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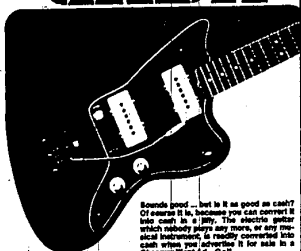
### Too Successful?

Is it possible to be too successful? The Clarenceville Entertainment Series has good reason to ask itself that question as Clarenceville Board of Education votes to end its sponsorship of the series. Its original purpose may have gotten a little lost in some big band sounds.

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# Wood Creek And Quakertown Getting Ready For Cityhood

By STEVE BARNABY

With incorporation of the City of Farmington Hills to become effective July 1, the villages of Quakertown and Wood Creek Farms are cleaning up budgetary matters in contrasting style.

While Quakertown is striving to liquidate all funds and not to incur any more financial obligations, Wood Creek has, or is planning, financial projects which will continue years past incorporation.

Wood Creek has recently awarded a \$184,000 road paving contract to Ben Fyke Co., of Berkeley, to pave all but two of the streets in the village.

Payment for the road paving project will be through a special assessment costing villagers on the west side of Northwestern Highway an estimated \$1,400 each and those on the east side an estimated

\$800 a residence, according to Eileen Abbott, Wood Creek village clerk.

The discrepancy in cost to residents on either side of Northwestern is due to differences in lot size and repair work required. Homeowners may pay the assessment either in one shot or over an extended time of up to 10 years.

Wood Creek also has at its disposal more than \$50,000 in funds gathered through federal revenue sharing, state sales and gasoline taxes. This money will be used to repair roads in Wood Creek Hills subdivision.

Plans are also in the offing to renew a three year garbage pickup contract which will expire at the end of June.

The village previously contracted with the GCW disposal Co. of Birmingham for monthly pickup ser-

vice costing the village \$145 a month. This was paid through sales tax returns from the state.

The village council has scheduled a number of meetings throughout the month, highlighted by one on June 21 labeled as a farewell to village government and a welcome to cityhood. Newly elected councilmen from Farmington Hills will be invited to meet villagers.

Council meetings are also scheduled for June 4, 12, 19, and 26.

Vivian Jurosek, Quakertown clerk, reports \$25,000 of funds on election day in May, and estimates all but \$3,000 will be spent on construction and repair projects in the area. Remaining revenue will be turned over to the new city.

Among projects to be financed are asphalt resurfacing repairs and repair of the bridge which crosses Quaker Valley.

## 4-H Meets The City

# The 'Country' Club

By CORINNE ABATT

Go west on Eight Mile Rd. past Farmington Rd., a couple of miles and the homes seem farther apart.

Three youngsters on horses ride along in front of the cemetery. A car pulling a horse trailer passes.

There's a rural atmosphere to that area of Farmington. Houses on Halstead Rd. are in keeping with the country look. There are violets growing wild, dogs barking, horses in the pastures, and groves of trees flanking the fences.

It seems only natural to find the Oakland County 4-H queen, Denise Dingee, in this setting.

The trim 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dingee is no queen in name only. She, like others in her family, which includes three sisters, lives and breathes 4-H club activities. Older sister Donna (now Mrs. William Mynatt of Farmington) got the family going on 4-H when she bought a horse.

Now, they're all involved. Mrs. Dingee is general secretary of the Trail Blazers 4-H

club of Farmington, which has been organized only a few months and has 81 members. The nucleus came from a previous group which disbanded.

Her husband got into the action as president of the Oakland County Fair board. The 4-H youth fairs are held at Springfield Oaks, in Davisburg. One is coming up this summer, Aug. 6-11.

Denise is president of the Trail Blazers group and sisters, Diane, 12, and Daleen, 13, are on the executive board with her.

Although the family got into 4-H because of Donna's horse, that turned out to be just one of the many interests which developed.

From one horse, the family stable grew to four plus a boarder. Each girl has her own dog. Denise's special pride is Drum, her Doberman, whom she has trained. She teaches dog obedience, and one of her projects is the Trail Blazer's dog drill team. Horses and dogs are a part of 4-H activities. Thirty-one have horses, 26 have dogs, but there's a great deal more than that to keep things lively. And having a horse or a

dog is far from a prerequisite.

Denise rattles off a list of interest activities - cooking, sewing, photography, leather work, art and concludes: "Anything you name that has to do with talent, we have in our club, plus just having fun, picnics, and parties. The club participates in a lot of things at the county level."

Mrs. Dingee agrees with her daughter: "4-H is changing its total look from rural to urban so more kids can participate."

Denise continues with the many activities open to 4-H young people, nine through 18. There are weekend seminars, the annual youth exploration days held at Michigan State University, and national "Feeling held each year in Washington, D.C."

While there is a Trail Blazers general meeting on the third Tuesday evening of each month at Farmington Junior High, there are more frequent meetings of the project groups and a number of special events such as the rummage sale, June 1-3 and

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QUEEN AND HER PAL—Denise Dingee, recently crowned 4-H Queen, is shown here in a relaxing moment with her pal, Drum, a doberman, who also serves as a body guard.

## Downtown Spruced Up With New Planters

By MARIE MCGEE

It took more than a badly twisted foot to keep Shirley Richardson from downtown Farmington recently for the culmination of a "planter power" project that literally spruced up the community's business district.

Mrs. Richardson and fellow committeeman, Bernie Dickman, are credited with spearheading a drive by the 15-member Farmington

Beautification Committee to improve the beauty of the downtown area.

Using \$2,000 appropriated by the city commission, the committee purchased 20 attractive concrete planters and had them planted with 4½-foot spruce trees. The planters were placed at random in the two-block area near the Farmington-Grand River intersection.

Installation by city crews went off without a hitch

- except for one minor incident, reports City Manager Robert Deadman.

One shop's awning, when lowered, hit the tree and the planter had to be relocated.

Completion of the planter project came when members of the Jayettes planted dozens of pink and white blooms around the base of the trees. Commenting on the project, Deadman explained: "It's a pilot program. We hope the businessmen will adopt and expand to enhance the downtown area while still maintaining its quaintness."

Early reaction to the project has been good, smiles Mrs. Richardson, a former teacher turned homemaker who is now in her "third or fourth" term on the beautification committee.

In fact, one man was so taken by the charming effect created by the planters that he asked Mrs. Richardson to personally look into the possibility of buying one or two for the front of his clinic located about a mile from the heart of the downtown area.

That man just happens to be veterinarian Dr. John Richardson and the husband of you-know-who.

## State Honor Goes To Firm

Elektro-Ion, Inc., was honored during the Livelihood Day luncheon sponsored jointly by the Farmington Exchange Club and the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Jewell told the audience one of the main advantages of the new system was the reduction in pollution caused by solvent fumes in conventional processes.

G. Wayne Jewell accepted the congratulations of Michigan Week Chairman Robert Smith for winning the top award in the state for



PLANTING -- Mrs. Shirley Richardson and Bernie Dickman, of the Farmington Beautification Commission; Joe DeVriendt, of the city DPW, and Robert Deadman, city manager, plant the first planter in the new beautification project.