

Business couple 'gets along fine' in 8 Mile Road auto parts store

By JACKIE KLEIN
 "Lucy For the First Lady, the Crabby Man's Choice."
 That's the sign on the office door of Harthun's Auto Parts in Southfield.
 "Lucy" is Lucille Harthun, the financial expert in the Eight Mile-Evergreen roads area business. She's her husband Robert's choice for the first lady of bookkeeping and accounting, but she denies the bit about the "crabby man."
 "We get along fine and we've been doing business together for 10 years," Mrs. Harthun said.
 "I'm his employe, and he's my employe. My husband depends on me to take charge of the office. Sometimes when we get complaints, he says "You fix it."
 Harthun has been operating the business in the same place since 1952, and it's become a family affair. Mrs. Harthun and three of the couple's sons are all involved.



LUCILLE HARTHUN

But she wouldn't like staying home, she said, and when she does, she often catches up on her office work.
 "I'm not a women's libber, and I wouldn't begin to know how to fix a car," she admitted with a smile.
 "But I do know something about ignitions, water pumps, shock absorbers, filters, brake parts, spark plugs

and what have you. I live with them six days a week."
 The "what have you" could be any of the two million items the auto parts store stocks.

MRS. HARTHUN'S office has a woman's touch. She uses flowered gas-ket boxes to store catalogs.

Mrs. Harthun works with figures at least five hours a day. For no change of pace, she serves as treasurer for the Southfield Chamber of Commerce and was the first woman to be elected to the board of directors.

"I guess the chamber wanted someone on the board who represents small business, so they picked me," she said.

She's also secretary of the Southfield Bicentennial Commission and is a member of the advisory council for The Southfield school's career-vocational program. Naturally, she discusses the auto parts industry.

A young-looking grandmother, Mrs. Harthun has raised six children. She snowmobiles in northern Michigan and loves to fish in Canada.

SHE AND HER husband attend Automotive Service Industry Association show in Chicago to buy new products for their own repair shop as well as

for service station customers. The best, said Mrs. Harthun, are business trips to places like Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Spain.

She takes a special pride in the large auto parts store which, she said was "built in the days of the Ark."

"My husband had the walls broken out, and it really gave the store a more open look. But with all the different items we carry, you can't make the place look like Borwit Teller's."

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Southfield officials visit Cranbrook homeowners

SOUTHFIELD—The more than 500-family Cranbrook Village Homeowners Association is one of the city's largest and most involved resident groups.
 Southfield officials recently took city hall to the residents' annual meeting and about 100 residents braved sleet and rain to attend.
 Police Chief Milton Sackett told homeowners that three per cent of all crimes in the city last year occurred in the square mile Cranbrook area between Twelve and Thirteen Mile, Southfield and Evergreen roads.
 "Cranbrook is one of the most active areas using Operation Identification," Sackett said. "That may be why of 818 homes burglarized in Southfield last year, only 27 were in the Cranbrook area."

Southfield has the first paperback library in a sports arena in the U.S. He referred to the reading room at the Beech Woods Arena on Beech and Nine Mile.

The 10-year-old homeowners' association is a merger of four of 10 Cranbrook subdivisions. Association President David Kolodziej, a member of the Southfield planning commission, said the residents have a number of concerns.

A STATUS report submitted by city officials, indicated the Twelve Mile-Evergreen roads shopping center is nearing construction.

Major tenants will be Great Scott Supermarket and a drug store along with space for 20 more shops. Provisions have been made for bike storage racks, handicapped parking spaces, landscaped greenbelts and screened trash areas, according to officials.

completed by late October, 1975. The city has applied to the Oakland County Department of Public Works for approval of relief sewers in the area. Surveys are being conducted to determine the best way to alleviate increased storm water in the sanitary sewer system, officials said.

The city is in the process of purchasing 17.5 acres of surplus property from the Southfield Board of Education for a park in the north and east sections of Southfield.

SACKETT URGED the continued use of the identification program in which articles of value can be engraved with drivers' license numbers or names. Electric engravers are available at the police station.
 Mayor Donald Fracassi, city council members, the city clerk, treasurer, administrator and department heads visited Cranbrook's annual meeting Jan. 28 at Northbrook School.
 Slides depicting available city services were shown by Thomas Frommeyer, director of social services; Laurence Schenk, parks and recreation director; Assistant Fire Chief Jerry McGrath; and fireman Marcel Charette, coordinator of the Life Support Unit.
 Librarian Bruce Schmidt said that

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Twelve Mile Road will be widened to a five lane highway with a center left turn lane next summer. Construction will include rebuilding of the intersection in front of Northbrook School and Southfield-Lathrup High School.

A temporary traffic lane will be built in the right-of-way on each side of the present lane before construction begins. After construction of the center lane into a 60-foot roadway, temporary lanes will be converted for use as sidewalks and bike paths.

TOTAL ROAD costs will be \$2.4 million, 70 per cent federally funded and 30 per cent paid by the county and city. Construction is expected to be

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