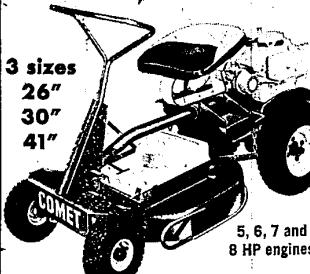


# Washburn Home Reflects New England Heritage

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN  
Subdivision, In particular can be seen  
of the New England heritage of Farmington School Board Trustee John M. Washburn III and Mrs. Washburn is found all over the Washburn's home in Farmington Meadows.

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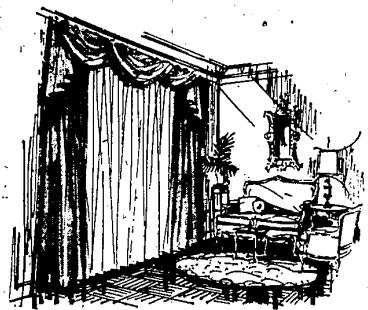
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LYNN WASHBURN, formally Caroline, was born in Boston, grew up in New Jersey and spent a set of pictures of covered bridges and snakes in a large landscape of a land-

vid play Little League baseball and Mrs. Washburn has gone the Cub Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scout and room mother roles in depth.

THESE ACTIVITIES Washburn took no exception to, but it took him some time to adjust to his wife doing the substitute teaching she does occasionally these days.

When the couple was married two months after their graduation from Tufts University, Washburn was adamantine against his wife working.

He said, "If I can't support a wife I have no business getting married."

Mrs. Washburn talked about teaching with Marius Van Ameide, Farmington administrator for school personnel, before she approached her husband about it, cautioning Van Ameide "not to tell John until I do."

Today, she glows when she talks about her teaching of handicapped children at Eagle and Longacre schools.

"Get me started on that," she enthuses, "and I'll talk your arm off. When the children grow up I want to go into this

kind of teaching full time, even though I will have to go back to school to prepare for it."

THE WASHBURN HOME may be indicative of New England heritage, but the lady of the house embodies even more New England traits.

Not only does she bake her own bread and sew her own

clothes, she is perceptive in recognizing true old-fashioned virtues and people with whom she comes in contact.

She feels that today's youth

are the hope of the future and comments, "The world is in such a turmoil today. Our hope

is in the youth of the world. And I don't like to see them maligned."

THE LADY from New England is also quick to recognize the conservative environment in which she was brought up: "Every year when my parents go back to New England for the summer, friends of 70 years still treat them like out-

siders because they are 'summer people.' Because I am a New Englander, like these people, I am the way I am."

## F'ton Explorers Set Up State Scout Troop

It would be difficult to say who gains the most from a project Farmington Explorer Post 45 has conducted for over a year—local boys or the young men with whom they have set up a Boy Scout Troop at Plymouth State Home.

Fifteen young men, ages 14 to 34, are in the troop at the home. All are mentally or physically handicapped, most are blind.

SPokesman for the Farmington Explorers, Robert O'Brien, 32220 Marlboro Lane, says it is difficult to maintain a set schedule for troop meetings at the home. Basics of Scouting, such as memorization of the Scout laws, oath and motto, must be rehearsed over and over before it can be accomplished.

The teaching of simple skills, such as tying knots and hammering or nailing, must be adjusted to accommodate the limited abilities of the young inmates.

To teach them to tie a square knot, a special board has been made with rope loops so if just two free ends are left, the home troop members will not become confused. To hammer a nail, they must first be taught the difference between the claw end and the hammer end.

These simple tasks, and

more, the Farmington boys have taught their handicapped counterparts over the year, with diligence and patience.

BIGGEST undertaking to date was a stamp on the home's grounds last October. It made such a hit with the handicapped contingent that they are still talking about it. Another will be held Aug. 17-18 at Kensington Park.

The Farmington boys who spend the year there work at the home and Cragin, Greg Gagnon, Fred Pohlen, Paul Ritsko and the Thom.

They are guided by Post Advisor George L. Rickey, 21986

Lakeview Rd., Farmington, John Kelly, 33715 Oakland, Farmington, sees to it that they get up and down from the home each week.

Crain is articulate about what he thinks the Farmington youth, who have gained from their experiences,

"We have not learned anything literally speaking," he says. "But it has certainly changed our view of life. We know that 99 per cent of these persons will never leave the institution. It would be good if everyone could learn about and see such people."

3 To Attend  
CMU Event

Three Farmington residents will take part in pre-registration and orientation activities at Central Michigan University July 2-3.

The three are Carolyn Benedict, 23010 Maple; Norman Decourcy, 32770 Briarcrest; and Frances Blecher, 33194 Maplewood.



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