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## Pitch In, Pitch Out, Take It All Away

# Township Cleanup Starts

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Monday will begin an intensive week of clean-up projects throughout Farmington Township which will conduct its semi-annual removal of large junk items.

The semi-annual clean-up is being held in one week instead of all month to get the job done quickly and keep interest high among volunteers, explains Supervisor Earl Teepees.

In addition to the large rubbish removal, volunteers have organized for special projects and

some neighborhoods have joined to take care of their particular problems.

**THE PICK-UP** of large junk items will be as follows:

Monday, May 1, from Eight to 10 Mile Rds; Tuesday, May 2, from 10 to 11 Mile Rds; Wednesday, May 3, from 11 to 12 Mile Rds; Thursday, May 4, from 12 to 13 Mile Rds; and, Friday, May 5, from 13 to 14 Mile Rds.

ACCORDING TO the agreement with Taulbee Sanitation Co., the clean-up will be accomplished within a week even if crews must work on Saturday and Sunday.

If the job is not accomplished next week, trustees have insisted Taulbee will not be paid the \$14,000 he submitted as low bid for the job.

Almost anything will be taken, says Teepees, such as refrigerators with doors removed, stoves, televisions, couches cut into two pieces and building materials cut into four-foot lengths to fit into the trucks.

Brush must be cut into two-foot lengths, bundled and tied. Most things considered "bite-size" pieces will be picked up.

Things which will not be picked up, however, include tree trunks and garbage materials too long for fitting into trunk hoppers.

**EIGHT SCOUT TROOPS** in the township will be working Saturday, April 29, to clean out roadside ditches. The trash collected will then be placed at pick-up points for the Taulbee crews.

Scout leaders have met with Teepees at his home to coordinate the efforts and are ready to go, the supervisor says. Teepees has also contacted shopping center owners and reminded them it is their responsibility, under township ordinance, to keep their grounds policed of debris.

Representatives from subdivision associations have also met with Teepees to discuss plans for clean-ups in their areas and to be informed of the Taulbee pick-up schedule. Girl Scout troops have also been contacted.

Churches have been contacted with ministers asked to make announcements from the pulpits and put information in church bulletins about the May 1-5 clean-up.

The Boy Scouts have an added incentive because Owens Illinois Glass Co. is sponsoring a contest which will award winning troops \$800 each for a clean-up project properly chronicled and accomplished.

Residents are advised to make sure large junk items are out near the curb on the day trucks will be in their neighborhood as noted in the above schedule.

**THE FARMINGTON** Area Jaycees will be manning a command post today (Saturday) in the supervisor's office to keep manpower assigned where work is needed.

The Jaycees will send members to homes of senior citizens who need assistance moving large items, such as refrigerators in basements, out to the curbs. Senior citizens needing assistance can call the township hall at 474-6115.

Arrangements also can be made for disposing of junk cars by calling the township hall.

Pick-ups of large junk items will begin 8 a.m. each day. On Mondays, Taulbee drivers will be meeting with Teepees in the Botsford Inn for coffee and rolls and last-minute instructions.

The 10 Taulbee trucks assigned to the project will be washed and drivers will be wearing new white jackets with the "Pitch In" emblem on front and back.



**PITCH IN** -- Youths and adults, including a one-legged man, pitched in this past week to clean drainage ditches on both sides of Whitlock for a length of about 1 1/2 miles between Franklin and Orchard Lake Rds. The neighbor-

hood project on Whitlock will be repeated throughout the township this week as the semi-annual clean-up drive is under way with the "Pitch In" emphasis added this year. (Evert photo)



**DISAPPEARING SCENE** -- A flock of sheep owned by Mrs. Eleanor Spicer of Farmington grazes on part of her 210 acres in Quakertown. Roving Editor W. W. Edgar de-

scribes the above scene as one fast disappearing from the American country side and as one an artist could not paint accurately enough. (Ralph Evert photo)

### A Second Election

In 17 days, Farmington Township residents will be going to the polls to decide the question of incorporation. Most of the 41 charter commission candidates met this past week to discuss the campaign and agreed on reasons why cityhood is needed. Page 3A

### A Third Election

The Farmington Board of Education will conduct an election June 12 to fill two positions on the board. Residents interested in running for the school board have until May 15 to file nominating petitions. How to run for school board is told inside. Page 5A

### A Third Defeat

The millage for Farmington School District has been defeated and a number of persons are wondering why. Residents have been calling this newspaper with the reason it was defeated, but even our callers cannot agree. Page 2A

### Crosses

A Farmington lady has lots of them, and we look closely at a few in our Church Section. Page 6A

### A Winner

A community directory compiled by Farmington's Jaycee auxiliary turns out to be an award-taker. The story is in our Women's Section. Page 8A

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Your Observer Carrier is trying to win this 10-speed bike and when you pay him this month you put him just a little closer to that goal. Remember to ask him for your receipt. It will guarantee delivery of your hometown newspaper!



**LONG-TIME HOBBY** -- Raising sheep is sort of a hobby for Mrs. Eleanor Spicer, who has enjoyed her sheep for more than three decades. She has had as many as 75 sheep in one flock but now keeps 20-25 each year. (Evert photo)

## Herding Way Of Life For Eleanor Spicer

By W.W. EDGAR

Her sheep shearing finished for the season and her little black pet lamb given its morning "bottle," Mrs. Eleanor Spicer peered out the window of her fascinating home on Farmington Road in Quakertown and mused: "Oh, they're a nuisance, but they've provided a lot of pleasure for me for a long time."

She was referring to her flock of sheep grazing on the rolling hills of her 210 acre estate. As the sun beat down on the sheared animals they presented a picture no artist could paint. They alternately grazed and "bathed" in a scene that is fast disappearing from the American country side.

FOR MORE than 30 years, Mrs. Spicer has been raising sheep on the land on which she was raised. But as she sat in the spacious living room, she

pondered the question of just how long she would be able to continue her hobby.

"You know," she said, "I was raised in the building next door which our family gave to Farmington for a community center and I was given this house we are in now - and all the land - as a wedding gift. So I've seen a lot of changes and don't know what next to expect."

"The population is spreading. More and more land is being turned over to subdivisions - and the taxes - they're just going out of reach."

There was a sharp gleam in her eye and a winsome smile as she added: "And I've seen the price of wool drop from \$2 to 20 cents a pound. That's just about what I received for the wool we sheared during the past few days."

Without waiting to be asked what she thought was the

reason for the drop in price she commented.

"Our government is importing ever so much wool from the Argentine and Australia - and so cheaply - that our price had to drop to meet competition."

But it isn't the price of wool in which Mrs. Spicer is interested so much as it is the higher taxes and the encroachment of residential housing.

AS SHE looked across the rolling land with its bits of woodland and the small stream running by, she sort of sighed and said: "There's not much of this American scene left."

But until she is forced to leave for one reason or another, Mrs. Spicer will continue her hobby of raising and petting sheep.

"I took a liking to them as a little girl," she confided.

"Then back in 1941, at the time of World War II, I decided to raise them."

As a starter she said, she and her husband went "down the road a bit" and purchased seven from a Mr. Graham. She had painted several pictures and wanted some of her own subjects, so the seven gave her a start toward a flock.

"I've had as many as 75 in a season," she said, "but that was too much work. Now, I like to keep my flock about what you see out there grazing - about 20 to 25."

MRS. SPICER explained her liking for the sheep to the fact that they teach you a lesson.

"They always seem so contented," she explained, "and they teach you to have patience. They never seem to get overly excited or upset."

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