taken at the request of Marble by Farmington News publisher and editor Fred Noyes were among the many gifts presented to the Osgoods in honor of the anniversary. The photos showed the story of the grand opening of the new Osgood Pharmacy from the June 21, 1946, edition of the News.

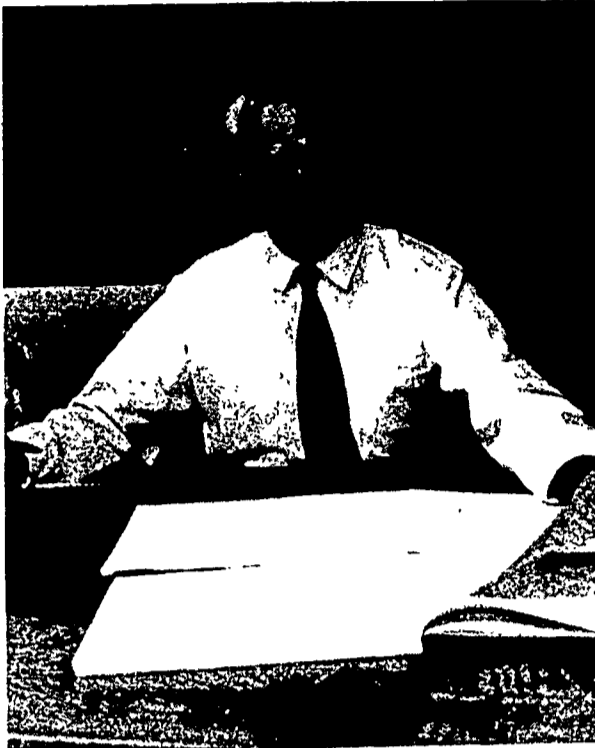
The Osgood's had opened their store on June 17, Osgood remembers, at the location of

the Knox Pharmacy on the corner of Mechanic and Main streets, where Arlene's is now located.

After a few years, in the early 1950's Osgood enrolled at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy at the urging of doctors and friends in town. In June of 1952 he received his bachelor of science degree and became a registered pharmacist.

The next year, in January of 1953, the Osgoods moved their business to its present location on the opposite corner of Mechanic and Main streets, on the ground floor of the Odd Fellows Building. For several years Roberts Drug had occupied the premises.

Except for a temporary relocation after fire damaged much of the building in 1957, the pharmacy has continued its expanding business at this Central Square address.



Veteran Selectman Paul A. Golden of Barnstead shown at his office desk has announced his intent to seek the N.H. General Court seat now held by Rep. George B. Roberts Jr., of Gilmanton.

(WON'S NEWS PHOTO by Fred Noyes)

## Golden candidacy

Veteran Selectman Paul A. Golden of Barnstead has announced his candidacy for the New Hampshire General Court.

Golden will vie for a seat which is now held by Rep. George Roberts Jr., of Gilmanton in an election which is still over a year away. By tossing his hat into the state's political ring at this time Golden's announcement is believed to be the first in the state for such a seat and it comes quick on the heels of the resounding defeat of Governor Peterson's income tax plan for which Roberts had voted in favor of by voting against indefinite postponement.

"As a matter-of-fact," Golden declared, "you might say the Roberts vote was the straw that tipped the scales, it certainly was a determining factor in my decision because the need in Gilmanton and Barnstead is for a representative who will recognize and honor his obligation to serve the people of our towns. Roberts has failed miserably to do that."

Golden exclaimed that Roberts had been present at the Barnstead Town Hall on Town Meeting Day at which time the people of Barnstead issued a mandate, or resolution, overwhelmingly standing in opposition to the imposition of any broad base tax schemes

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For twenty-five years Wilfred "Twink" Osgood has been metering out prescriptions from this counter as proprietor of Osgood's Pharmacy, Farmington. Friends and associates feted him in a party to commemorate that silver anniversary on Sunday, June 6

WON'S News Photo by Carol Brotman

## The Town Clock

Little is known of the history of Farmington's Town Clock. Most people are aware that it is in the First Congregational Church on South Main Street, that it chimes the hours and that it tolls unceasingly for four minutes on the Fourth of July.

But when and how was built and by whom, who paid for the construction and maintenance, how it is wound, are questions answered with difficulty.

Mrs. Kathleen Dolliver, Librarian of the Goodwin Library, Farmington, helped research the question of the clock. She knew a bit of church history from two photographs in the library basement. One shows a church on Central Street. It has been identified as a Congregational church, and that is all that is known.

Records also housed in the basement of the library reveal the founding of a Congregational church in town on May 29, 1920. The notebook belonged to the church's first recorder, John W. Furber, but, unfortunately, there are no further records and it can only be conjectured that this might have been the Central Street Church, and that its

parishioners later built on Main Street.

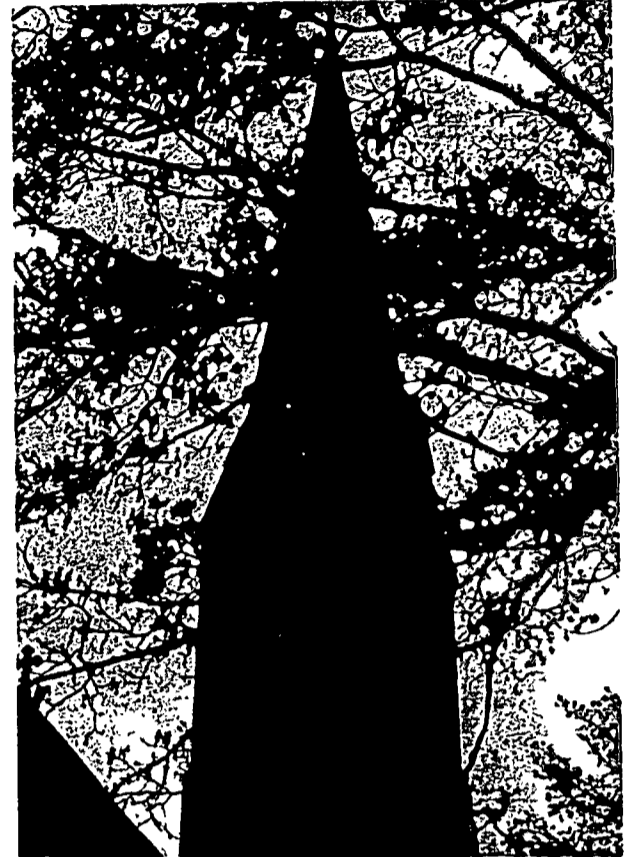
The other picture is of a Congregational church on Main Street, on the location of the present church building. And this church has a clock. But, as the caption relates, the church burned to the ground on February 1, 1875, the clock striking 3:00 p.m., it is said, as it crashed to the pavement.

The present church was built some time after that. And either when it was built, or at a later date, the Town Clock was housed in the tower.

It is believed that the Precinct of Farmington took care of the maintenance of the first clock and took over the maintenance of the second when it was built. Though there is no evidence as yet on this point, Precinct Engineer Ricker has confirmed the possibility. The precinct was founded in 1855, and may have assumed maintenance of the clock that burned twenty years later and that which replaced it.

But the present clock gives few clues as to its history. It was made by the E. Howard Co., of

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Farmington's Town Clock is housed in the bell tower of the First Congregational Church on South Main Street. The date of its construction is not known, although the church itself replaced a wooden church that burned here in February of 1875.

(Wons News Photos by Carol Brotman)

## Last school board meeting

The Farmington School Board held its last meeting before summer vacation last Tuesday, June 1, at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes of the May 4 meeting were read and approved. Bills were reviewed and the financial statement was approved.

Mr. Welch reported that he anticipated an enrollment of 107 in the first grade in September. He further reported that a number of teachers attended a reading workshop in Nashua, that the Memorial Day Exercises were successful and the teachers

were making a study prior to a revision in the organization of the curriculum. The object of the study would be the feasibility of a limited ungraded program in the language arts of grammar, reading, and spelling.

Mr. Colburn reported that grade five and six would be visiting Strawberry Banke on June 10, and Grade 7 would be going to Boston on June 11 to visit the Museum of Science. He requested and received permission for Mrs. Feeny, Mr.

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## Servetas dies in jet crash

Major Ernest Servetas, 40, of Pease, was one of five Pease AFB crewmen killed when their tanker went in a wheat field near Guadalajara, Spain at 5 a.m. Eastern Standard time Friday June 4.

Major Servetas was navigator of the jet flying tanker belonging to the 306th Bombardment Wing, McCoy AFB, Florida. The five men members of the 34th Air Refueling Squadron were on temporary duty in Spain.

A board of Air Force officers will be assigned to investigate

the nature of the crash. It has been reported that lightning may have been encountered by the plane as it headed for its Torrejon base near Madrid.

Major Servetas, who had resided at 4 Maplewood Terrace Pease was a 19 year veteran and planned to retire in another year. He was a 1949 graduate of Dover High School.

He was born in Dover on May 20, 1931 son of the late Costas and Kalothe (Liotas) Servetas.

Major Servetas has been

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## Scouts hold annual services

Members of the Farmington Girl Scouts held their traditional Fly up, Bridging and Capping services at their regular meetings this week. A total of twenty-six girls had earned the privilege of moving up in the scouting ranks.

Farmington's Brownies joined with the Junior Troop last week for their annual "Flying-Up" service, held at the Brownie meeting Thursday June 3.

Leader Mrs. Connie Therrien read the traditional poem as the girls stepped from their Brownie Troop to the Junior Troop across the steps of "friendship," "discovery," and "help." The new Juniors then recited the Junior Promise with leader Mrs. Beverly Walker.

Following the service Mrs. Mary Lou Monnat, assistant Brownie Leader, presented an autograph book made by the Brownie Troop to outgoing Leader Mrs. Connie Therrien, expressing their appreciation of

her leadership and their regret that she would not be continuing.

On Monday evening, June 7, the Juniors who would be entering the seventh grade next year made their "bridging" into the Cadette Troop. As Cadette Leader Mrs. Patti Seale led the girls to their places the Juniors presented to them the Girl Scout cockade to be worn on their new hats. They received their troop crest from the Cadettes. Those participating were Debbie Bickford, Lorna Boulay, Karen Hogan, Jane Brooks, Judy Royce, Mane Staples, Shelly Perry, Penny Pease, Debbie Dunn, Virginia Este, Diane Foley and Diane Lamper Derral Creighton was not present.

Mrs. Patti Seale presented the senior cap to Debbie Sullivan, the only Cadette to enter the Senior Troop.

The girls will begin participation in their new troops this fall.



The only electricity in the clock is for the light bulbs. Its present caretaker Mr. John Oakley, makes frequent trips up the steep tower to wind and oil the mechanisms, make minor repairs, and change the bulbs that illuminate the four 8' wide faces.

## Our Little Miss Pageant scheduled

Ken Malone, East Coast Director of the Our Little Miss Beauty and Talent Pageant for children, will stage a state pageant for New Hampshire in Manchester on the 28th and 29th of June.

Our Little Miss is a youth development program designed to give young ladies early goals in good grooming, social graces, and talent training, as well as scholarships. This will be a state wide competition for girls between the ages of 3 and 12.

Mr. Malone is seeking snapshots of girls from every city in the state and will be accepting photographs and short resumes of the young ladies' hobbies and talent at his East Coast Headquarters of the Our Little Miss Pageant, 169 Lake Street, Elmira, N.Y. 14901.

The competition is set in two divisions - Miss La Petite is for girls 3 to 6, and they will be judged on their beauty, poise and grace in modeling a party dress and sportswear. The older division for girls 7 to 12 will also model a party dress and

sportswear, but will be required to display a talent presentation of three minutes or less. Both divisions will be interviewed by the judges, but this will be done in a room privately.

One girl from each division will be selected to represent the state and to compete in the World Pageant to be televised nationally on Sept. 8 in Miami, Florida. Their entry fees into the World Our Little Miss Pageant will be paid by Mr. Malone and they will stay at the fabulous Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, compliments of the Pageant.

Each state winner in both age groups receives special wardrobe gifts following her competition in Miami Beach.

On the International level children compete not only for the title and gifts, but also for a total of \$1500 in cash college scholarships.

The deadline for entry is June 15, and there will be a limit to the number of girls who will be able to participate in this year's Our Little Miss Pageant of New Hampshire.

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