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SUNSHINE LADY
LISTS SHUT-INS
WHO WANT MAIL

Keep in mind that kindness is a pleasure all may share. Never hesitate to pass it on. Do show others that you care. Near and far you can bestow each a friendly deed. Somebody needs your cheerful smile, so please help a hungry heart in need of cheer.

Joyce LaPlante, C. Building, Wayne County Hospital, Eloise, is 16 years old. Have you any idea what it must feel like to be a shut-in at this age?

True, these are busy days, but some day when you're in your easy chair, resting, play a game of make-believe. Close your eyes and try to think how you would feel if you were to know that by yourself for the rest of your life, be it 10 or 20 years, you could never leave that chair. What would you wish for? My guess would be "true friends."

So won't you be a friend to someone today? Don't put it off; that life you were going to cheer may be tomorrow.

Agnes Leech, 3515 S. Edsel, Detroit 25, is going through some shut-ins.

Jon Greenwald, c/o Maybury Sanitarium, Northville, is 16 years old. Her mother is also shut-in at Maybury, and Dad is at the Herman Ketter Hospital. Here's your chance to bring happiness to a whole family.

Kathy Wiedrock, 5034 Gough Street, Baltimore 24, Maryland, has had a bone infection since November of 1942. Her vocal cords are also paralyzed. She is only eight years old. Why not plan on sending her a view card while you're on vacation?

Son Ralph is pretty homesick. That, added to his illness, doesn't make for a very happy boy. He would enjoy hearing from you. That's Ralph Terrell, c/o Court Court, 2041 W. VanBuren, Phoenix, Arizona.

More and more each day folks in radio and television are planning special events on their programs for our shut-ins. On the Pat-N-Johnny Show, plans are under way to make and show movies of special places about the city done in story form. The movie will be centered around some spot that one of our shut-ins has a desire to see, perhaps for the first time, or to bring back some happy thoughts of yesterday.

Bob Maybury, through his program on WJBK is giving many of our shut-ins a new lease on life, asking for mail for them, playing their special songs, and even going so far as to call in person on special cases.

Mark Adams with his real life stories about our fellow neighbors on WWJ tells me he, too, has our shut-ins' interest at heart, and would enjoy telling stories that they would like to hear.

Kay McCoy and Terry Washburn are still sending out those beautiful orchids each day at 8:15 a.m. To receive an orchid, a person must be a shut-in.

Special thanks for the boxes of cards sent me last week. It makes me happy to be able to keep sending cards where cards are needed. If any of you have cards but don't have the time to send them out, I'll be happy to do it for you, using your name and address.

The Sunshine Lady,
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Start Work On
Muskrat Habitat

Work will begin very soon on a dam on Bear Creek, seven miles southwest of Houghton Lake, which will flood 273 acres and create waterfowl and muskrat habitat.

The conservation department has awarded the contract for the dam's construction to Heustis and Streff of Cadillac.

All of the land to be flooded is state-owned and lies within the Houghton lake state forest.

State Forest Fire Losses
Remain Low During June

The state's forest fire loss remained low during the week ending June 26 with only 18 fires reported and 28.3 acres burned.

The upper peninsula had six fires which destroyed 15.6 acres of forest. Eleven fires in the northern part of the lower peninsula burned 11.3 acres and one fire in the southern part of the state devastated two acres.

Since the beginning of the 1950 fire season 564 fires have burned 3,983 acres in the state. In the same period in the 1949 season 1,153 fires burned 18,696 acres according to conservation department forest fire records.

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Welfare boards from granting welfare until after an investigation had been made of the applicant's employment, marital and general economic status.

The state's total welfare program involved \$100,000,000 in the fiscal year just ended. The Social Welfare Commission asked for \$114 million for the new fiscal year (beginning July 1, 1950).

W. J. Maxey, state social welfare director, reports that "considerably more than half" of all welfare costs relate to illness or unemployment of the applicant.

During World War II industry would hire workers who were more than 70 years old. Also women who are involved in aid to dependent children cases were hired by industry during the War and also were the first to be fired when the labor market became competitive.

Maxey hopes that the Federal Old Age Insurance system, now being liberalized by Congress, and the growing pension plans of industry will combine to reduce Michigan's \$100 million a year welfare costs.

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE GOOD—SO MANY PEOPLE USE THEM!

Low Water Level
In Lower Peninsula

Ground water levels in the north-central part of the lower peninsula fell sharply between mid-May and mid-June, according to the conservation department's geological survey division. Rainfall deficiency and demands of growing vegetation on the water supply are principal reasons.

Average ground water stage in Au Sable, Muskegon and Manistee drainage basins is .13 foot higher than the record June low set in 1943; 2.20 feet lower than the record June high set in 1942.

RECORD COTTONTAIL

A four-pound, four-ounce cottontail rabbit, matching the station record size specimen caught in 1941, has been live-trapped at the conservation department's Rose Lake experiment station.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

There it Was—
Right in The Middle!

Easy Roberts mowed his lawn early last Saturday. Then he sat on the porch, and watched Handy Peterson cutting his grass.

The Roberts' property and the Peterson's border each other with no hedge or fence between them. So when Easy notices Handy had left about a four-foot strip unmowed along the boundary, he walks over and asks why.

"That's your land," says Handy. "Mine ends here. See, it lines up with that oak tree across the road!" Easy didn't think so, so they went up and down looking for

the surveyor's marker. Where did they find it? Right in the middle of their "no man's land!"

Well, they both grin and take turns finishing the job and then retreat to Easy's for a friendly glass of beer together. From where I sit, a little searching around for the truth of the matter often shows that the other fellow is as much right as you are—at which point the whole thing doesn't seem as important anyway.

Joe Marsh

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Sharptailed Grouse
Planting Successful

Sharptailed grouse released in Otsego county during the winter of 1948-49 apparently are taking to their surroundings.

Some birds, both cocks and hens, have been observed in courtship rituals on their dancing grounds in recent weeks and conservation department game men believe the birds have established themselves. Eighty-nine grouse obtained in Canada were released in Otsego county. Poorer success is reported for the releases made during the last two winters in Benzie county. Only a few birds have been seen in recent weeks in territory where more than 140 Canadian sharptails were released.

Ruffed grouse planted during the last two winters on Beaver, Bois Blanc and Drummond islands apparently have established themselves successfully.

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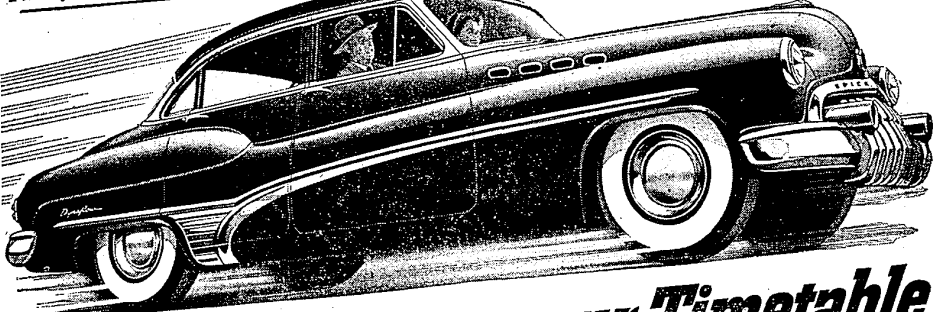
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