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Founders: *Husband and wife Fern and Paul Barber founded the Farmington Community Band 30 years ago.*

Community Band celebrates 30 years

In 1966, Paul and Fern Barber had a dream of forming a quality community musical group that would not only entertain audiences but also provide an outlet for many talented musicians in this area.

Membership in the Farmington Community Band is open to all adults and qualified high school students with audition. For further information or to obtain a copy of the 1995-96 Concert schedule, call (313) 261-2202 or (810) 489-3412.

Founded as the Farmington Civic Band, the vision has developed from an initial six member group to encompass today's 65 member concert band, a 20 piece jazz/dance band, clarinet choir, Dixieland band, and other small ensembles.

The band is a non-profit organization sponsored by individual business and corporate patronage as well as grants from the Farmington Area Arts Commission. The band is guided and operated by a 30 member board of directors representing all facets of the community.

munity. The band conducts business at regular quarterly meetings and assigns the daily operation to the executive board and professional staff consisting of the conductor, business manager, librarian, and equipment manager.

The band's founder and conductor Paul Barber and his wife Fern, who is the principal clarinetist and concert mistress, have seen their dream of 30 years ago realized.

"We never envisioned at the time the 30 years later our group would encompass the kind of talent we have as a volunteer type of organization," said Paul Barber. "Eleven of our band members have been involved with the band for over 20 years and our band members represent 19 different communities in addition to Farmington and come from a variety of occupations. The band has changed its appearance since its inception, but the goal to provide the Farmington area with quality musical opportunities for performers and audiences alike has remained."

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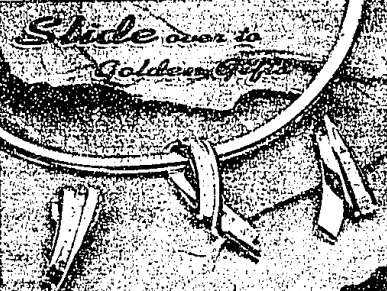


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