

no room for that corner chess game? "We make money when we don't play," was the firm reply.

Both Nick and his barbers are in accord when it comes to extending a full welcome to women customers. "It changes the scenery for the better," Nick reported, eyes atwinkle. "It's more pleasant without all males," barber Jim Felix agreed.

They feel that the state law that barbers may cut both women's and men's hair, but that beauty parlor operators may cut just women's hair is a fair one. "Barbers are taught strictly cutting hair," Nick declared. "Beauticians spend a lot of time on other subjects."

Nick, who has been a barber since 1935, would rather not chronicle the changes in barbering over the years. Although he learns the newest hair styles by taking refresher courses, "my heart still isn't in it." He much prefers what used to be a "common, ordinary haircut."

HIS YOUNGER BARBERS, three of whom sport beards, generally enjoy both wearing and cutting longer hair. "Men have become more vain about the way they look," Barber Felix believes. Hair styling is probably here to stay.

Do men confide in their barbers as women are said to do in their beauticians? "Sure, our customers talk to us," Jim Felix reported. "But it's generally not about personal things. Right now the conversation is about Watergate, baseball or the best place for fishing."



A FAMILY AFFAIR is what hair cuts in the Livonia Mall Barber Shop can be. Potentially, Mom, Dad and kiddies can be shorn in one fell swoop. Pictured front to back, barber Gary Anderson and Kevin Lemonds of Livonia; barber Jim Felix and Kevin's dad, John; and barber Sam Nickoloff and Carolyn Papierski of Westland. Son Mark's hair was cut earlier astride the pony. (Evert photo)

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