

### THE FARM AS AN IDEA: PROTECTION FROM SOCIAL ILLS

When we lived on Dewalt Drive, the nextdoor neighbors were both alcoholics. They fought loudly, so we left the storm windows on and sealed tightly all summer long on that side of the house. Living in the country insures some freedom, and also naivité, about "other people's problems."

### THE FARM AS AN IDEA: PRIVACY, FREEDOM, AND NON\_CONFORMITY

In our suburban neighborhood, people complained about children running in their flower-beds, or the dandelions blooming unabashed in our yard. Being separated from neighbors by fields which only nature was expected to control, seeing only one other house, provided privacy and freedom from expectations and obligation to conform. On a farm you can drop pretenses, be free, and be yourself.



## Garden Club

Bethel Home and Garden Club recently installed new officers: from left to right, Marilyn Lorincy, secretary; Betty Jane Davey, vice president; Helen McNary, assistant treasurer; Ellie

Mueller, treasurer; Janet Carmen, president. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month for lunch and a program. For more information call 835-5881.

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Mom doesn't like this picture but I decided to risk including it here, to show that although she has liked not having close neighbors in the past, she is a very sociable person.

✿ TO A FRIEND'S HOUSE

THE ROAD IS NEVER LONG