



AT WORK — Mrs. Harry L. Bollinger of DeWitt, whose designs are now being reproduced by a Grand Rapids furniture company, carves a wooden cookie-mold.

Family living in MID-MICHIGAN

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'Happy' Cookies Her Specialty

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DeWITT—"Where there's a will there's a way" . . . at least with Mrs. Harry Bollinger of 124 W. Jefferson St.

Take for example the case of the antique cookie molds.

Search as she might, Mrs. Bollinger could not find antique cookie molds that were cheerful.

"They were all of grotesque figures or frightening animals," she said. "And I didn't want to make cookies that would frighten my grandchildren."

So her husband bought a set of chisels and some soft pine and said, "O.K., make your own."

The couple was living in Newark, Del., at the time Mrs. Bollinger launched her wood-carving hobby, and, after several years, she continues to work with pine, walnut, cherry and mahogany.

Carving a mold, she explained, takes from six to 12 hours. Then it is stained and waxed.

An antique-lover, Mrs. Bollinger finds her hand-carved molds of fruit, animals and nursery characters blend well with early American settings.

Now a Grand Rapids furniture company is reproducing her molds for sale.

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DeWitt Tribute

Community to Fete Earl Coryell For His Civic Contributions

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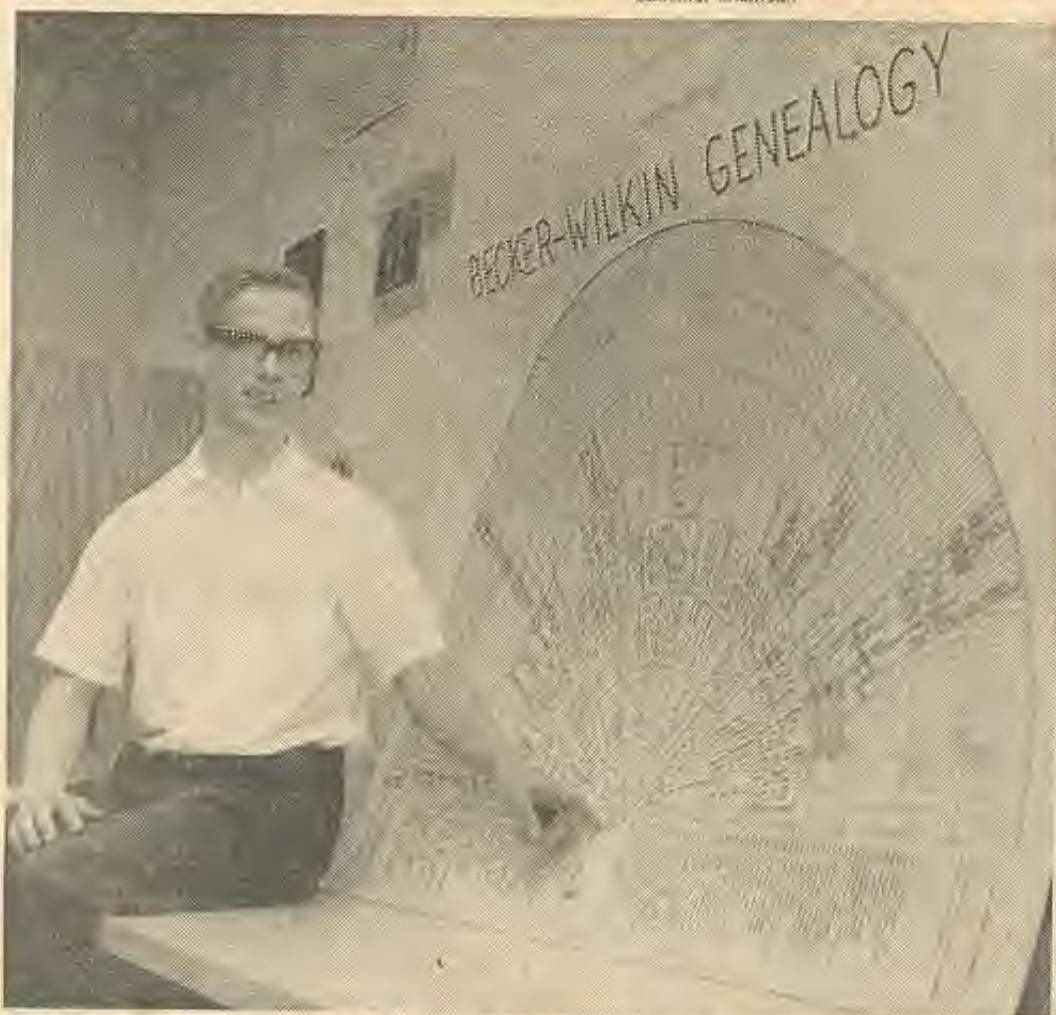
DeWITT—DeWitt will be saying "thank you" Saturday to one of its civic leaders, for that will be Earl Coryell Day to honor the 67-year-old citizen.

Eighteen churches, clubs and organizations have banded together under the leadership of Jacob Lenik to help Coryell who has been hospitalized since July 26 when his right leg was amputated.

Coryell is a member of the DeWitt Board of Education, vice president of the Lions Club, served several terms on the DeWitt Memorial Board Association, and was active in the University Lutheran Church.

Coryell Day activities include a talent show, luncheons, a teen dance, dart games at the Memorial Building and a square dance exhibition by the DeWitt Merry Mixers Square Dance Club.

Employes of Diamond Reo Division of White Motor Co., where Coryell worked 23 years, collected funds in a special drive for Coryell Day.



Stanley Becker With Diagram of Family Tree

DeWitt Youth Traces Family To 2,000 Years Before Christ

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DEWITT — Stanley Becker, 15, has climbed a long way into his family tree, tracing his ancestors to 2,000 years before Christ.

Genealogy, a study not usually associated with teen-agers, has fascinated Stanley since he was 11 when he started the search for background about his forebearers.

His studies have taken him to old cemeteries, court houses, libraries and involved much correspondence, but in the process he has turned up some impressive ancestors.

Stanley became interested in three great-grandparents who live in New York state. He heard

he is descended from Charlemagne. He recently received a communication from New York which proved he is a seventh cousin, thrice removed, of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Stanley was delighted, but doesn't think his predominately Republican relatives will be as elated.

Stanley is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Becker of 211 Dill Drive, DeWitt. He is a sophomore at DeWitt High School where he is a member of the senior and pep bands, participates in track and belongs to a square dance club. He is also a member of the DeWitt Methodist Church.



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He also spent hours in the Schoharie County court house going over old records. An old family Bible took him back to 1804 and an early census report turned up kinfolk in Connecticut in 1790.

He spent days in the Michigan State Library tracing his family through Malcom, the Irish and Gaelic kings to 2,000 years before Christ.

He has 62 confirmations that

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Youth Discovers Noah On His Family Tree

When Stanley Becker of DeWitt, Mich., was 11 he started wondering who his ancestors were.

He's now a 15-year-old high school honor student. He's done a lot of delving in ancient tomes and reports that he has traced his forebears to the biblical Noah.

Between Noah and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Becker, Stanley says he has found evidence that his ancestors included:

- Malcolm III, Ancient King of Scotland.
- The Umfreville noble family of France, whose members joined William the Conqueror in the Norman invasion of England in 1066.
- A French landholder who "had a great big feast for his family, and poisoned everybody."