



## Mother-daughter team laud 4-H for youth

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Barbara Dinglee came to know about 4-H clubs because her oldest daughter had a horse she couldn't break. She is now president of the Oakland County contingent of the national organization.

Mrs. Dinglee called the 4-H program "more diversified than any other group offered to young people, which can be hobby-oriented, career-oriented or self-oriented."

Mrs. Dinglee's three daughters have been involved in 4-H clubs, and her two youngest daughters have just returned from the 4-H national congress in Chicago. An invitation to attend the congress is as high as one can go in the program.

Daleen Dinglee was a state winner this year for All-Achievement. Her invitation came because of several projects with which she was involved and especially for her work with leader dogs. In cooperation with the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester.

DIANE DINGEE won her invitation for work in the 4-H safety program, which concerned safety at all levels.

"It had to do with safety around dogs, or in archery, or in saddling a horse, or using a gun, driving an automobile, or a snowmobile, just safety in anything you do everyday," Diane said.

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realm of horses and dogs, though Diane emphasized that 4-H is not necessarily for persons in rural areas.

"You can learn just about anything you want to learn about," she said, "from swine to small engines, from leather craft to engineering."

Both of the sisters have also worked together or separately, on local, county and state levels, "which prob-

ably helped us get our awards," Diane said.

One of the spinoffs of these activities was Diane's organization of the 4-H Bicycle Club of Oakland County. And they both worked, with their mother, to spread the word on raising leader dogs.

The dogs are loaned to persons who want to raise them for a year, Diane explained, and then returned to the Rochester school for training to lead the blind.

"We get the dog used to being in a supermarket, for example, get him used to elevators, used to cars, and teach him some basic manners, so he's ready for the school," she said.

Two of the dogs taken by members of the local club, the Trailblazers, are now being used by unsighted persons, and Mrs. Dinglee is so pleased with this, she's anxious to make it a more wide-spread on-going program in the county.

DURING HER tenure as president of the Oakland County unit, she will concentrate on getting 4-H more publicity, Mrs. Dinglee said.

One of her first steps in this behalf was getting some of the 4-H manuals into local libraries. "We have resource materials on just about everything you want to know about and it should be spread around," she said.

She also wants more leaders, and will play a big part in a tea, set for Jan. 25 in Pontiac's Silverdome, to introduce 4-H "to anyone who works or has to do anything with kids," she said.

There is no big training program for leaders, it's more of a book-keeping-keeping-track-job," she said.

Leaders generally have an area of expertise, they can share with the 4-Hers, but this is not necessarily so.



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"Some clubs just concentrate on folk dancing, or horses, or gardening," she said. "Other clubs are general, and the leader's job is to send the 4-H'er off in the right direction to get the person or the material he or she needs to pursue whatever it is they need or request."

She also will talk to groups about 4-H, and her first speaking engagement on the subject will be to the Farmington Area Exchange Club in January.

She also will investigate the possibility of getting seniors to join "because I know they have untold skills they can share with our kids."

MARY LOU HOWLETT leads the Trailblazers now, and though based in Farmington Hills, includes 9- to 18-year-olds from Farmington, Livonia, Southfield, Northville and Walled Lake.

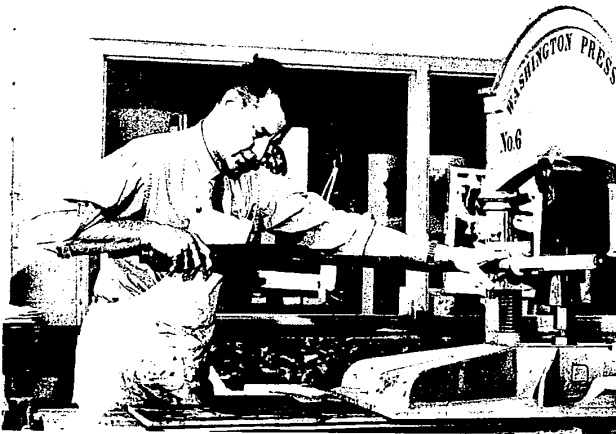
A program for horse riding has just been started for 7-year-olds, and there is a horse training and riding program underway for the handicapped.

Once a year, the county stages a 4-H Fair, which Diane describes as "a carnival where we exhibit all of our projects for the year."

She says of her experience in the club: "You can learn to take responsibilities, meet new people, get new experiences, learn a new craft. You can get out of it whatever you want to put into it."

Persons who wish an invitation to the tea in January, staged to introduce 4-H to newcomers, are asked to call the 4-H office in Pontiac, 1-888-4889.

Persons who wish to make inquiries on becoming leaders, or joining the Trailblazers, or raising a dog for the blind, are invited to call Mrs. Dinglee at 476-8410.



Speaker for the Farmington Artists Club's January meeting is Prof. W.T. Woodward, from the Wayne State School of Fine Arts, who demonstrates the use of a hand press.

## Art club hosts a collagrapher

William T. Woodward, a professor at Wayne State University and a pioneer in the field of a new printmaking technique called collagraphy, will be the guest lecturer when the Farmington Artists Club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile.

He will show how the new collagraph type prints are produced, from the artist's conception to color printing. He will demonstrate the use of collage and construction materials, acrylics, printing presses, silk screen and other color separation methods.

The meeting is open to visitors. A donation of \$1 at the door is customary for guests.

Woodward has been a teacher since he left the armed services in 1946. He

is now considered an authority on prints and printmaking.

His talk will explain where the growing art of collagraphy fits into today's art world with the use of slides showing some of his own, and other artists' work. He will also answer questions about the collector's role and what makes a print valuable as an investment.

HE EXPECTS to show examples of etching, intaglio, serigraphs and wood cuts.

But the highlight of his demonstration will be the build-up of collagraph by paste, string modeling materials, textures and plates, in their construction to the finished work of art.

## Music appreciation class offered to youth

Third and fourth graders are invited to celebrate "Beethoven's 180th Plus" in Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty, beginning Jan. 19. The four-week program of musical activity takes place from 4:5 p.m. Thursdays with Jill Locke, the library's coordinator for children.

The child's natural musical abilities will be utilized with all types of music. Classical, rock, program, ballet and choral works will illustrate important basics such as rhythm and timbre, as well as more subjective qualities in association with other forms of art and personal preferences for instrument and melodies.

"We live in a very electronic world where music is often in the background of things," Ms. Locke said.

"As we bring it to the fore, we will be using important skills such as reading, memory retention, vocabulary building, decision making, and group interaction."

These will all be intertwined in such

activities as learning musical terms, basic famous melodies and rhythms, composers and ideas behind program music.

Library materials will support newly learned skills and allow the students to share new facts and experiences at home with their families.

MS. LOCKE will use her background as a keyboard musician and a former humanities major to show children how music and music materials can be an enjoyable experience.

"We can do this," she said, "even though they are not a famous soloist, or composer, or a child prodigy, yet."

The leader of the class said the group size must be limited, due to the subject matter and the ages of group members.

There is no charge for the program. Registrations are being accepted now, by calling Ms. Locke, in the library, 474-7770.



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