

Golden Anniversary Marked In Hospital

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The party was to have honored Joseph and Saverine Russo of Warren, grandparents of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vetrano and great-grandparents of Julie Vetrano, of

A surprise golden wedding anniversary party scheduled for Roma Hall East ended up in Henry Ford Hospital instead.

The couple were presented with a golden tray inscribed with the Russo family tree.

The gift was intended to highlight the original party, which would have taken place last Sunday, Feb. 6.

THE PARTIES in Roma Hall East had to be canceled because Mrs. Russo, 88, entered the hospital for abdominal surgery.

But quick planning by her son, Frank, a unit manager at the hospital and other hospital personnel made the occasion just as memorable.

The observance for the

couple's immediate family, with flowers and cake courtesy of Ford Hospital, was able to bring his wife and son to America. Their daughter had married and remained in Italy. Widowed since 1966, she now lives with the elder Russos.

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FRANK RUSSO (right) presents his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russo, a golden anniversary tray inscribed with the family tree in Ford Hospital where Mrs. Russo was a patient. Watching are Joey, son of Frank Russo and Mrs. Frank Russo.

Center Offering Plaque Workshop

FARMINGTON Among the exciting workshops offered in the Farmington Community Center during the current session is one on making plaques from dried materials.

Under the skillful direction of Van Askounes, sessions will be Feb. 18, 25 and March 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Center on Farmington Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds.

Registration for classes may be made either by mail or calling the Community Center. A fee of \$11 plus materials is required for the three sessions.

Barnwood, cork, covered styrofoam or panels from pictures may be used to make original wall hangings for the house or patio. This is a way to enhance the walls with some plaques of dried materials mounted on backgrounds suitable to one's decor.

During the first class, a lecture program, Mrs. Askounes will show plaques she has made and will describe the technique and materials to be used. The following two sessions will be work sessions. There will be some materials available for purchase.

A graduate of the Women's National Farm and Garden Flower Show Judge School, Mrs. Askounes received a master of arts degree from Columbia University and a bachelor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She is the immediate past president of the Japanese flower arrangers, Ikenbana International, Detroit Chapter.

Mrs. Askounes has taught classes at the Center for three years. She also teaches similar classes in the Birmingham Community House and will do a series in the Pine Lake Country Club.



VAN ASKOUNES directs a special workshop on making decorative plaques from dried materials on Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Farmington Community Center.

New Library Needs Books

FARMINGTON The Farmington Library Board has accepted the initiation of a Dwight D. Eisenhower shelf in the new library on 12 Mile in Farmington Township.

The shelf is the gift of Mrs. Isabel Haynes, retiring president of the Oakland County Republican Women's Club and a Farmington resident.

Contributions to this collection must specifically be marked for the Dwight D. Eisenhower collection. The board will receive volumes from private collections on this period of history or funds to purchase specific materials.

The board suggests establishment of other commemorative shelves for perhaps music, art or recreation. Collections could become a goal for clubs who may wish to contribute for the benefit of the public or to generate interest in some specific field.

East Holds All Sports Show

FARMINGTON The first annual "All Sports Show" will be presented Thursday, Feb. 24, by the physical education department of East Junior High School of Farmington Schools.

The proceeds from the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym, will be used to purchase the uneven parallel bars and balance beam gymnastic equipment.

The school is located on the

east side of Middle Belt south of 12 Mile in Farmington Township.

ADVANCE TICKETS may be purchased from East Junior High students at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students or purchased at the door.

The show will include demonstrations in vaulting for boys and girls, rhythmic parachute routines, wrestling, folk dancing, modern dance,

the rings, parallel bars, girls' free exercise routines and tumbling exhibitions.

Mrs. Frances Emch, show chairman, is being assisted by: Mrs. Patricia Sippel and Miss Patricia Rinchart, girls physical education teachers; and Irvin Horwitz and William Rinkes, boys physical education teachers.

East's newly formed 14-member Dixieland band, under the direction of Dale

Green, director of bands, will perform during the show.

Vaulting for boys and girls will include squat, wolf, flank and straddle vaults and students will complete the demonstration with hand springs.

WITH CONTEMPORARY band and music, 80 girls will demonstrate rhythmic routines using a parachute. Boys will demonstrate wrestling skills, coached by Horwitz.

Folk dancing will include 21 seventh grade girls doing the Virginia reel. Missy Mitchell, Karen Wolfe and Karen Collin will perform during the modern dance segment.

Beginning, intermediate and advanced tumblers will be demonstrated by seventh, eighth and ninth grade students. All three levels are involved at each grade level with students being assigned to the area of their skill limits.

Beginning tumblers will demonstrate dive cartwheels, headstands, A-frame and front handstands. The advanced group will demonstrate aerial cartwheels, back extensions, tissus, back hand springs, round-off back hand-spring to the back semi.

DEMONSTRATION of beginning, intermediate and advanced skills on the rings will be performed by seventh, eighth and ninth grade boys. The parallel bars routine and demonstration will show basic and advanced skills.

Shawn Keel, seventh grade, Nicki Angelo, eighth grade, and Sandy Respondek, ninth grade, will give the free exercise routine demonstration to music.

The dual tumbling presented by ninth grade girls and boys will be a pyramid formation to music. Bob Deering will be attempting to set a record when ninth grade boys demonstrate the eve rolls.

The balance beam routine will be performed by Mary Kuhn and the program will end with a mass tumbling performance by all the students.

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Daughter Saved Dad

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Incorrect information had been included in an earlier story concerning the death of a 75-year-old Farmington Township resident, Harry Pearce of 3386 Colfax.

Pearce died Feb. 5 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, from deep, third degree burns covering 40 per cent of his body.

Burns were received in a fire which was discovered at 5:15 p.m. or Feb. 3 by his daughter, Mrs. Betty Kottong.

Pearce had not been hospitalized in November, as incorrectly reported. He was removed from the burning

home by Mrs. Kottong and taken to the porch where two young men carried him to Mrs. Kottong's residence.

The two residents were George Olavissimo, 20, of 2223

Leapsup, Farmington, and

Michael Moore, 22, of 3357

Colfax, Farmington.

Mrs. Kottong had gone to check on her father and, upon discovering the smoke and fire, entered by a bedroom window and found her father lying next door.

Pearce is survived by 16 children, 51 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His wife, Marjorie, died Oct. 8, 1968.



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