Nearby Resident Gets 4-H Honor

Lois Gessert, of route 4, near Birmingham, was recently initiated into the 4-H Service Club for her outstanding work. She was one of 16 chosen from 44 counties at a recent meeting at Michigan State College.

Lois has been a club member for ten years. Her projects include Clothing, Canning, Food Preparation, Dairy, Poultry, Potatoes, making a total of 35 project years. In eight years' canning she has accomplished outstanding work, one year canning 700 quarts of fruit and vegetables and the next year 600 quarts. She was an honor member in clothing in each of the ten years in that project.

She has acted as assistant leader for four years and leader for two years. The membership of her clubs vary from five to twelve.

In the story of her work, she says—"In all these projects I have achieved things of which I am proud and might also say that I found much room for improvement. All of my clothing certificates bear gold seals. I have a goodly supply of blue ribbons and also some of the other colors. However, these achievements aren't all that count, even though they may be the first recognized. Other achievements, fully as important, are accomplishment, satisfaction, savings, knowledge and cooperation. Leadership is also an achievement, the pleasure one gets from leading a group of girls, helping them with their problems, viewing their progress and achievement."

A leader was also taken into the State Service Club, Lois' mother, Mrs. A. O. Gessert. She has been a leader of summer and winter clubs continually for 14 years. She has been a loyal, hard-working 4-H leader and more than 200 girls have been helped in her years of work.

Say Jap Soldiers Distribute Dope

The Japanese have a secret weapon—dope. According to an article in Reader's Digest, Tokyo's war lords are deliberately spreading dope addiction in the territories they invade. Every Jap soldier is told in Paragraph 15 of his military handbook that the Chinese, Europeans and East Indians, enslaved by narcotics, will become the servants of their Jap masters, and eventually will disappear. The article says the Japs embarked on their ruin-and-rule policy of conquest by drugs in 1931, when they discovered that opium-smoking troops in the Manchurian armies were the first to surrender or flee, and that dope-ridden populations were easy to manage.

However, the article notes that conquest by narcotics is a two-edged sword. According to the chief of the United States Bureau of Narcotics, Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger, a thousand hospital beds at Nanking alone are filled with heroin-addicted soldiers of the Jap army.

How Spinsters Are Made

"Helen thinks no man is good enough for her."

"She may be right, at that."

"Yet, but she's a lot more apt to be left."

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But It's True—!

Passing the home of a professor in Princeton, Wilson met a little boy who asked: "Want to make some money?" Wilson said he'd like to. The little boy added: "My father said to give this 20 cents to any man who would shovel this coal into the chute that leads to the cellar." Wilson did.

Thousands Are Needed to Harvest Big Cherry Crop

The United States Employment Service report that an adequate labor supply was secured to pick Michigan's sweet cherry crop, but that several thousand additional pickers will be needed to harvest sour cherries.

According to George W. Cross, director for Michigan of the United States Employment Service, the demand for pickers will be particularly heavy this week and next. "There will be plenty of work throughout the remainder of the season for anyone who wishes to assist with the cherry harvest," Cross said. "Many of the pickers now in the orchards are local residents who are absent from their customary employment in order that the cherry crop may be saved."

Cross urged that all men, women, and work-age children who are available plan to spend as much time as possible in the cherry orchards prior to August 10 when the season closes. Application may be made at any of Michigan's 52 local Employment Service offices. The State USES Director cautioned prospective pickers to take along their own bedding and cooking utensils, and a tent or a trailer if possible, because of the shortage of housing facilities in the fruit belt.

Growers are paying 30 cents a 25-pound lug for picking.

The Department of Agriculture predicts the 1942 crop will total over 100 million pounds, of which the Armed forces have contracted for more than 50 per cent. Major producing areas are: Traverse City, 35 million pounds; Benton Harbor, 21 million; Muskegon, 16 million; Manistee, four million; Holland, three million; Petoskey, one and a half million; and Port Huron, 845,000 pounds.

The demand for additional pickers is acute in the vicinity of Benton Harbor, Traverse City, and Manistee.

The Agrarian office in cooperation with Mr. Glen McCaughey, boy scout leader for Lenawee county, has arranged for a large number of boy scouts to leave for Traverse City on Wednesday, July 15.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago
July 21, 1892

"There are just two persons in this town who take interest enough in the park to water the trees there.

"Love is a great thing. A young man from West Bloomfield tied his horse near the M. E. Church last Sunday night and there stood the patient, faithful old mare when Monday morning's sun rose up and found the buggy floating in the dew. As we remarked before, love is forgetful.

"Remember the lawn social at Alex Parks' Saturday evening to be given by the Epworthians. All are welcome. Ice cream and cake will be served. If a disagreeable night, come to the M. E. Church.

"Dr. Walker of Detroit was called in consultation with Dr. Campbell of this village over the case of Geo. Blakeslee. While his case is not immediately dangerous, he is a very sick man.

"Miss Lizzie Smith, of Detroit, is visiting Miss Bentley at the Watkins Farm."

25 Years Ago
July 20, 1917

Mrs. George Button was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Royal De-Wolf, at Sand Lake.

A book drive for soldiers was being carried on by the local library.

Announcement was made of the marriage of Miss Laura Schultz to Rou Cline, of Royal Oak.

The Birmingham Band was scheduled to give a concert on Saturday evening and the W. C. T. U. and Red Cross were to serve ice cream.

Miss Hazel Wendorph visited friends in Pontiac on Saturday and Sunday.

5 Years Ago
July, 1937

A swarm of bees apparently strayed from home and landed in a flower garden on Linden road during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus E. Cunningham had just moved to Birmingham with their two children, Suzan, 3, and Charles H., 3.

First of a series of parties were being given for Lorraine Lambert, daughter of Mrs. Walter Thompson, who was to marry Mr. William L. Martin, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Benjamin Martin, of Detroit.

Hannah Elizabeth Neal and Thomas J. Usher, Jr., were married on Saturday afternoon in Detroit.

The engagement of June Carolyn Folsom to George W. Winborn was announced. No date was set for the wedding.

Use Electricity To Count Fish

Just as it has lightened numberless industrial and household tasks, electricity now can be used to take the tedium and drudgery out of the job of counting fish in sample stretches of streams, since tests of a shocking and stunning device at Hunt Creek experiment station have demonstrated its superiority to seining.

In operation, movable electrodes of the shocker are put into the stream, and the fish that "get the hot fin" are picked up with dip nets as they are stunned and lose control of their body movements. Put into fresh water, they recover in three to five minutes, but if left too long in the machine's electrical field, they will die.

Well-Rounded Program

"My Boy," said the magnate to his son, "there are two things that are vitally necessary if you are to succeed in business."

"What are they, Dad?"

"Honesty and sagacity."

"What is honesty?"

"Always—no matter what happens or how adversely it may affect you—always keep your word once you have given it."

"And sagacity?"

"Never give it."

"I guess they're looking for that rubber bone Swankie buried."

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Retailers' Goal $48,000,000 in Year

The Michigan retailers stamp and bond sales machine is rolling towards its goal of $48,000,000 by May 1, 1943.

More than half of Michigan's 61,000 merchants who dispense everything from chewing gum and haircuts to furniture and trucks are already actively engaged in the business of selling war savings stamps and bonds, and more are joining their ranks every day.

Under the leadership of Oscar Webber, of the J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit, the fast pace set by this State's retailers is attracting national attention.

"The official war stamp and bond merchandising kit developed by Michigan's State Committee under Mr. Webber's direction is prominently displayed on the windows of more than 31,000 stores in our State," said W. L. Moreland, City Retail Chairman for Birmingham. "Here in Birmingham most merchants have shown good cooperation, and we continue to get inquiries from interested retailers who want to do their part in this patriotic job we have accepted."

"Newspapers have given their usual splendid cooperation in helping to acquaint the buying public with what we retailers are doing to serve our country. Our aim is to make war savings stamps and bonds the most popular item in the retail trade, and to get every citizen to form the habit of purchasing one or more war savings stamps every day from retailers with whom he or she does business. People are catching the idea and stamp and bond sales through retailers are increasing steadily."

Driver Loses Control, Hits Parked Cars

Mrs. Willie May Strawder, of 490 Highland street, Pontiac, lost control of her car while driving north on Woodward avenue Saturday and crashed into the parked car of George M. Dwelley, of 631 Southfield road. Dwelley's car, with damages estimated at $50, then lurched into the car of Joseph E. Young, of 1051 Henrietta, causing loss of a similar amount. Repairs to Mrs. Strawder's car will cost $100, it was said.

Farm Scrap Aids Uncle Sam

Vital "junk" is loaded on trucks to aid Uncle Sam's drive among farmers for scrap steel. Worn-out tractors, harrows and jallopies as well as all sorts of miscellaneous scrap have been gathered from farms to be turned into armament.

U. of M. Plans Reserve Corps

ANN ARBOR—Openings for 2,400 qualified University of Michigan students are available in the newly organized Army Enlisted Reserve Corps, according to an announcement from the War Department which has been received by the University War Board. A large number of enlistments under the new plan have been received already, the War Board reports.

The War Department's program provides for the enlistment of 960 first-year men at the University, 740 second-year men, 450 third-year men and 250 fourth-year men. Since the aim of the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps is to insure the existence of a future source of qualified officer material, the physical and educational requirements for membership in the corps are similar to those for Army officers. Students accepted for enlistment in the corps will be permitted to continue their University studies until graduation, unless they leave school or fail to pass a qualifying examination.

When a student who has enlisted in the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps finally enters the Army, whether before or after graduation, his initial status will be exactly the same as that of any inductee. He will not enter the Army as an officer, but will be eligible for an officer candidate school, exactly as is any inductee.

Social Security Tax Blankets All

College and high school students who are employed in commerce or industry during the vacation season are subject to old-age and survivors insurance under the Social Security Act. Taxes must be paid on such employees regardless of whether they work part time or full time and regardless of their age, according to Albert W. Boehringer, manager of the Pontiac field office of the Social Security Board.

Put Your Name on a Tank!

There are bombs in your barn! There are guns in your garret! That old flatiron will make two steel helmets to protect the lives of two American soldiers—your boy and your neighbor's; or it will make 30 hand grenades to halt the goose-stepping horde which would trample freedom beneath its heels.

Of course, you can't beat a flatiron into helmets but it takes scrap to make steel. If we are to keep our steel mills going full blast this winter, we must increase the flow of scrap iron and steel by at least 6,000,000 tons.

Many counties and towns already have had special scrap collections but there still are untold tons of scrap in rural areas. One state with a strong drive collected 44,000 tons of scrap metal. A month later, the campaign was repeated—and got 40,000 tons more.

That old plow will produce 100 armor-piercing 75-mm projectiles; or a set of golf clubs will make a machine gun.

Get in the Scrap

Every home should produce 100 pounds of scrap metal. A farm should produce 500 pounds.

Thus, a community of 200 farms and 300 additional homes should provide 65 tons—and send three tanks to the fighting front.

Put Your Name on a Tank

An old auto, with an equivalent amount of pig iron, will make 16 17-mm guns, or 27 20-mm aircraft guns, or 30 50-caliber machine guns or 1½ 16-inch navy shells; or 3 2,000-pound aerial bombs.

Why doesn't the government clean out the auto graveyards, asks Tom the Douhter.

Because every day old cars are being sold to graveyards for junking. It is a continuing business and it is desirable to keep the establishments going as producers of scrap. The aim of the War Production Board is to keep this process moving but to speed it up so that every graveyard will scrap each car it buys within 60 days.

Social Strategy

Mrs. A.—How can Mrs. Bromley afford to keep three servants?

Mrs. B.—Oh, she plays bridge with them every Saturday evening and wins back all their wages.

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Today the telephone lines are crowded with traffic as never before, and some calls are certain to be delayed.

In the kind of war we are fighting now, telephone communication is a vital necessity. *War calls must go through.* Every time a military or war production call gets stalled in a traffic jam, the speed of our drive to Victory is slowed down.

The reserve capacity of our lines and equipment, built up for emergencies, is now fully used. And further substantial enlargement of the telephone system to take care of this wartime congestion is impossible because materials are even more urgently needed for tanks, planes and guns.

There is only one solution remaining—more careful and more efficient use of present telephone facilities by *all of us.*

In the past, easy, unhampered telephone service has been taken for granted, and properly so. Now there is a war to win, and each of us has a patriotic duty to see that our use of the telephone does not interfere with war calls. Though your own line may never be used for war messages, every call you make must pass through a central office switchboard. Many switchboards are crowded with military or industrial calls.

You can help the cause of Victory by putting this list of reminders beside your telephone and making it your guide:

Long Distance Calls

1. Make only the most necessary calls during the business day.
2. Avoid the rush hours. When possible, call before 9 A.M.; between noon and 2 P.M.; between 5 and 7 P.M.; or after 9 P.M.
3. Plan what you want to say, so that the call will be brief.
4. Whenever possible, give the number of the telephone you are calling.
5. Don't call Washington, D.C., unless you must. Trunk lines to the nation's capital are already overloaded with war messages.

Local Calls

1. Try to make your conversations short, and avoid the rush hours.
2. Look up numbers in the telephone directory, so that you won't have to call information.
3. Plan your conversations ahead, and keep paper and pencil handy.
4. Show your children how they can help the war effort by keeping their calls brief.
5. If you share a party-line, be considerate of your neighbors.

Thoughtful use of telephone facilities in these days is a real contribution to the war effort—one that every citizen can make. The Telephone Company will continue to provide the best service possible under present conditions. But now, and for the duration, *WAR CALLS COME FIRST.*

President.

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