

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 44th National 4-H Congress.

"This is it. This is as high as you can go in 4-H," said Mary Jean Allmayer who will represent Michigan in the "Consumer Education" category in competition with 4-H'ers from 48 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 19-year-old Schoolcraft College freshman.

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

MISS ALLMAYER 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, foods, nutrition and grooming, which she said was the background that ultimately won her the state honor and the trip to the congress.

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

children, be a director of a nursing school, 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 18-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 18-year-old 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 their own shirts "and they really took 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 Allmayer 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 need of the members," whatever the social or economic factors. "Our 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 Allmayer was asked to list her achievements in 4-H as a part of the competition she's in, she said "It added up to 80 (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 amassing a goodly number of 4-H medals, Miss Allmayer 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 Allmayer, of 2445 Dohany, and her mother, Wilma, is now a 4-H leader for Oakland County.

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Elves star in holiday play

Two elves are played by Lisa Bommarito (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.

Community Calendar

CHINESE CULINARY MAGIC

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 3-4. "Chinese Culinary Magic" lecture and demonstration with Liu 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. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Wednesday, Dec. 3. Holiday Festival at Woodcreek Elementary School on Harwich Drive features Winter the Pooh, Merry Nimes 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 18 nations, ethnic foods and ethnic entertainment in Farmington Community Center on Friday, 4-9 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 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills on Friday, 7-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sunday, 2-6 p.m. Participants may attend any or all three sessions. Pre-registration is requested through the sponsors, 3110 Foundation, 3019 Lahser, Beverly Hills.

MADRIGAL CONCERT

Friday, Dec. 5. Madrigal Chorus of Powers Junior 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, 3-30 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 Eight and Nine Mile, features stocking stuffers, pine cone wreaths, macramé, 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, 26350 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 Brivle der Mamen" concludes Festival of Yiddish Films sponsored by Labor Zionist Alliance in Labor Zionist Institute, 2635 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

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. Bert Anderson, Francesco DiBlasi and the Farmington Musicals chorus. No charge.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE

Thursday, Dec. 11. One session workshop instructs on fashioning a holiday centerpiece incorporating boxwood and other evergreens, candles and Christmas ornaments, in Farmington Community Center, 7-9 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 and 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 skills, 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.



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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 Shea

(left) models a satin-silk made famous by the late Jean Harlow of the '30s. Dorothy Giardoni appears in a 1950 chemise, and Laurie Krawak, dons a favorite of the flapper in the '20s for the event.

