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### 4-H Club News

JOHN TROCKE, 4-H Club Agent

Oakland County 4-H Club members this week honored the outstanding 4-H boy and girl in the county. It was a difficult job selecting one boy and one girl from so many outstanding members but the final decision was to give the outstanding 4-H boy award to Bill Dowsett of South Lyon. Bill is a member of our County Service Club, has been active in leadership work and had charge of the Service Club Booth at this year's fair. Dowsett is now attending Michigan State College at East Lansing for the winter term.

The outstanding 4-H girl award went to Nancy Hilton of Pontiac. Nancy is also a member of the County Service Club and very active in leadership activities. Her fine spirit of cooperation in every activity is always displayed.

These youngsters will be awarded a beautiful engraved bronze paperweight with their name on it. This award is made by the "Michigan Farmer" Magazine to 4-H county's outstanding 4-H boy and girl. Our congratulations to Bill Dowsett and Nancy Hilton.

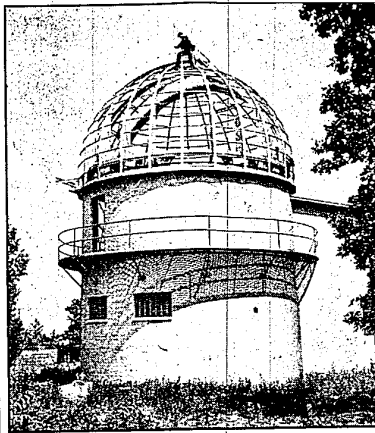
Last year's awards went to Karl Rhodes and Shirley Rhodes of Franklin.

### Half Of Stream Work For 1949 Finished

Better than half of the stream improvement work scheduled for this year on 17 streams and creeks throughout the state has been finished, the conservation department's fish division reports. Field crews expect to complete all projects before cold weather.

Stream improvement technicians have ended work on Hopkins Creek, Muskegon County; Bear Creek in Manistee County; Pere Marquette River in Lake County; and in various stages of completion at 14 other locations. Crews are using a power shovel to narrow part of the north branch of Au Sable River in order to create deeper trout pools and lower water temperatures. Similar work is slated to start next week on Platte River, Benzie County.

At most locations, workers will plant shrubs and trees to provide shade and curb erosion. Other improvements include placement of deflectors in streams to remove sand and provide gravel bottoms which are more attractive to catfish, may fly larvae and other preferred fish foods. Additional protective cover for fish is provided by angling stumps and logs near deflectors.



**SKY SEARCHER**—Photographs of the sky about 12 times the moon's diameter will be taken at this new University of Michigan observatory nearing completion at Portage Lake, Mich. The observatory, equipped with a 24-inch reflecting telescope, will expand teaching facilities of the university and will be used in research.

### SINCERELY YOURS:

#### Suggests Flooding Valley

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

Editor, Farmington Enterprise

Dear Sir:

I have often read your editorials boasting Farmington but always fail to find a specific recommendation. We draw clients from all directions, quite a few come from Toledo. Many come from East Detroit or North Woodward and start out Ten Mile Road and get lost at the terminus of Ten Mile, just north of Farmington. Drive to the top of the hill where Ten Mile Road ends and look around to see if Farmington could expand west. The Michigan Mirror articles stress availability of water and electricity. It looks like nature intended to supply Farmington with water with a little man-made help. A dam west of the bridge would create a large lake that would take care of fire emergencies and make insurance cheaper.

Instead of running Ten Mile Road straight through like an arrow and like it should go, a good gravel road around the north and south side of the artificial lake would be much cheaper than filling in the swamps. Lots on a lake that close to Detroit would sell like hotcakes. Swimming, boating, fishing, camping and ice skating in a year around home close to Detroit instead of maintaining both a summer and winter home. Electric power could be generated from the dam.

The City of Farmington should try to control this project for the Farmington city limits and get the state highway department to co-operate. The subdivision of the land could be developed if the city did not want to go into real estate.

### Your Library

Stanley - "The Rock Cried Out"

Americans were deciding that Adams was a safe man for the presidency and were soon to elect him when Harmon Blennerhassett and his bride, Margaret, came from the Isle of Man and sailed to this country to build a grand home and make a new fortune. They chose the Ohio valley, bought an island, and lived in all the luxury possible. Then Aaron Burr, formerly Vice President, came their way and charmed them into joining his scheme for a new state which might be called an empire. Later he was called treason, the dream collapsed, and Harmon was a broken man, with a claim on his wife that was greater than the love and adventure which a frontiersman offered.

Alsbjerg - "The American Guide"

The American Guide divides the country into eight regions — New England, the Middle States, Lake States, Plains States, the South, Mountain States, Southwest, West Coast — first giving each a general overall description. Hundreds of tours then take the traveler to all points of interest in each area. From the main routes, side tours branch off, leading to national shrines, parks, scenic and industrial wonders. The book also has sections on American History, architecture, art, literature, music, history, government, Indians and labor — written by experts in each field.

One hundred laying hens will consume five gallons of water a day if it is cool, according to C. G. Card, Michigan State College poultryman. He believes water piped to the laying hens not only saves time and labor but gives hens all the water they need when they want it.

### Build New Dams For Fish Hatches

Erection of new dams and concrete rearing ponds to replace temporary and old C.C.C.-built structures is scheduled for three state fish hatcheries this fall, the conservation department's fish division reports.

Following final trout plantings in October, hatchery crews, aided by local labor, will build dams at the Oden, near Petoskey, and Grayling hatcheries and larger, permanent type trout rearing ponds at the Thompson hatchery near Manistee.

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