

U. OF M. STUDY DISCLOSES NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE

Financial security, adequate housing, and personal companionship are the principal needs of older people and the areas in which they encounter their greatest problems, a University of Michigan study reveals.

An intensive survey of older people in Washtenaw County has been conducted by the University's Institute for Human Adjustment in an effort to define the problems of people over 60 and to find the ways in which those problems are now being met.

"American culture has placed a premium on financial independence achieved by saving to provide for old age and for one's children," Clark Tibbitts, director of the Institute, explains. "Achievement has fallen far short of this goal, for two-thirds of the older people in the United States are partly or

wholly dependent upon others for support."

Aside from the fact that savings, contributions from children, Social Security and pensions often do not provide sufficient funds, older people capable of working complain of "feeling useless" when they fail to find employment, Tibbitts said.

Apparently the most satisfactory type of housing for older people is a house or apartment small enough not to tax their strength and near enough to friends or relatives for them to help in case of emergencies, the survey showed. In general, older people are determined to have their own homes apart from their married children.

A "need for companionship" was expressed more strongly by more old people than any other need, Tibbitts said. Those who do not have such companionship and affection from relatives "feel alone and rejected and say that life has little purpose for them."

BUDDY POPPIES MADE BY DISABLED VETS



Two disabled war veterans in the VA hospital at Wood, Wis., use their spare time to make Ruddy Poppies while a nurse smiles encouragement. The red flowers, symbolic of the sacrifices made by veterans of two World Wars, will go on sale prior to Memorial Day. Proceeds will be used exclusively for rehabilitation of disabled war veterans, their widows and orphans by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

GRASS PLAYS VITAL ROLE IN ORCHARD PLANNING

Grass and legumes should play a prominent part in an orchard management program, says Dr. H. B. Tukey, head of the horticulture department at Michigan State College.

"In apple and pear orchards a system of sod and mulch culture has proved successful in most parts of Michigan," Dr. Tukey states. "Of all the things a fruit grower can do and be wrong in the doing, he is least likely to be wrong when he mulches."

A 20-year experiment at the college was used to compare the cultivation-cover crop and sod-mulch systems of soil management in apple orchards. Although the trees in the cultivation-cover crop plot started faster, the trees in sod and mulch were larger and had produced the greater total acre yield at the end of the trial.

The cultivation-cover method is more popular in peach, plum, and

CLASS REUNION

The Farmington High School's class of 1941 held its annual picnic at the City Park on Sunday. Over three-quarters of the class were present. Charles Larson was elected president for the coming year. Another reunion is planned for 1950.

cheery orchards, Tukey points out. However, some growers are successfully producing these fruits in a permanent sod-mulch program. Soil erosion in orchards can be effectively controlled with grasses and legumes, whether permanent or temporary. In addition, these covers will add very important organic matter to the soil.

Mulching materials can often be produced right on the farm. Alfalfa, smooth brome, and other crops can be grown on land too rough for other use.

Tukey urges fruit growers to attend the Grass Day program in their area in June. Demonstrations in seed-bed preparation, fertilization, seeding, and management will be featured at these events.

Plans Complete For Bridal Fashion Show

Plans are complete for the Bridal Fashion show and reception to be presented by the Methodist Mother's Club June 4.

The oldest gown to be modeled is one worn at a Canadian wedding in 1849. Several interesting articles of bridal attire will be on display, among which is an Egyptian bridal veil sent from Constantinople.

Dress rehearsals for the event will be held in the church Wednesday evening, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. The show itself will take place at 8 p.m. on June 4 in the church.

Campaign Aids In Fly Killing

A catchy slogan—Kill that Fly Before July—is being used in a number of areas to spark fly eradication campaigns. It's a good community project, advises Michigan State College extension specialists.

A beginning point is often a volunteer. Checkup of fly breeding places.

Some communities plan a spray campaign to cover the entire city. It's a program that draws participants from all segments of the community.

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NOVI NEWS

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Where is Novi? It surely is on the map, with a million and a half dollar midjet auto race track under construction, and ground broken for two more stores.

The Perry-Kenner Post, Amvet auxiliary was the guest of Jimmy Day Amvet auxiliary for their second annual dinner at Rotunda Inn on Wednesday evening. A delicious dinner was served to the 125 guests, after which a program was presented. Mrs. Adeline Fag, of Benton Harbor was guest speaker, followed by Mrs. Sampson of Detroit, State President of Amvet auxiliaries.

Meadams Lillian Trickey, Min Martin, Florence Martin, Dr. Cottrill, Rowena Salow, Mae Atkinson, Irene Staman and Margaret Marshall were visitors at the Visitation at the Fidelity Lodge on Thursday evening.

The Amvet auxiliary dance at Meadowbrook Club on Saturday evening was well attended, and all report a good time.

The Charles Trickey, Sr., and daughter, Len, Charles Trickey, Jr., and Chuckie, spend Monday evening at Grosse Pointe Woods at the home of Dr. Blaess, who is a brother of the senior Mrs. Trickey.

Forty-two Past Noble Grands and four visitors attended their regular meeting with a chicken dinner at the home of Mrs. Alice Hopkins at Wilcox. The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Trickey at Novi.

The Harry Watsons are entertaining his sister, and daughter, of San Fernando Valley, California. This is sort of a get-acquainted visit, as they haven't seen each other in 27 years. They flew here. The entire party spent the week and motoring into parts of Canada.

David White, of Walled Lake, is in Sessions Hospital at present. Mr. and Mrs. George Waite were dinner guests of the Lauren McKinnis in Detroit on Sunday.

If you want to know anything of kiddies troubles, ask the Edward Putmans. Larry fell off a spray rig and injured his knee badly. While Mrs. Putman was driving with baby Rosetta with her, to avoid an accident she applied the brakes quickly, throwing Rosetta from the door handle and landing her face. Despite the baby's black eye, all are now getting along fine.

Mrs. Tom Burkemo of Grand River entertained her two sons and their families from Dayton, Ohio, over the week end.

Lewis Bryant, of Farmington, and Paul Lauback, of Walled Lake, are employed at Trickey's fish and hunt.

Field Crews Finish Otsego Burning Project

Conservation department field crews have finished successful controlled burning projects on two square-mile patches of brush in sharp and prairie chicken habitat in Otsego County. Crews now are waiting the right combination of weather and ground conditions to continue similar work in the upper peninsula.

With good land use the guiding factor, the conservation commission also previously approved controlled burning to increase and improve game habitat acreage in Baraga, Schoolcraft, and Mackinac Counties. The burnings kill off excess brush with which the forest fire encroaches upon open land, and maintains the grassy meadows needed by these game birds.

"Fire can be an effective tool for certain purposes only when handled by trained technicians," Ben Jenkins, game management planner for the department, points out. "We utilize the services of specialists in our game, forestry and forest fire divisions in initiating and carrying out even the smallest burning project."

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supply store on Grand River. Miss Mary Flint, of 12 Mile Road attended the Centennial of M. S. N. College at Ypsilanti two days during the past week.

The Oddfellows and Rebekahs will attend church in a body on Sunday, June 5, for Memorial Services at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Anna Rice of 11 Mile Road is seriously ill at her home. The Blue Star Mothers Rummage and Bake sale held at the I.O.O.F. Hall on Friday evening was well attended. They made approximately fifty dollars.

Mrs. Lili Lockwood attended the Betty Pruse annual dance recital at Pontiac, in which her granddaughter, Sharon Walker, took part. She reports an enjoyable evening.

George McCollum had the misfortune to break the second finger on his right hand while playing ball Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen S. visited relatives at Manistowish on Sunday.

Mr. Andrew McCollum was a Detroit visitor on Monday.

Hadley Bachart, Frank Martin and Roy Marshall called on Brother Dennis in Detroit on Saturday, and reported he is getting along fine.

Kath Branch and George Morrison went with the Senior Class of Northville to Niagara Falls on their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Bachart entertained at dinner on Saturday evening, honoring her sister, Mrs. George Atkinson, on her birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Salow, Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Stamas and the Atkinsons.

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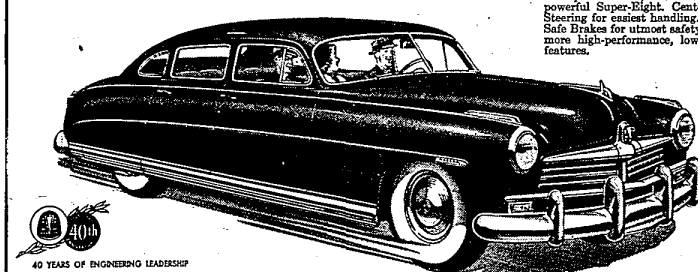
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