

A pictorial keepsake of museum's kickoff



Entertainment at the ball was provided by the seven-piece Ruffwater String Band led by Glen Morningstar (left) on violin. The band's distinctive sound came from its two dulcimer players.

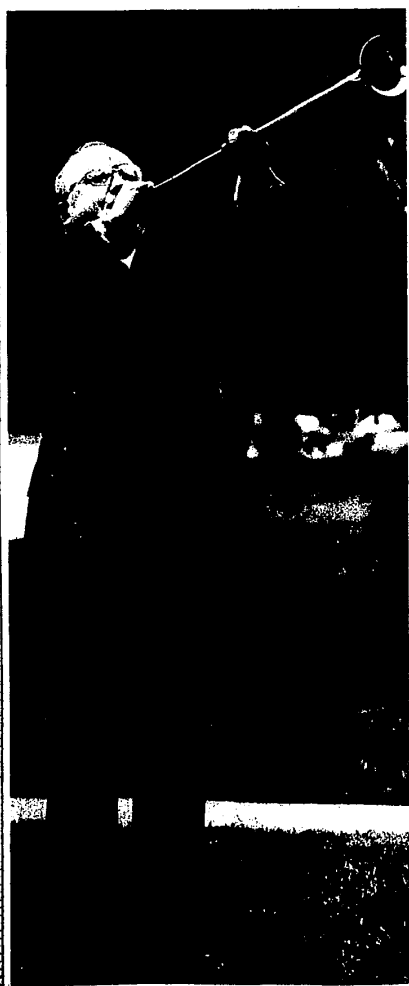


Co-chairman of the 1870 Governor's Ball, Walt Koning and his wife, Lois, line up for the main course of turkey and ham served by chef Nick Mitrovich.



A black cape worn by Phillaine Lahiff and the top hat on her husband John lent the air of another era to the benefit ball and banquet at the new Farmington Historical Museum Saturday.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer



The arrival of guests at the museum benefit were greeted by a blast from a parapet trumpet blown by Richard Levinson.



Surreys drawn by quarter-horses shared the road with motor vehicles Saturday during the festivities.



An old-fashioned barn dance got underway in the old Masonic Temple after the banquet. Guests were talked through the steps by bandleader Glen Morningstar.



Period music was performed during the banquet by Donna Kebrdle and Terri Baranow. Musical coordinator of the evening's entertainment was Marjorie Mowat.



Before entering the fray on the dance floor Margaret Walker, chairman of the Farmington Historical Commission and Alton Bennett, Farmington mayor, figure out the fancy steps.