

# Wing Lake - Foxcroft

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## Foxcroft WNFG Installs Officers for Coming Season

Pine Lake country club provided the scene for the season's last gathering of the Foxcroft branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association, June 20.

Luncheon and installation of officers was the order of the day. Mrs. H. T. Stoll presided, wearing a rose corsage artistically made by Mrs. H. W. Calvert.

Graciously accepting the presidency for another year, Mrs. Stoll installed the officers elected to assist her.

They are Mrs. J. S. Black, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Bennett, recording secretary; Mrs. W. H. Carter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G. J. VanHalteren, financial secretary; Mrs. L. J. Knapp, treasurer.

Mrs. Stoll also announced her committee chairmen for the coming year. They are conservator, Mrs. M. H. Martin; education, Mrs. F. E. Fleming; program, Mrs. R. C. Reynolds; social, Mrs. F. J. Beusmans; flower arrangements, Mrs. H. W. Calvert; publicity, Mrs. D. M. Campbell; ways and means, Mrs. W. H. Carter; membership, Mrs. J. S. Black; hospitality, Mrs. H. T. Twietmeyer; and international, Mrs. J. A. Hall.

In appreciation of her service as president, the club presented a rose plant to Mrs. Stoll. Attractive arrangements of roses by Mrs. H. T. Twietmeyer, Mrs. H. R. Carter and Mrs. J. A. Hall, graced the luncheon table.

### BLAKEMAN FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ledyard Blakeman and children of Wing Lake road left Sunday for their summer home at Cataumet, Mass. on Buzzard's Bay on Cape Cod. This fall they will take residence somewhere in the environs of Boston or Cambridge where Blakeman has accepted a position as consultant or advisor in regional planning.

Blakeman, for the past several years has been city planner for Detroit in nationally prominent in this field.

As a farewell to her friends, Beesbe Blakeman and Richard Sloan entertained eight couples June 19 at the Blakeman home following swimming in Wing Lake, they enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner. Later in the evening, between 10 and 11 o'clock, friends dropped in for dancing. All enjoyed a late swim in the lake before their final farewells to Beesbe.

Blakeman's son, Van, and Martin Sloan, son of the late Richard Sloan, 14 mile road, gave a recent joint birthday party with swimming at the Blakeman home. Lunch at the Sloans. Following lunch, the boys made model airplanes and pushed them into the air.

Among the guests at both parties was Hannah, younger sister of Beesbe and Van.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunham, Thurber road on a five-day vacation trip to Cleveland, Ohio visited Dr. and Mrs. Paul Brubaker.

While there, they saw the game between Cleveland and the Yanks. From Cleveland they went to Meadeville, Pa. where they visited friends and relatives.

### Resolution Requests Incorporation Action

BINGHAM FARMS — Council Monday night adopted a resolution directed at Franklin officials, calling for speedy consideration of joining the two villages into a fifth-class city.

"The best thing for us to do is to get out of Southfield," said William King, Farms president. "I don't want to seem to be pushing this, but preliminary work should be started soon."

King pointed to a statement attributed to Township Supervisor Eugene Swen, which indicated that money collected for park improvements and new park sites on a proposed millage vote this summer would be used for Southfield residents only.

Bingham Farms would pay its share of the millage, said King, but according to Swen, would not have the right to use the facilities.

### Upperteens Club Holds Dance Sat.

SOUTHFIELD — Boys Upperteens Club of Southfield, sponsors of a dance Saturday at Southfield Park from 8 until midnight, will have two new officers in their ranks.

Recently elected second vice president was James Ansie, William Mueller was named treasurer. The dance is for all boys and girls in their teens. Guest stars will be Kurt Haney and Bob Ross, who appear for the last time before going into service July 1 with the U.S. Navy.

### July 4 Fireworks At Southfield Park

SOUTHFIELD — A free fireworks display will be held July 4 at 9 p.m. at Southfield park, under sponsorship of Boys Upperteens Club of Southfield.

Club members are giving the display as a public service to the community which has helped them organize their club so successfully. William Mueller is event chairman, assisted by John Brauer, Paul Keith, Ken La Vigne and Forest and Richard Sprague.

Southfield firemen will set off the display. Refreshments will be

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## Groups

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temporary stambling block developed over a required census before petitions for a village could be accepted for consideration by the Oakland county board of supervisors.

THIS WAS settled when Birmingham school board, which recently completed a census, yet to be published, offered the use of that census to the group.

Now, said Shurtliff, one per cent of those living in the various subdivisions, must sign the incorporation petitions, which would then be filed with the county board of supervisors.

Southfield has until next June to draft and complete, at most, two charters. Both of these must be beaten at the polls or the northern group's dream of a village will vanish.

IF BOTH charters are defeated, and the board accepts the village petition, then the northern area tentatively to be called Westwood Village, would vote on incorporation as a home rule village. Successful there, that area would then have to adopt a charter.

Treasurer Reed gave out a tentative budget, based on the 1955-56 township budget, with which to judge the cost of a proposed city.

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With an estimated \$153,000 rate from \$7.25 to around \$2 per year, and \$29,900 in estimated returns from the state, the cost of village government would be about \$7.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, said Reed.

REED'S BUDGET calls for a village manager at a salary of \$9,000; fire department, \$45,000; police, \$22,500; building inspection, zoning and planning, \$12,000; roads, \$15,000.

Some state tax returns are based on population figures, and when a new census is taken in 1960, the northern area of Southfield, which has grown 415 per cent since 1950, would realize an estimated jump from \$29,900 to \$119,000.

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rate from \$7.25 to around \$2 per year, and \$29,900 in estimated returns from the state, the cost of village government would be about \$7.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, said Reed.

HOWARD I. REED, attorney hired by the Committee proposing the village, was on hand to answer questions raised by the group.

HE SAID the many State statutory provisions are similar for the cities and villages. The chief difference, said Reed, was that a village form of government gives the voters a more direct voice in government, while cities tend to handle governmental problems through appointed offices and commissions.

He recommended the village-type government for the area for one of three reasons—services in northern Southfield would be uniform and cost about the same

while in Birmingham there is a variance in services needed which might tend to raise cost of service to the northern part of Southfield if it annexed to Birmingham.

THE OTHER reasons, which would have to be investigated, said Reed, were: do the people in the northern Southfield area want to become a part of Birmingham or part of a village; and how much is Birmingham's bonded indebtedness, which would be an added expense to the annexed area?

Important, said Reed, was the fact that if the area became a village, it could then control its own future. It could at a later date, revert to township status; annex to Birmingham; change to city form of government; or ask for

annexation to Southfield. The northern area of Southfield is that part left out of a petition by southern township pre-City of Southfield groups which was filed when the first Southfield city charter was defeated last December.

The northern group has excluded from its area Acacia cemetery because it has no tax value; might be an expense; and might invalidate the village petition because of the required per cent of owner's signatures needed and the fact that so many different people now own cemetery land, said Bond.

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