

PONTIAC HOSPITAL, PRESS OFFER 4-H CLUB AWARDS

The Pontiac State Hospital is awarding a purebred Holstein heifer calf to 4-H Club member. A committee of five 4-H Club leaders will determine the club member who is to receive this animal. Each club leader is invited to nominate a club member eligible to receive this calf. The basis of selecting the boy to receive the calf will be the boy's attitude and interest in Club work and facilities at home for rearing the animal.

The Pontiac Daily Press is providing a purebred Guernsey animal to be awarded to some 4-H boy, under the same terms as those listed above. Nominations are to be made

by the 4-H Club leaders who will select the boy to receive the award. The Pontiac Press is also providing a pressure cooker to be awarded to the winning club scoring the highest rating, providing they have not received this prize in previous years. A second award for winning clubs will consist of six wide-mouth jars given by the Pontiac Daily Press. This award is to be made to the club scoring the second highest average in the judgment of exhibitors.

Sorensen Guernseys Make Official Records

Three Guernsey cows owned by Charles E. Sorensen of Farmington have just completed new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. These animals include four and one-half year old Bourneville Chiderella 422563 producing 15207.6 pounds of milk and 688.9 pounds of butter fat in class BB, three year old Jacqueline of Daisy Lane 501898 producing 11,373.5 pounds of milk and 702.0 pounds of butter fat in class E and three year old Wildwood Charly's Clarissa 479015 producing 10013.9 pounds of milk and 498.2 pounds of butter fat in class EE.

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WPA ASSISTS VACATIONERS ENJOY STATE PARKS

Helping folks with a week or so of vacation to enjoy to the full every day they spend in a state park is the job of 63 WPA recreation leaders, now on duty in 31 state parks. Arm-band insignia make them distinguishable in park crowds; to persons wanting to know about park facilities and activities.

Nature guides, one of three classes of the leaders, conduct parties on field trips over trails in and near the park. They also set up and maintain in some central park buildings a nature museum for display of rocks, flowers, tree leaves, birds, fish, snakes, turtles, and other small animals that may be seen by the observant visitor somewhere in the park. Relics of local historic significance are collected for these displays.

Social activity directors, a second type of leader, supervise children's playgrounds; and for adults they organize ball games, horse-shoe pitching tournaments, casting contests, treasure hunts, amateur acting, singing and story-telling about evening campfires, and, in some parks, square dances. Some also direct handicraft projects, and in three parks little mimeographed "newspapers" are produced weekly.

The third class of WPA leaders are lifeguards, who patrol beaches and conduct classes for beginning swimmers. (Many of the park lifeguards, however, are state park employees).

Park visitors may learn from bulletin boards in central park buildings the schedule of organized events available. Leaders will continue active in the 31 parks until the close of the principal season Labor Day, and longer in parks that continue open after that date, for such activities as fall color hikes and winter sports.

WPA state park guides were first employed in limited numbers in 1935. This year they received a pre-season training course, at the conservation department's training school in Pigeon River state park. Charles F. Welch, of the department's education division is coordinator of the present program.

Send in news items EARLY.

Beautiful Betty

By MAIDA SMITH
(Associated Newspapers)
WNU Service.

"IT HAS come," cried Billy, excitedly, "barely in time, too."

Alicia made suitable exclamations, her own face relieved. The ring that he slipped upon her finger was exquisite, indeed, but she had seen it before when he had taken her into the jewelry store to select it. She had wanted to wear the size was a little too large and it had been left for alteration.

"Billy," reflected the petted young woman, "is oddly restless." In the store he had whispered and gazed about him without word to the clerk and now he seemed almost on the eve of doing a little of joy as he stared at his shuffe token.

At that moment her father entered, his small, shrewd eyes resting impatiently upon the pretty tableau.

"The ring came just in time for the engagement party," babbled Billy, wiping his brow.

"Well, one would naturally expect to see her wearing one," returned Mr. Smithers, unenthusiastically. "Is your dad here, yet?"

Bill shook his sleek head. "He'll be here tomorrow," he guessed, and then murmured, "I took the liberty of bringing a guest, Alicia; she's an artist and an old friend. I thought she'd enjoy the doings."

Mr. Smithers did not repress his surprise, although his daughter, in the flush of joy proper to a newly engaged girl, tried to smother convincingly.

"Where is she?" she let fall breathlessly.

Billy ran his finger inside his collar. "I brought her with me. She's out there."

Puzzled, but mindful of her obligations as hostess, Alicia stepped into the hall where she now perceived a small and radiant figure sitting in a deep chair before the fireplace.

"Betty Bernard, Alicia, and a good scout," stammered Billy.

An influx of hilarious guests almost drowned the ensuing words and Betty was swept upstairs with the other girls.

In an incredibly short time, however, she was back with the engaged couple and Alicia found her at her elbow constantly through the evening. Even when they all piled into cars en route for the State Park, Betty squeezed into Billy's Parrot, and when the car started, she was with them and when Alicia, becoming a trifle bored with the persistent attentions of the good scout, asked Jim to take her away to another table at the cabaret, she saw, with mounting annoyance, that the two were within two feet of her.

Presently, intercepting an exchange of glances between the good scout and her dance, Alicia withdrew to the dressing room to ponder her future actions. It was patent that Betty had some hold on Bill. When the announcement of the engagement had been made Betty had been most attentive and her long-lashed brown eyes had remained glued upon the diamond ring.

Alicia looked up from the glowing tip of her cigarette to find Betty seated on the lounge opposite her. "Billy is a stranger in this city. How do you happen to be here, Miss Bernard?"

"Business," Betty's smile was Circelike.

Alicia flamed. The brilliant brown eyes were again fixed upon the betrothal ring. This girl had some hold upon Billy. Probably she intended to make a scene and claim him. She'd not stand the situation an instant longer.

Leaping to her feet, she fairly ran out.

A distinguished-looking man was examining his billfold and talking to Bill.

"I am returning this ring," said Alicia in her best manner, "please take that woman away from here. I'm tired of her."

Betty exchanged a knowing grin with the scarlet Bill.

"I have it here, Bill. Is this the lady?"

Alicia winked back a tear as Bill's father handed over a sheet of bank notes to the shameless Betty. The bright dream was ended. Bet was a philanthropist—unworthy of her words.

"Thank you," the good-scout was saying, tucking the roll of bills in her brocade bag. "I just hated to follow her about, but your son being a stranger could not offer any security for the ring, and so the firm rented him the ring for the evening. Good-night and thanks for the party, Miss Smithers."

Repetantly Alicia turned to her misjudged fiancé.

"I—I'm sorry," she began.

"It was the only way I could do it so you'd have your ring for the party, sweetheart. I couldn't find any one I knew, and—oh well, no use talking. Dad got my wire and rent a plane to come. Miss Bernard is a private detective, you know."

Apparently the bemused Bill had not heard Alicia's jealous speech concerning the beautiful Betty and 'twas just as well.

Advices Small Grain To Control Bindweed

Preparing a good seedbed in mid-August for the sowing of wheat, rye, or sweet clover at the normal time is the first step in effecting the controlling bindweed, explains H. C. Rather, head of the farm crops department, Michigan State College.

After the grain is harvested, the field should be plowed and kept fallow until seeding time again. This process may have to be repeated two or three times, but its worth as an eradication measure against bindweed has been demonstrated, Rather says. Other common names of a bindweed are creeping jenny and wild morning glory.

Recent work done at Michigan State College under the direction of S. T. Dexter, also of the farm crops department, has shown that summer seedings of sweet clover are also effective in controlling bindweed. One of the characteristics of bindweed is that the weed usually is found on soils that will naturally grow sweet clover. Rather suggests, however, that farmers make the usual acidity tests before sowing sweet clover.

The sweet clover should be cut in the early bloom stage for hay or silage and the stubble turned up. The field should be kept fallow until about the middle of August before being reseeded to sweet clover. This process, also, may have to be repeated two or three times before the amount of the bindweed is reduced so as to lessen its effects upon cultivated crops.

Bindweed, a perennial with deep heavy rootstocks, cannot withstand the competition of small grain or sweet clover because of its relatively slow-growing characteristics in the early spring, Rather explains.

MSC Fall Term Opens September 23

Nearly every Michigan county will be represented in the 1940 freshman class in Michigan State College, according to Registrar Robert S. Linton. Already 1,015 new students have been approved for admission in the fall term, which begins Monday, Sept. 23, and plans are being completed to accommodate approximately 2,500 freshmen and new students when school opens.

Last year, freshmen and new students totaled 2,469, Mr. Linton said, and present figures indicate the 1940 beginning class will be equally large. A total enrollment of approximately 7,500 is anticipated by College officials. Last year's enrollment of 6,932 students in the fall term was an all-time record high for the State College.

The fall term officially opens with Freshman Week on September 22, with upperclassmen registering on September 27-28. Classes will begin on Monday, September 30.

Although numerous staff changes have been made in preparation of the fall term, only 24 of the new faculty members are additions to the staff. Two departments will be headed by newly-appointed professors, Prof. Roy Underwood, formerly of the Washington Conservatory of Music, becomes head of the music department, and Prof. C. C. DeWitt, formerly of the Michigan College of Mines and Technology, will head the Chemical

Engineering department.

Reservations are being taken in the College's dormitories for both men and women, and while no rooms in dormitories will be available in September, students entering late will be accommodated in Lansing and East Lansing homes.

Pyrethrum or Derris Controls Bean Beetle

Application of pyrethrum or derris dust to control the Mexican bean beetle reported in many Michigan localities, is recommended by Ray Hutson, Michigan State College entomologist.

Damage from the pest has been reported by growers of small gardens and also by commercial bean growers. The beetle is oval in form and its highly-arched, yellowish or orange-brown wing covers are each ornamented with eight irregular black spots, arranged in two rows across the back. The adults pass the winter under shelter of dead plants or trash in the vicinity of the bean fields. The eggs are laid in early spring on the under-surfaces of the leaves of young plants. However, not all the individuals lay their eggs at the same time; thus, the egg-laying period may extend over several weeks.

Spraying with an arsenical poison is not safe if the plants are to be used as hay for livestock, Hutson warns. After the pods have appeared the only safe material to use is pyrethrum or derris. Good derris dust, assaying about 4 percent rotenone, should be applied at the rate of 15 to 25 pounds per acre.

Further information about the insect and its control measures may be obtained by writing to the Michigan State College bulletin room for Extension Bulletin 180.

While white oaks furnish more hollow spaces for squirrel dens, black oaks are preferred by squirrels building nest nests, researchers at Swan Creek wildlife experiment station discovered.

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