



Round-Up of Franklin Artists

About 30 artists will exhibit in the Franklin Round-Up on Labor Day including (from left) Joseph K. Kidd, Mrs. (Wanda) Kidd and Ann Geiger. They are shown with "Forty by Forty," an oil by Kidd, and a sculptural

work hanging. The exhibit will be held in the library of the village office; the artists here are standing outside the library. Sale of art will start in the early afternoon following the Round-Up parade.

NATURE NOW

A Circle of Crooked Maples Keeps Alive Indian Legend

WALLOON LAKE.—On the shore of Lake Michigan between Harbor Springs and what is left of the Indian settlement of Cross Village, there once stood a great white pine whose trunk bent sharply toward the water.

It was called "L'arbre Croche," the Crooked Tree. So famous was it, that it lent its name to this particular region of our state.

In a time when all of Northern Michigan belonged to the red man, the above area was the center of an Ottawa encampment. Legend says that on a certain day an Indian brave out from the shore looked down at the water.

Overcome with remorse, he stood at sunset on the rocky mound, chanted his death lament and drove a hunting knife through his heart. As a result, his spirit was forever banished from the Happy Hunting Grounds.

THIS LEGEND has many versions, and we can read about and see many "crooked" trees in our state. Each one we visit the site of a former "chippewa" settlement near History Bay which is marked by a neat Indian Church built in 1811 and by a graveyard and assembly hall.

How the legend of the crooked tree lives on in a circle of maples which, as young trees, were bent and tied to the earth with thongs of ash, this act being a gesture of reverence for and obedience to the Great Spirit.

As the seasons came and went, the maple saplings grew, developing a right-angled "crook" in the main trunk of each which persisted even after the trees were released.

Until recently, ceremonial fires commemorating the death of the tribe were regularly held within its confines. "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined," wrote an ancient prophet.

NOW ON A DAY in late summer, we have put down for you these observations about another crooked tree on the shore of Walloon Lake, which is a product of nature's own making.

Often we can only guess at such vagaries which can sometimes be observed by one who follows the paths of the forest.

On some distant day in late May, the wind tossed a shower of winged maple seeds hither and yon. In the warmth and moisture of the next spring, some of these found living space on the rim of a deep glade where I now write.

HERE WHERE it had to compete with a host of other tree seedlings, a sugar maple sprout took root.

Over the years its companions on the forest floor included such plants as American yew, red elderberry, the spinnulose shield and narrow-

leaved spicewood ferns interspersed with such herbs as Clintonia, sweet cicely, partridge vine, blue cohosh and lambert.

In this competitive habitat, the sapling had to reach upward for the light so that it grew tall and slender, devoid of lower branches. On a stormy summer night when it had reached a height of some 20 feet, a strong eastern wind caught its leafy crown bending it sideways to reach another maple some 15 feet distant. Here it became wedged in the axis of the trunk and a lower limb of the larger tree.

AS THE SEASONS came and went, the trunk of the sapling remained thus imprisoned until the tissues of the older tree finally enclosed it, and the two became permanently joined.

Now that which was once the tree's leafy crown is only a dead relic of the larger tree.

Ford Museum Sets Kids' Matinee of Century-Old Play

A special children's matinee of the American Drama Festival's play "Metamora" will be held at the Henry Ford Museum theater at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The American Drama Festival, produced by the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn, is part of the museum's educational program of bringing American history to life. All cast members are affiliated with educational institutions, either as students or faculty and professional staff.

The Saturday matinee is being presented in order to provide school age youngsters a chance to see a performance of one of these outstanding plays presented in the same manner as it was a century ago. It was first performed at the Park Theatre in New York City on Dec. 15, 1829.

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BRIDGE in BIRMINGHAM

By **HUD MATBAUM**
Southern Michigan Bridge Assn.
One of the regulars in the "win column" in Birmingham bridge tournaments is Mae Esch. While playing with George Alderton III, also of this area, she held our interesting hand for today.

This hand not only is a lesson on how to await your partner's last bid before placing the suit but is a good example of the pseudo-squawk.

North and South Vulnerable.
Dealer: North.
(George Alderton III)
NORTH
AK 10 4
A 9
K J 2
5 3 1 2
WEST
8 3
K 10 4 3 2
10 9 6 2
Q 3
EAST
Q 4 7 5
K Q 8 7
Q 8 3
Q 7 3

SOUTH (Mae Esch)
K 6 2
A 7 4
AK J 10 9 8
The bidding: 1N-2N-3N-4N-5N-6N-7N-8N-9N-10N-11N-12N-13N-14N-15N-16N-17N-18N-19N-20N-21N-22N-23N-24N-25N-26N-27N-28N-29N-30N-31N-32N-33N-34N-35N-36N-37N-38N-39N-40N-41N-42N-43N-44N-45N-46N-47N-48N-49N-50N-51N-52N-53N-54N-55N-56N-57N-58N-59N-60N-61N-62N-63N-64N-65N-66N-67N-68N-69N-70N-71N-72N-73N-74N-75N-76N-77N-78N-79N-80N-81N-82N-83N-84N-85N-86N-87N-88N-89N-90N-91N-92N-93N-94N-95N-96N-97N-98N-99N-100N-101N-102N-103N-104N-105N-106N-107N-108N-109N-110N-111N-112N-113N-114N-115N-116N-117N-118N-119N-120N-121N-122N-123N-124N-125N-126N-127N-128N-129N-130N-131N-132N-133N-134N-135N-136N-137N-138N-139N-140N-141N-142N-143N-144N-145N-146N-147N-148N-149N-150N-151N-152N-153N-154N-155N-156N-157N-158N-159N-160N-161N-162N-163N-164N-165N-166N-167N-168N-169N-170N-171N-172N-173N-174N-175N-176N-177N-178N-179N-180N-181N-182N-183N-184N-185N-186N-187N-188N-189N-190N-191N-192N-193N-194N-195N-196N-197N-198N-199N-200N-201N-202N-203N-204N-205N-206N-207N-208N-209N-210N-211N-212N-213N-214N-215N-216N-217N-218N-219N-220N-221N-222N-223N-224N-225N-226N-227N-228N-229N-230N-231N-232N-233N-234N-235N-236N-237N-238N-239N-240N-241N-242N-243N-244N-245N-246N-247N-248N-249N-250N-251N-252N-253N-254N-255N-256N-257N-258N-259N-260N-261N-262N-263N-264N-265N-266N-267N-268N-269N-270N-271N-272N-273N-274N-275N-276N-277N-278N-279N-280N-281N-282N-283N-284N-285N-286N-287N-288N-289N-290N-291N-292N-293N-294N-295N-296N-297N-298N-299N-300N-301N-302N-303N-304N-305N-306N-307N-308N-309N-310N-311N-312N-313N-314N-315N-316N-317N-318N-319N-320N-321N-322N-323N-324N-325N-326N-327N-328N-329N-330N-331N-332N-333N-334N-335N-336N-337N-338N-339N-340N-341N-342N-343N-344N-345N-346N-347N-348N-349N-350N-351N-352N-353N-354N-355N-356N-357N-358N-359N-360N-361N-362N-363N-364N-365N-366N-367N-368N-369N-370N-371N-372N-373N-374N-375N-376N-377N-378N-379N-380N-381N-382N-383N-384N-385N-386N-387N-388N-389N-390N-391N-392N-393N-394N-395N-396N-397N-398N-399N-400N-401N-402N-403N-404N-405N-406N-407N-408N-409N-410N-411N-412N-413N-414N-415N-416N-417N-418N-419N-420N-421N-422N-423N-424N-425N-426N-427N-428N-429N-430N-431N-432N-433N-434N-435N-436N-437N-438N-439N-440N-441N-442N-443N-444N-445N-446N-447N-448N-449N-450N-451N-452N-453N-454N-455N-456N-457N-458N-459N-460N-461N-462N-463N-464N-465N-466N-467N-468N-469N-470N-471N-472N-473N-474N-475N-476N-477N-478N-479N-480N-481N-482N-483N-484N-485N-486N-487N-488N-489N-490N-491N-492N-493N-494N-495N-496N-497N-498N-499N-500N-501N-502N-503N-504N-505N-506N-507N-508N-509N-510N-511N-512N-513N-514N-515N-516N-517N-518N-519N-520N-521N-522N-523N-524N-525N-526N-527N-528N-529N-530N-531N-532N-533N-534N-535N-536N-537N-538N-539N-540N-541N-542N-543N-544N-545N-546N-547N-548N-549N-550N-551N-552N-553N-554N-555N-556N-557N-558N-559N-560N-561N-562N-563N-564N-565N-566N-567N-568N-569N-570N-571N-572N-573N-574N-575N-576N-577N-578N-579N-580N-581N-582N-583N-584N-585N-586N-587N-588N-589N-590N-591N-592N-593N-594N-595N-596N-597N-598N-599N-600N-601N-602N-603N-604N-605N-606N-607N-608N-609N-610N-611N-612N-613N-614N-615N-616N-617N-618N-619N-620N-621N-622N-623N-624N-625N-626N-627N-628N-629N-630N-631N-632N-633N-634N-635N-636N-637N-638N-639N-640N-641N-642N-643N-644N-645N-646N-647N-648N-649N-650N-651N-652N-653N-654N-655N-656N-657N-658N-659N-660N-661N-662N-663N-664N-665N-666N-667N-668N-669N-670N-671N-672N-673N-674N-675N-676N-677N-678N-679N-680N-681N-682N-683N-684N-685N-686N-687N-688N-689N-690N-691N-692N-693N-694N-695N-696N-697N-698N-699N-700N-701N-702N-703N-704N-705N-706N-707N-708N-709N-710N-711N-712N-713N-714N-715N-716N-717N-718N-719N-720N-721N-722N-723N-724N-725N-726N-727N-728N-729N-730N-731N-732N-733N-734N-735N-736N-737N-738N-739N-740N-741N-742N-743N-744N-745N-746N-747N-748N-749N-750N-751N-752N-753N-754N-755N-756N-757N-758N-759N-760N-761N-762N-763N-764N-765N-766N-767N-768N-769N-770N-771N-772N-773N-774N-775N-776N-777N-778N-779N-780N-781N-782N-783N-784N-785N-786N-787N-788N-789N-790N-791N-792N-793N-794N-795N-796N-797N-798N-799N-800N-801N-802N-803N-804N-805N-806N-807N-808N-809N-810N-811N-812N-813N-814N-815N-816N-817N-818N-819N-820N-821N-822N-823N-824N-825N-826N-827N-828N-829N-830N-831N-832N-833N-834N-835N-836N-837N-838N-839N-840N-841N-842N-843N-844N-845N-846N-847N-848N-849N-850N-851N-852N-853N-854N-855N-856N-857N-858N-859N-860N-861N-862N-863N-864N-865N-866N-867N-868N-869N-870N-871N-872N-873N-874N-875N-876N-877N-878N-879N-880N-881N-882N-883N-884N-885N-886N-887N-888N-889N-890N-891N-892N-893N-894N-895N-896N-897N-898N-899N-900N-901N-902N-903N-904N-905N-906N-907N-908N-909N-910N-911N-912N-913N-914N-915N-916N-917N-918N-919N-920N-921N-922N-923N-924N-925N-926N-927N-928N-929N-930N-931N-932N-933N-934N-935N-936N-937N-938N-939N-940N-941N-942N-943N-944N-945N-946N-947N-948N-949N-950N-951N-952N-953N-954N-955N-956N-957N-958N-959N-960N-961N-962N-963N-964N-965N-966N-967N-968N-969N-970N-971N-972N-973N-974N-975N-976N-977N-978N-979N-980N-981N-982N-983N-984N-985N-986N-987N-988N-989N-990N-991N-992N-993N-994N-995N-996N-997N-998N-999N-1000N-1001N-1002N-1003N-1004N-1005N-1006N-1007N-1008N-1009N-1010N-1011N-1012N-1013N-1014N-1015N-1016N-1017N-1018N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