

# Golden Anniversary Marked In Hospital

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

The party was to have honored Joseph and Saverina Russo of Warren, grandparents of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vetraino and great-grandparents of Joseph Vetraino, of Farmington.

THE PARTY in Roma Hall East had to be canceled because Mrs. Russo, 68, 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 quickly arranged in Mrs. Russo's room on the sixth floor.

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 RUSSOS trace their family tree from Italy. Joseph Russo was born in Catanzaro near Naples in 1908. He came to the U.S. at age 16 and worked in the West Virginia coal mines.

He returned to Italy in 1922 and married Saverina in Monte Paone Feb. 4, 1922. There, they had two children, Rosina and Frank. The senior Russo returned alone to the U.S. to work and save his money until in 1946 he 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.

The Russos have seven living grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One grandson, Philip Ratta, killed in Vietnam in 1968, was posthumously awarded the silver star for bravery in action. He also earned the bronze star and other medals.

Before going into the service, young Ratta had also been employed at Ford Hospital.

At age 72, Russo continues active as an employee of General Safety Corp. in St. Clair Shores where he sews safety belts for automobiles.

## 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 special field.

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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 noon in 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 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, Ikebana 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.

## Daughter Saved Dad

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

Pearse 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. on Feb. 3 by his daughter, Mrs. Betty Kottong, who lives next door.

Pearse 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 assisting were George Ottaviano, 20 of 21235 Larkspur, Farmington, and Michael Moore, 22 of 33547 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 on the floor.

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

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## 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 gymnastics, 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 Rinehart, girls' physical education teachers; and Irvin Horwitz and William Rankes, 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 handspins.

WITH CONTEMPORARY background music, 80 girls will demonstrate rhythmic routines using a pommel horse. 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 Caren Collin will perform during the modern dance segment.

Beginning, intermediate and advanced tumbling 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 forward, backward and straddle rolls, headstands, cartwheels and one-hand cartwheels.

Intermediate tumblers will demonstrate dive cartwheels, headspins, Arabian and front handspins. The advanced group will demonstrate aerial cartwheels, back extensions, tinsica, back handspring, round-off back hand-spring to a back semi.

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