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Award puts 4-H'er in national contest

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A Farmington girl who has spent more than half of her lifetime in local 4-H clubs, is now in Chicago attending the 4-H National Congress.

"This is it. This is as high as we can go in 4-H," said Mary Jean Altmayer who will represent Michigan in the "Consumer Education" category in competition with 4-H'ers from other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Attaining the state award, through layers of competition, is the accumulation of 10 years of 4-H achievements for the 18-year-old Schoolcraft College freshman.

Throughout the five-day congress she will be the guest of her sponsor, Montgomery Ward, for "tours, contests, meetings. It will be the busiest time of my life. That's what they tell me," she said.

MISS ALTMAYER began her 4-H career with her mother's former club, the Caballeros, and most recently has been a member of the Trailblazers which offer everything from dog-training to auto mechanics.

From all of the options, she zeroed in on home economics, food nutrition and grooming, which she said was the background that ultimately won her the honor and the trip to the congress.

Her studies at Schoolcraft center on Child Care Technology and she hopes one day to work with handicapped

children, be a director of a marching band or "maybe the Peace Corps, that's also a possibility," she said. **BUT ONE OF HER** major interests along the line is a project area she developed herself while she was a junior leader in 4-H that she calls "Boy's Personal Appearance."

"I wanted to give back some of what 4-H gave to me," she said, then rattled off a multitude of trips, academic opportunities, social functions and experiences she's had in her 16-year membership.

She could do this best, she explained, by developing a new area of learning for club members and proposed to teach a group of 13- to 14-year-olds boys something about personal appearance.

She rounded up a group of five, including two younger brothers, Carl and Dale, and the going wasn't easy "when they spent most of our time (together) laughing."

But one of her proudest moments came at a 4-H fair, when four of her class entered a competition and three of them walked away with awards after modeling their hand-made ties.

One of the most recent things her class has done was embroidering on Christmas stockings "and they really look to that." She is sure that her project is original and knows she's the only one in the state conducting such sessions. "And maybe the only one in the country."

IN TALKING ABOUT the functions

of 4-H, Miss Altmayer told about a pin that members wear now, which reads, "4-H is not all cows and cookies." They were created, she said, to dispel the fact that even though 4-H started out in the rural areas the group "adapts itself to whatever is the social or economic factors." The project areas run from wild flowers to outdoor cooking. The club offers just about anything you can think of, and I've taken most of them."

When Miss Altmayer was asked to be her club's representative in 4-H as a part of the competition she's in, she said "It added up to \$60 (typewritten) pages. That's a book."

Her state award makes her eligible for an \$800 scholarship.

While she was attending Farmington High School, in addition to being a goodly number of 4-H medals, Miss Altmayer was president of the International Exchange Club, and through that affiliation, spent one summer in Mexico. She was in a domestic exchange program and spent some time with a family in Minnesota, and was a member of the school's Pep Club.

In addition to her studies at Schoolcraft, she works part time at Farmington's Federal Department Store.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Altmayer, of 2445 Dohany, and her mother, Wilma, is now a 4-H leader for Oakland County.

Community Calendar

CHINESE CULINARY MAGIC
Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 3-4
"Chinese Culinary Magic" lecture and demonstration with Ina Tchen at 1 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Farmington Community Center. Guests are invited to sample foods and take home recipes. Requirements are necessary, through the center.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
Wednesday, Dec. 3 "Holiday Festival" at Woodcreek Elementary School on Harsch Drive features Winnie the Pooh, Merry Minnie and sale of holiday gift items, crafts and foods. Admission of 50 cents per family asked at the door for the show only.

FESTIVAL OF THE TREES
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-7 "Festival of the Trees—Christmas Around the World" features trees decorated in the tradition of 16 nations; ethnic foods and ethnic entertainment in Farmington Community Center on Friday, 4 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Admission asked at the door.

TANTRIC YOGA
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-7 Series of three classes on Tantric Yoga taught by Yogi Bhajan in Birmingham Unitarian Church on Lord Pine Rd. Bloomfield Hills on Friday, 7:10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, 2:45 p.m. Participants may attend any or all three sessions. Pre-registration is requested through the sponsors, JHL Foundation, 3019 Lahser, Beverly Hills.

MADRIGAL CONCERT
Friday, Dec. 5: Madrigal Chorus of Woodcreek High School under the direction of Margaret Koltz, in concert of Christmas music in Farmington High School auditorium, 8 p.m.

SCIENCE FACT AND SCIENCE FICTION
Saturday, Dec. 6: Science Fact and Science Fiction, sponsored by Farmington Hills Community Library in cooperation with the National Association of Rocketry, in the library on 12 Mile, includes aerospace model rocket program, science fiction and NASA films, space photographs, art and stamps, and model rocket displays. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. No charge.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, Dec. 6: Christmas Bazaar.

sponsored by Gill Elementary School PTA in the school gym, Gill Rd. between Eighth and Nine Mile, features stocking stuffers, pine cone wreaths, macrame, ceramics, handcrafted items, plants, homemade baked goods, a children's room, refreshments and gift wrapping. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW AND SALE

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7 Arts and Crafts Show and Sale sponsored by the Novi Lions Auxiliary in Novi Community Hall, 25350 Novi Road, on Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, 1-6 p.m., includes visits with Santa Claus, bake sale, and handcrafted gift items

Sunday, Dec. 7: "A Bravie der Mamen" includes Festival of Yiddish Films sponsored by Labor Zionist Alliance in Labor Zionist Institute, 2855 Middle Belt, 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Dec. 7: Farmington Youth Assistance will hold open house in its new quarters in conjunction with Farmington City Hall open house in municipal buildings on Grand River, west of Farmington, 12 p.m. Members and officers of the FYA General Citizens Committee will answer questions to promote new membership.

CHRISTMAS GREENS WORKSHOP

Monday, Dec. 8: Christmas Greens Workshop Instructs on how to fashion a Christmas wreath using Virginia boxwood which will last throughout the holiday season in Farmington Community Center, 12:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Wednesday, Dec. 10: One session workshop in creating holiday decorations in designs borrowed from Williamsburg, Va., in Farmington Community Center, 9:30 a.m. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Christmas Bazaar featuring hand crafted items by residents and friends of Williamsburg Convalescent Center, 2107 Middle Belt, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

GIMMICKS AND GAMES

Wednesday, Dec. 10: "Gimmicks

and Games" conducted by Lotte Mueller, lecture-demonstration gives learning tricks and aids, sponsored by Adat Shalom Sisterhood, in the synagogue on Middle Belt, north of 13 Mile, 9:30 a.m. Geared for the mother of 4-9 year old children to help make learning easy. Free baby-sitting services for children of all ages, including infants. No charge.

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Wednesday, Dec. 10: "Let's Celebrate Together" concert of Christmas music and a carol sing celebrates the Farmington Musicals' 10th anniversary in Antioch Lutheran Church, corner of 13 Mile and Farmington, 7 p.m. with artists: Rev. Bertil Anderson, Francesco DiBlasi and the Farmington Musical chorus. No charge.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE

Thursday, Dec. 11: One session workshop instructs on fashioning a holiday centerpiece incorporating boxes and other ornaments, tables and Christmas evergreens in Farmington Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Saturday, Dec. 13: "Santa" and "Free to Be You and Me" staged by Ceci Orman's dramatics class in Farmington Community Center, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets at 75 cents available now in the center.

SATURDAY SKI BUS

Saturday, Dec. 13: The first Saturday Ski Bus of the season leaves the Farmington Community Center for Mount Brighton, 8 a.m. will continue every Saturday when skiing conditions are favorable. All details available through the center.

THE GREAT TOY ROBBERY

Saturday, Dec. 13: "The Great Toy Robbery," film showing and some holiday skits, for elementary school children only in the Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile, 2 p.m. No charge.

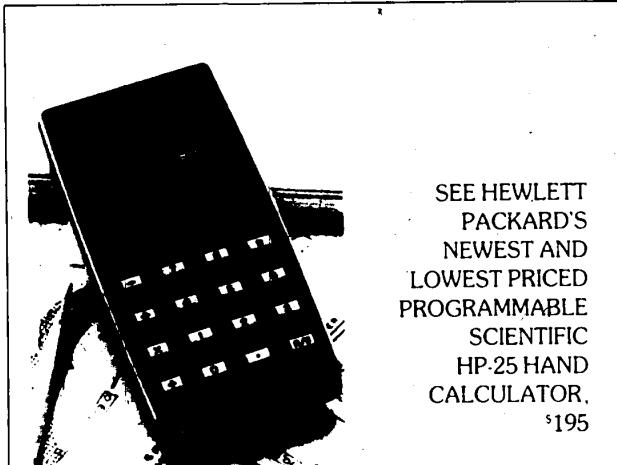
SANTA BY RESERVATION

Sunday, Dec. 13: Santa Claus will start his round of Christmas visits to residents' homes by appointment only, through the Farmington Community Center. Fee asked will benefit the center.



Elves star in holiday play

Two elves are played by Lisa Bommario (center) and Sara Nemeth, and the part of Santa is taken by Ronnie Sinuk, when Ceci Orman's dramatics class puts on its holiday plays in the Farmington Community Center Saturday, Dec. 13. "Free to Be You and Me," and "Santa" will be presented at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. geared for children of all ages. Tickets are on sale in the center, or reservations may be called in.



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Nostalgia

Clothes worn as far back as 1900 will be modeled by members of Woodcreek Women's Association when the group holds its 25th holiday luncheon, called "Nostalgia" this week in Western Golf and Country Club. Carol Shee