



### May 22 Designated As Rural Life Sunday

Church organizations throughout the country will unite in observing Rural Life Sunday, or 4-H Club Sunday on May 22, 1949, according to assistant county agricultural agent Fred W. Gettel.

Since its beginning nearly two decades ago, the observance of 4-H Club Sunday has become increasingly significant in the 4-H Club program. This year the theme will be "Better Living for a Better World."

Observance of the 4-H Club Sunday gives the 4-H club an opportunity to participate in a service that develops the "heart H." Agent Gettel points out that it acquaints 4-H members with other character-building agencies, it helps them to realize their own responsibilities to their community, and it helps them to cooperate with other community groups.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh.

How Would You Say It?

Curley Lawson's cousin from back East and a few of us got talking when he was here visiting, and I couldn't help noticing how different he said things.

For instance, he said, "Lifting that 200-pound bag of cement almost killed me." "You mean sack of cement?" asks Curley. "That's the way you'd say it." "No," interrupts young Elliott who'd spent a lot of time down South, "He means a 'poke of see-ment.'"

It was good for a chuckle, anyway. Bag, sack or poke—we knew

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### FLORAL PARK NEWS

By MRS. ROBERT KOOP

High spot of the week end was the birthday dinner party given for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Merrill; 23149 Floral. Dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. James Luker, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Melvin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett.

Mrs. Andrew LaPres, 23136 Floral, was hostess at one of the most beautiful birthday parties to be held in Floral Park. She honored Mrs. James Luker with a baby shower. The rooms were decorated in pink and blue, with a huge stork in the center of attraction on the serving table. Games were played and prizes were won by Mrs. Kern, Messing, Joseph Winkler, Harry Winkler, Louis Scler, Robert Garrett and David Scler. Mrs. Luker was presented with a bathrobe and a wool blanket.

No grass is growing under the Mrs. Willing family, 23261 Floral. They gave a small birthday party for their sister-in-law, Mrs. Willing of Novi. Mrs. Willing and her son, Mr. Henry Isaacson, 23158 Floral, attended a formal dinner at the Hotel Elmwood in Windsor, Canada. The dinner was given by the Sigma Alpha Sigma sorority, of which they are members.

Mr. William T. Quirk, 2275 Floral, retired after 40 years with the Newcomb-Detroit Co. He was assistant to the president and a stockholder of the company. However, he will remain active as a member of the board of directors. Mr. and Mrs.

### Few Remember May 7 Date

Five years ago May 7, the world gave its collected players, then settled down to another job, the last job of World War II. On May 7, the war in Europe was over. Cease fire orders had been issued, but it was not until May 8 German leaders conferred with General Eisenhower to capitulate.

On the fourth anniversary of the day, a public opinion sampling was taken on the streets of Farmington. The sampling was a year of the European war, was aware of the significance of the date.

Stops at the Smith-Bradley Drug Store, Oak Pharmacy, Hocking-Gilles Shoe Store, Dancer's Department store, and other places of congregation brought small reward for the effort.

When the question "What does May 7 and May 8 mean to you?" was asked, most replies consisted of a very blank stare.

"Mother's Day was offered an anniversary dinner, but on another or try for a closer date to the one in mind, just more blank stares were forthcoming.

One gentleman of about twenty questioned the answer right off. He was Kenneth Jones, a temporary visitor to Salzburg, Austria, on the big day.

A barber at Roy Plumton's Barber Shop gave the answer in very realistic terms. "That's the day they told us to stop shooting" he said.

One more half-right answer was taken at the Oak Pharmacy. Jerry O'Hagan, 14, replied that the war in Japan was over that day. As a second guess, he said it was the war in Europe. When questioned about his source of information, he answered he had taken a history test the previous day at Oak Lake of Sorrows School. The question was on the test he took.

J. A. Schewler, owner of the Farmington City Cab Company, got the answer on the second try. (Mother's Day was used up the first). He expressed some disgust at the way the date has been popularly forgotten.

And not without good cause. Four years ago Adolf Hitler was missing. Germany was wrecked, more than four million people were jobless, homeless and exhausted from a long struggle. In the United States, mothers still displaying a Blue Star thanked God their sons had been spared. Gold Star mothers bitterly regretted that the day could not have come sooner.

Nine years later, Germany has started up the road to recovery. The cold war may wax warmer and the tremendous effort of World War II may be wasted. Most of the people left starving and homeless at the end of the last war have been taken care of, either by death or by the fact that all were dead.

Four years later, the date of the end of hostilities in Europe has been almost universally forgotten, except by the men to whom it meant a better chance to live. And by those men for whom the war is not, nor ever will be, over; the men now in Veterans' Hospitals, crippled, maimed, blinded for life.

Remember May 7. It was a good day for prayers and a visit. One prayer for the men who gave their lives. Another for the country to whom they gave their service. And a visit to a hospital full of men for whom May 7, 1945 means nothing.

More than a pint of water per day is exhaled in the breath.

### Order Oil Cut-Back In Arenac County

A cutback in oil production in the Deep River field in Arenac county to 60 barrels per day per well is ordered by state supervisor of wells P. J. Hoffmaster, effective May 2. Previous allowable daily production per well was 80 barrels.

The order followed a public hearing and meeting of the Oil Advisory Board at the Arenac County Fairgrounds. Oil production per well in the recently opened Isabella field in Isabella county was set at 85 barrels.

Our association is taking action on getting the roads oiled. Housewives who are shaking angry dust mops will be glad to know that in the near future the dust will be oiled down.

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