

wood creek farms

By ANNE M. PHILLIPS
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The Labor Day weekend got off to a wonderful start. Nevil and Mildred Hummon invited many Wood Creekers out to their Arrowhead Golf Club. Golf was played and enjoyed by a goodly number.

Jim Brown and Jim Kay beat Paul Iman and Bill Welchman out of \$10. You should have seen the tears! (This item reported by Jim Kay). There were also a goodly number of non-golfers who enjoyed a delightful breeze as we visited under the trees on the hill by the club house. A marvelous steak dinner was served. How reluctantly we left with such a wonderful time at an end!

There was one very sad note

for me. I went equipped with notebook and well sharpened pencils. I failed to count how many were there but it must have been between 60 and 75. But could I get any news? Everyone was happy - everyone was sorry to see another good summer coming to an end - all were busy getting children either ready for school or off to school - but not one item for this column!

Many of you remember Bob and Clna Werner and their two boys who lived on Utley Road for some years before going to Switzerland to work and live. Oliver, the older boy, came to America this summer to travel on one of Greyhound's special tourist arrangements.

He did get to Livonia to visit family friends and they brought him to Wood Creek. Those here on whom he called certainly enjoyed talking with him. He was also very eager to revisit their former home now occupied by Bill and Janet Wendling.

Glny McFarland and her mother went to the Cooper Hill writers conference in East Dover, N.H. This was a tremendously interesting two weeks. Dick McFarland then flew on and joined them for two more weeks in New England which included visiting friends in Westport, Conn. They got back to Wood Creek last Sunday night.



EDWARD GORDON HARSHFIELD of Manhasset, N.Y., formerly of Farmington, has been named vice president of finance and administration for Lease Plan International Corp. A 1955 graduate of Farmington High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Harshfield of 21601 Collingham, Farmington, a graduate of Southeastern University. He also attended the London School of Economics and holds a certificate in international law.

Jaycees Schedule Corn Roast

Farmington Area Jaycees will begin the new season with their traditional annual corn roast to be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 6, in Farmington City Park. Prospective members between the ages of 21 and 35 are always invited to this event, for which dress is casual.

While the Jaycees spend the summer months on such activities as the Founders Festival and restoration of the Community Center, winter activities will get underway with the corn roast.

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What Advantages Small City Has

By JOHN ALLEN

Can a small city, without the ability to become geographically larger, prosper? Promoters of consolidation fear the incorporation of the present township around the city of Farmington. They argue that the development of the 31 square miles exclusive of the city of Farmington would be undesirable.

This cannot be true. Many of our neighbors are small cities incapable of geographical expansion. Oak Park, Cochrane, Lathrup, Huntington Woods, Birmingham - these cities have a population ranging from 10,000 to 40,000. They

have an area of as little as 1 1/2 square miles and a maximum of 5 1/2 square miles. Who can say these are not successful communities providing for their citizens the services and conveniences they desire? Rather look at the problems of our larger neighbors who struggle to provide services not even required in a small city. How can they concentrate the development in an immediate area without depriving the needs of another area? City size is not a disadvantage. Continued area expansion is not a necessary ingredient for community prosperity.

FARMINGTON HAS present

area of 2.6 square miles and a projected population increase of 20,000 people. It seems unlikely that we would consider the investment of our entire expenditures are behind us. Now is the time to turn our attention to much needed renewal, redevelopment and beautification. Now we can devote our efforts and talents and funds to making our small community the finest and best possible.

To pass this opportunity would be an injustice to those who have given so much to provide for the present and the future, concerned in a highly speculative adventure from which there can be no return.

Farmington today is on the threshold of a new and prosperous era. Our present and future financial position is sound, most of our capital ex-

We are immediately concerned and affected, and we believe in the ability to make these decisions should remain with us.

WE WILL BE accused of selfish motives but we would be presumptuous to speak for our township neighbors who have very recently rejected the concept of incorporation. A really altruistic viewpoint will be concerned with the fate of the total metropolitan area. Inherent but dangerous ambitions with good intentions could add to the decline, obsolescence and irrational exodus from the City of Detroit.

We urge you to accept our good fortune. We can share in the development of our township neighbors. Our studies have unquestionably emphasized the need for continued cooperative efforts but they have equally shown us to be separate communities with different kinds of problems, and at a very different stage in development. We believe in the compact community. We have shown by example and demonstration that the small city can be more responsive, more responsible, and WE urge you to keep Farmington --- as it is.



local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dawson of Shawwassee celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Saratoga Farms Aug. 30 with a lovely dinner party for 50 friends and relatives.

The Dawsons moved in their brand new home on Shawwassee in 1942. Mr. Dawson was with Detroit Edison for 39 years and retired in November 1958. He spent several years at the Farmington office.

Mrs. Dawson's cottage was ruby red roses. Mgr. Thomas Bashan of Farmington gave the blessings at the table. Out-of-town guests were a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Max Butterfield and son David of Peoria, Ill., and Miss Carol Ann Robinson of Indianapolis. Many beautiful gifts and flowers were received by the Dawsons.

Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST Kefkas of Farmington welcomed the birth of a son, Jason Fred, Aug. 12 in St. Mary Hospital. Weight was six pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder of Glenview Court, Farmington. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kefkas of Southfield.

Mrs. Kefkas is the former Sue Snyder, a 1966 graduate of Farmington High School. Er-

nest graduated from Redford Union and attended Michigan State for two years. He is presently attending Wayne State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Briggs of Oxford recently spent three weeks in the British Isles. They spent one week in Ireland driving the circle around the isle. Fortunately they were out of Northern Ireland before the recent riots. Then they spent five days in the beautiful highlands of Scotland, then the rest of the time in southern England, Wales and London.

Their son Robert Briggs spent Friday through Labor Day with his parents. This is the first time Robert has been home in three years. He spent two years in Spain and Turkey and six months in Japan as a technical representative to the military.

Robert graduated from Farmington High in 1958. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carlson, moved from Reno, Nev., to San Francisco recently. Mrs. Carlson taught at Woodlake School, Farmington, two years ago.

Mrs. James Heath of Parker St. recently visited her daughter and son-in-law, the David Brattons in Houston, Tex. (Mrs. Bratton is the former Beverly Wendland, a 1955 graduate of Farmington High.)

Ben and Dave have a daughter Cindy, three years, and son Chris, four years. We are happy to hear from Ben.

Mrs. and Mrs. James Heath of Parker St. to Indiana over the holiday weekend to attend Mr. Heath's family reunion in Clinton. What makes it a double happy event is that Mr. Heath recently underwent surgery at New Grace Hospital and was able to enjoy this festive occasion with his relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langley of Phoenix, Ariz., recently spent 10 days with her sister, Mrs. Charles Sills of Grand River Ave., and other relatives in the area.

Dick and Dorothy Sills and family recently visited his sister Irya and husband Don Campbell of Kapuskasing, Canada, for a five-day stay.

MISS ROBIN CECHL of El Paso, Tex., is spending an extended vacation with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Liba of Hillcrest Drive, Farmington, two years ago.

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Fall Swim Program Registration Sept. 20

Fall swimming programs for both high schools were announced this week by John K. Cotton, director of physical education and athletics. Registrations may be made from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 20 at the school where the registrant plans to swim.

Instructional swimming for children will be given from Oct. 4 through Dec. 13, with a fee of \$6 for a 10-week session, \$12 for the advanced class. Beginners will swim from 8 to 8:50 a.m. or 9 to 9:50 a.m. Advanced beginners take over from 10 to 10:50 a.m. An advanced class including competitive techniques and life-saving, will swim from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adult lessons, with a \$6 fee for 10 sessions, will be given on Wednesdays from Oct. 8 through Dec. 10 at 7 to 7:50 p.m.

Recreational swimming for adults over 18, on Wednesdays (same dates as above) from 8 to 8:50 p.m., will carry a fee of 50 cents.

Open swimming will be available for adults at 50 cents, students at 25 cents, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 7 through Dec. 11. Groups will be divided into two sessions, 6:30 to 7:40 p.m., and 7:45 to 8:55 p.m.

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