

The Puddledock Press

Our 20th Year

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Eugene Nute
First President



Back Row Ned Parker-Delores Bridges-Mary Cloutman
Front Row Iola Sabine-Lillian Emerson | Henry Johnson
New Durham

The Farmington Historical Society began as the Farmington-New Durham Historical Society on November 11, 1949, 50 years ago. The purpose of this society was to preserve the history of the two towns and to seek out the oldest homes and burying grounds and whatever else pertained to the history of the area.

The first meeting was held in the Goodwin Library as has every meeting right to this date.

The founders of the organization were: Mary Cloutman, Edna Berry, Eva Blanchard, Kenneth Davis, Kathleen Dolliver, Ellen Jennings, Violet Jones, Eileen Souter, Irene Wentworth, Stanley Nute and Eugene Nute. The first president was Eugene Nute.

There was a good turnout for the start of the group. The highlight of the first meeting was the guest speaker, Delores Bridges, wife of Senator Styles Bridges.

This society continued to grow and prosper in spite of the division of the two groups a few years ago when New Durham residents formed their own organization.

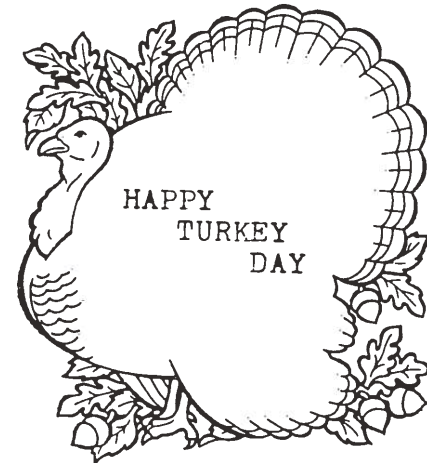
The Farmington Historical Society has a meeting and program the first Friday of each month from October to June. The November meeting is usually an anniversary celebration for the club. The original charter is read by a member. This year's celebration was a pot luck supper at the Farmington Fire Station with Chief Rit Moulton as the guest speaker.

It is gratifying to see a group of dedicated volunteers carry on a tradition such as the Farmington Historical Society for fifty years now and counting.

FARMINGTON 500 BOYS CLUB ALL STARS

All Star Traveling Team Players include Fred Boske, Matt Lancey, Ryan Fogell, Nathan Fogell, Jeff Pope, Cody Bodwell, Gary Mosher, Amy Mancuso, Katie Brym, Josh Carberry, Joe Mitchell, Linda Hughes, John Titus, Carl Roy, Sam McGruder, Jason Durrance, Billy Fischer and Donnie Funk.

The team is coached by Kathy and Craig Lancey.



Our own **Rog-B** was at it again on the political scene, this time he met **Al Gore** at the Middle School in Dover, October 21, 1999.

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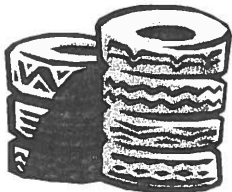
Businesses involved in international business dealings can benefit from the Center as well.

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For additional information about the Center's programs and activities, contact Marina Forbes at 332-2255.

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Good News Department



A celebration was held recently at Memorial Drive Elementary School to mark the 30th year of service by school secretary Esther Parshley.

A surprised Esther was greeted in the cafeteria by chants of "Thirty More! Thirty More!"

Her years of dedication were celebrated with a huge cake, cards, gifts, well-wishes and thanks from the teachers and administrative staff.



The man who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn.

—Henry S. Haskins

There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everyone.

—Adlai Stevenson



Over 150 children participated in the Parks and Rec sponsored Halloween parade recently. This was one of the largest since the parade was started as a safe alternative to Trick or Treating.

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The FWC held its first meeting of the new season recently. The pot luck luncheon was attended by approximately 28 members. Those attending were thoroughly entertained during the dessert by Debbie Van Gelder who beautifully sang several songs.

The members were entranced by the superb talent of Mrs. VanGelder and her music. The whole program was a great respite from the terrible rain of the day and a great welcome to the FWC's 90th year.

The November 17, 1999 meeting of the FWC will feature Gene Artis, Librarian of the Goodwin Library as the guest speaker.

Hostesses should contact the chairman for their tasks.

For more info on the FWC, please contact Elsie Hart, membership chairman at 755-2873.

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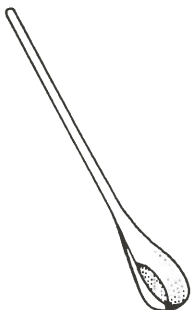
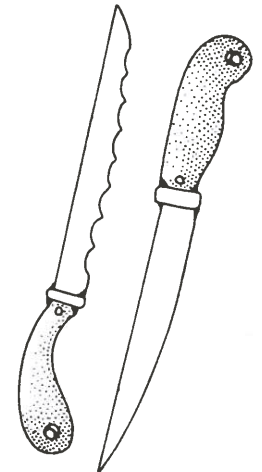
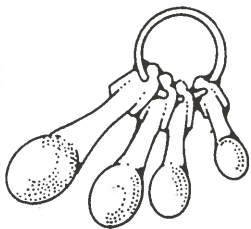
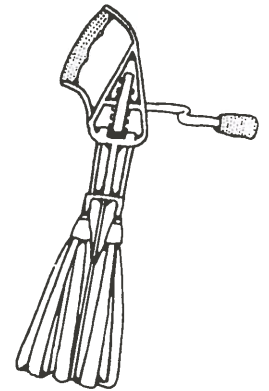
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BALSAMS APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Chef Apprentice Nathan Rich (second from left) of Farmington receives the 1999 Apprentice of the year award from last year's recipient, Harold "Buzz" Blaisdell, of Newport. Nathan received the award at the award dinner Sunday night at the Balsams. ACF chapter president Angel Brown and Executive Chef Steve Learned were on hand to add their congratulations. (Holly Howes photo)





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PIE SALE

Let the ladies at St. Peter's Church do your Thanksgiving pie baking. A "pies only" bake sale will be held at the church on Saturday Nov. 20th from 4:00-5:00 and Sunday Nov. 21st, from 9am-noon.



Rob and Tina Roberge and their three children Aaron, Carissa and Adam, of Rochester will leave shortly for four years of missionary service in Nairobi, Kenya with the Wycliff Bible translators.

Tina Roberge is a FHS graduate and the daughter of Murrey and Gladys Lepene of Farmington.

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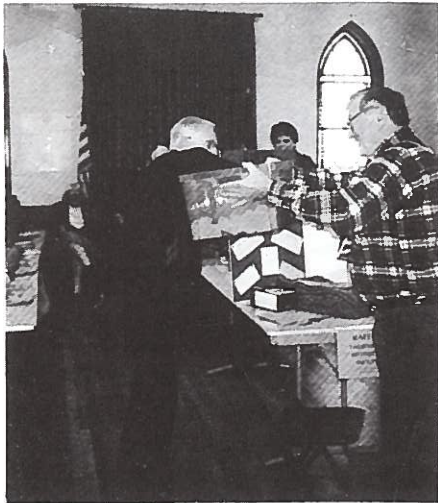
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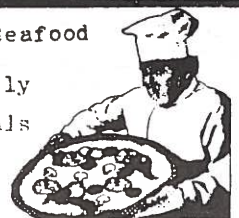
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By
The Farmington Ferrets

Well, another month as passed, the warm weather is gone and snow is on the way! Boy, do we like the snow! There are so many things to watch out for during the Winter months when it comes to us. First, don't let it get to hot in the room where we sleep. We like the cooler temperatures with lots of snuggle blankets. Also, we should be getting our new winter coats, shedding out our summer ones. Please give us some hair ball remedy, which we like very much, to prevent any hair ball blockages. Given the malt as a treat once a week or so will help a lot.

Since all the windows are closed and the heaters are running it tends to get dry which isn't good for you humans either, you can boil some water on the stove, or use a humidifier for the comfort of all.

When the ice melt gets put out on the sidewalks and driveway it gets tracked into the house. It will burn the pads of our feet as well as the cats and dogs.

Our humans tend to bring the plants into the house for the winter and we love to play in the dirt. We might also need to taste the greenery of which many plants are toxic to animals. Please place them out of harms reach. Space heaters and fireplaces may be a problem as ferrets are so nosey and the heat doesn't seem to register till it is to late and get burned. Also, once won't teach a lesson, they will go back and do it again.

The flu and cold season is upon us. Don't forget that ferrets catch and transmit the flu and cold just like the human. If you have colds don't breath on the ferrets or handle them unless you have to and then wash your hands before and after handling. If your ferret gets sick with sneezing or cough you can treat him with children's over the counter meds. Pediatric Triaminic syrup for colds .10 to .25 cc (three to eight drops) twice a day, depending on the weight of the ferret and the severity of the symptoms. Don't use aspirin to reduce a fever in your ferret.

We are looking forward to the snow when Mommy brings it into the bathtub and lets us play in it. She won't let us go outside much cause she is afraid our feet will get to cold or we might get sick. As long as she brings the snow inside then the house is warm and she gives us towels to dry off in after we have playtime.

Mommy is making extra snuggly hammocks and is going to take them down to Ginny's Shop so if any of you need one have your Mommy take a look and let her know that Santa is coming soon. She always makes us our own stockings with lots of goodies. She thinks we don't know she is doing it, but we are awake most of the night and can see and hear her! She doesn't get anything past us.

Mommy is working now and we don't get to see her as much but Daddy takes good care of us all day. Some times we can get Daddy to give us extra whip cream if we beg real hard. We just keep going to his chair, touch his foot, look up at him with our big eyes and just melt his heart!!!

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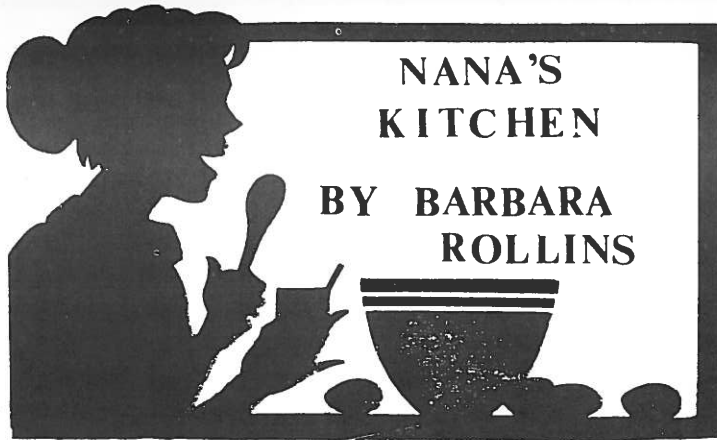
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- 1 egg white
- 1 teaspoon Wyler's® or Steero® Chicken-Flavor Instant Bouillon
- 1 pound ground turkey
- Vegetable cooking spray

Combine egg white and bouillon; mix with ground turkey. Shape into patties. Spray grill racks or broiler pan with vegetable cooking spray. Grill or broil until no longer pink. Refrigerate leftovers.

Nutrient Value Per Serving: 169 calories; 21g protein; 9g fat; 4g carbohydrate; 83mg cholesterol; 346mg sodium

Oriental Burgers: Combine turkey mixture with 1 (8-ounce) can water chestnuts, drained, and chopped, and 1/4 cup sliced green onions. Prepare as above. Top with pineapple slice; serve with sweet and sour sauce.

Mexican Burgers: Combine turkey mixture with 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained, and 1/4 cup chopped onion. Prepare as above. Serve with sour cream and salsa.

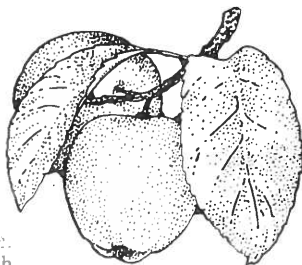
Garden Burgers: Combine turkey mixture with 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper and 2 tablespoons thousand island dressing. Prepare as above. Serve with cole slaw and chopped tomato.

SPICY APPLE-FILLED SQUASH

- 1 acorn squash (about 1 pound)
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, peeled, cored and sliced
- 2 teaspoons melted butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar

- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- Dash ground cloves

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 1-quart baking dish. Halve squash and remove seeds; cut into quarters. Place quarters, skin side up, in dish and cover; bake 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, combine apple, butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Turn cut sides of acorn squash up; top with apple mixture. Cover and bake 30 minutes longer or until apples are tender. Serves 4. Per serving: calories 88; Fat 3 g, carbohydrate 17 g, sodium 24 mg, cholesterol 0 g.



Submitted by:

Ralph Hunter

EASY APPLE COFFEE CAKE 2 cups peeled, sliced apples (2 to

- 3 apples)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1-1/2 cups enriched flour*
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Toss the apples with lemon juice to prevent browning. Stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Combine the eggs, milk and oil. Add the liquid all at once to the flour mixture, stirring only until the flour is moistened. Pour the batter into a greased 9-inch round layer pan. Arrange the apples slices over the batter. Drizzle the butter over the apples. Mix the sugar and the cinnamon, and sprinkle over the apples. Bake in preheated 400-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the cake tester comes out clean.

* Spoon the flour into a dry measuring cup, level. Do not scoop. If self-rising flour is used, omit baking powder and salt.

CARAMEL APPLE SLICES

- 2 large apples (sweet or tart)
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar

- Ground cinnamon
- Ground nutmeg

Cut apples into fourths and core. Cut apples further into scant 1/4-inch slices and place in medium-size skillet. Pour apple cider over; sprinkle with brown sugar. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until apples are crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove apples to serving dish with slotted spoon. Heat cider mixture to boiling; boil until mixture is reduced to a syrup consistency. Pour syrup over apples and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon and nutmeg. Serves 4.

Frost-On-The-Pumpkin Cupcakes (Makes 12 cupcakes)

Cupcakes:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup LIBBY'S Solid Pack Pumpkin
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Orange-Colored Glaze:

- 1 1/4 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter, melted
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 6 drops yellow food coloring
- 3 drops red food coloring

Garnish:

Orange-colored sprinkles, chocolate sprinkles, gummy bears, gum drops, or corn candies (optional)

For Cupcakes: In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, and salt; set aside. In small bowl, beat eggs. Stir in pumpkin, oil, and vanilla. Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients; mix well. Spoon batter into 12 greased or paper-lined muffin cups, filling 3/4 full. Bake in preheated 350°F. oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack. Spread with Glaze when cooled; garnish as desired.

For Glaze: In small bowl, combine powdered sugar, margarine, and milk until glaze consistency. Add food coloring to tint; garnish if desired. Let stand until set.

The Poet's Page

This month's *Poet's Page* is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Robert Murphy, long-time contributor and supporter of the Puddledock Press. Mr. Murphy, formerly of Farmington, died recently in Houston, Texas. His passion for the written word lives on in his poetry. Sympathies are extended to his family and friends.

*Poetry weeps inside me,
weeping
all my sad young man
fell the lonely woman
falling
and then falling forever
falling
thru skies
weeping union
contemplation
personing person
fell from
here/there/now
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whoes life in human clay,
love pottery
my poetry forming from
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be spoken
I am shaping
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universing why,
merman
singing Yeshua
on the shore
and know him
listening his psalm well
before I start
singing
everyman can claim it.*

By Robert Murphy

A Stone

by Linda Pitman

I held his hand, I felt his pain, and it became
my own.
It settled in the heart of me as heavy as a stone.
It pierced my heart, I felt it break, it hurt me
so to know
That I could only ease his pain, I could not make
it go.
His eyes revealed the story of the pain he
held inside,
On my face I wore a smile, but in my heart I cried.
I washed his face, I combed his hair and wiped
the tears away,
And took no notice of the tears, he wanted it
that way.
We laughed at squirrels playing as they jumped
from tree to tree,
And for a precious moment, his pain had ceased
to be.
Lord, why must people suffer so, I do not understand,
It's not for you to know, he said, but just to
hold his hand.

I Really Think by Milli Gay

my neighbor's leaves
are beautiful
I look at them long
and long
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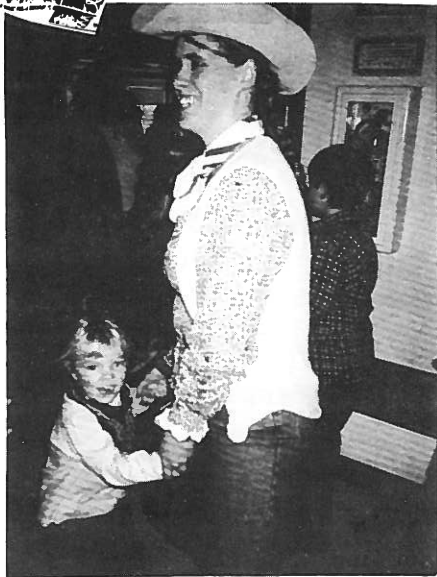
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Farmington Child Care Center



Children, teachers and parents were dancing in the hallways at the Farmington Child Care Center, celebrating an old-fashioned "hoe-down".

Everyone got into the spirit of the day, wearing overalls, bandanas and western garb.

Lunch was even served from a chuck-wagon complete with a clanging dinner bell.

Parents were invited to participate in the music, singing and square dancing and many were able to break away from work to attend.

The FCCC strives to create a safe, warm, friendly atmosphere while nurturing, caring and educating the youngsters at the same time.

Theme days, field trips, etc. are the norm at the Center, making the children's day care experience a positive one.

For more info on the FCCC, its philosophies and programs, please contact Marylee Clement, Director at 755-2883.



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**HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY
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Family and friends would like to wish great success to Mike Woodard in opening his new business recently. *EZMERELDA'S*, located at the Crossroads Mall in Londonderry, NH, offers gourmet gift baskets, antiques and giftware.

Mike proudly invites and welcomes all his friends from Farmington to visit him at his shop.

CONGRATULATIONS

Robyn Doke, named to Dean's List, Notre Dame Collge, Manchester, Summer Session I. This academic distinction was earned for a grade point average 3.9 to 4.0 category of First Honors.

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Cheryl Daudelin, Vinnie's Pizza, noted to the Puddledock Press' Rog-B, how thrilled she was to finally be able to attend a town play and the Haunted House. She feels that the Farmington Town Players and the Rec. Dept. both deserve praise for an outstanding job!!



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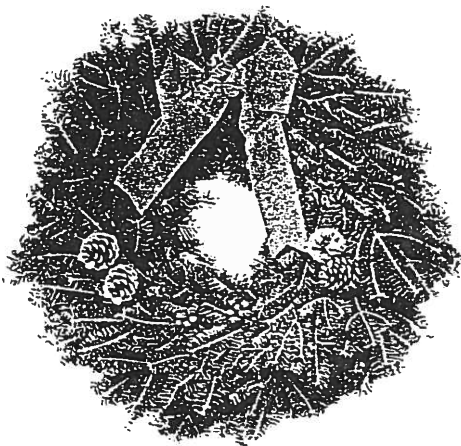
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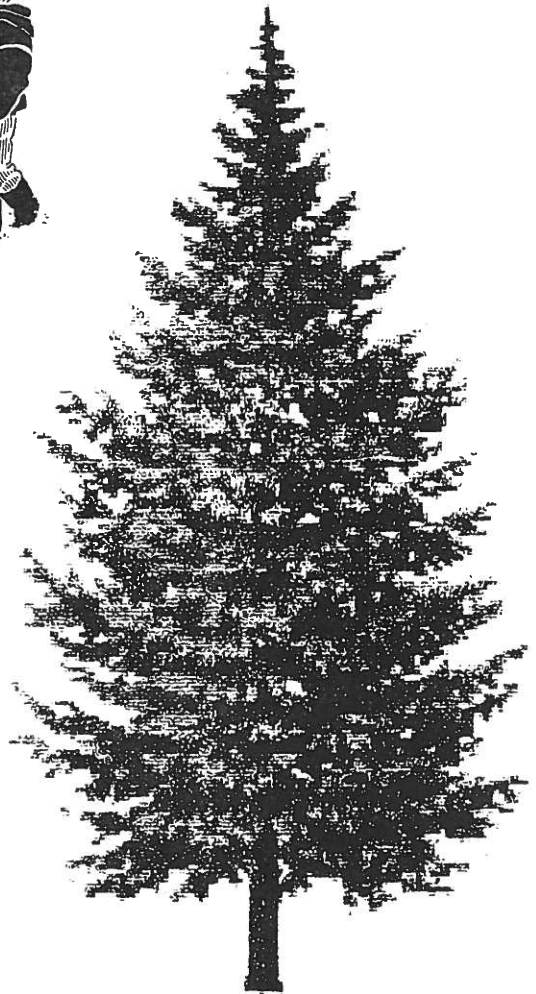
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Memories

by Alice Allen

Thanksgiving is here already and of course, the stores are already decorating for Christmas.

Over the years, I can recall Christmas trees I've seen and decorated. When I was a wee one of four, great-grandfather would carefully adjust the wax candles in their holders on the branches of the heavily decorated tree. Then and only then would he light them. For perhaps fifteen minutes we'd all look while the candles flickered in the shadows of Grandmother Gould's sitting room.

Those were pleasant years living on the farm off the wealth of the earth. Then came WW I with it's killer flu from which even the little town of Newton didn't escape.

I probably would have missed it, but mother and I went into Amesbury, Mass. before Thanksgiving and I caught the flu from someone sneezing on the trolley. The next day I had a fever.

In those days the doctor travelled from Amesbury by horse and buggy. It makes one thankful for autos now. We had telephones but that was it for modern conveniences.

No antibiotics then, but I pulled through and am still enjoying my life. We're a five generation family and proud of it!!



Matthew Heon, grandson of Bob and Eileen Ferland recently competed in the Masters Self Defense Center Tournament in Salem, NH. Matthew, age 6, is a yellow belt and participated in the Pee-Wee-Jr. Kata and Pee-Wee-Jr. Sparring.



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Goodwin Library News



If you weren't there, you missed a night of fun and humor. On October 14, 1999 the Goodwin Library sponsored a wonderful program by local author and Yankee humorist, Rebecca Rule.

Rebecca treated everyone present to a reading of a few of her stories. Those listening could imagine how similar it was to experience the same goings on right here in Farmington.

We hope she returns again and rumor is.. we might be treated to her latest play "Town Meeting" performed in Farmington in the near future.

Continuing with the Goodwin Library's policy of offering entertaining programs at the Library, mark off December 9th on your calendar.

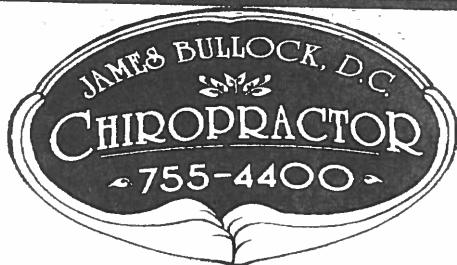
Actress/magician Debbie O'Carroll will present *Celebrate the December Holidays* at 7:00 pm on December 9th. This program is an exciting and colorful program that will captivate all with mystifying magic, lively dance and enchanting tales and puppets.

This program is ideal for children ages 4-10 years.

The Goodwin Library Board of Trustees and Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Bev Welch for her creation of the Goodwin Library Web-site. Log-on at www.goodwin-library.net.

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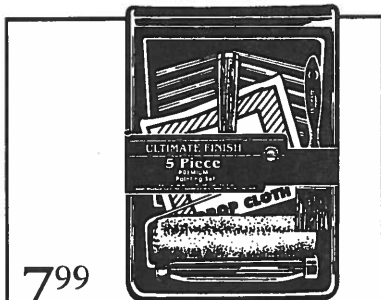
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