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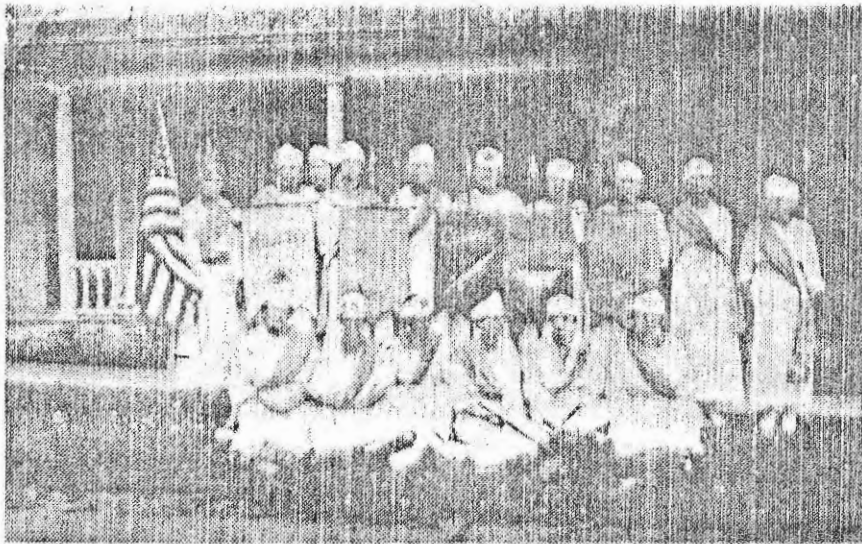
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Golden Anniversary

DeWitt-- Yesterday and Today

By Faye Hanson

9/19/74



DEWITT ROYAL NEIGHBOR'S LODGE CAMP #432 early in this century. This lodge met in the building now housing Keck's Appliance Store.

In the back row: Blanche VanDyke, Belle Knapp, Hazel Ferrier, Nina Yanz, Martha Blizzard, Mattie Spayde, Mary Smally, Edith Wagner, Kate Gillett and Francis Mann.

Seated: Hannah Stanton, Minnie Staub, Ida Mae Norris, Grace Hammond, Matie Staub and Lottie Martzke.

Picture taken on the northeast corner of Franklin and East Main Streets in front of building owned by Dr. Fred Smith. Picture loaned to the library by Matie Staub.



Merry Mixers See Big Dance in the Stars

"The Zodiac" is the theme of the third anniversary dance to be held by the DeWitt Merry Mixers at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the DeWitt High School. Members of the group preparing decorations are (from left) Charles LaMacchia, club president, and Mrs. La-

Macchia, and caller Russell Farr and Mrs. Farr. The 27 Merry Mixer couples expect about 400 guests to turn out for the dance. Callers, besides Farr, will be Chuck Wilber of Charlotte and Jack Cook of Hastings. (State Journal Photo)

Merry Mixers Two Years Old

By JUDITH MARR
State Journal Women's Writer

Three hours of "good clean fun and refreshments" lure 20 DeWitt couples to the DeWitt Junior High School the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

They are members of the DeWitt Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, who are extending an invitation to all interested to join them at their second

anniversary dance at the senior high school Saturday.

"The Zodiac" is the theme of the dance, planned from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. to mark completion of the second year of activity for one of the newest square dance groups in the Greater Lansing area.

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least as many are expected for this year's event.

The club began with just four couples in 1966 but by sponsoring lessons for local couples has drawn members at an increasing rate.

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The Merry Mixers have also danced for patients at the Clinton County Infirmary and have drawn some of the elderly members of the audience into the dancing.

The dancers presented candy, cookies, little gifts and fruit baskets to the infirmary residents on their December visit there. They plan a second trip to the infirmary in April.

On the 6th of April they will participate in a fund-raising dance on "Earl Coryell Day" in DeWitt, to help ease the financial burdens of a former school board official who has been ill.

The Merry Mixers also schedule monthly workshops during the summer to learn new steps and keep in touch with each other.

"Just about anyone may join and enjoy square dancing," says Mrs. Janz. "Age is no limit. I've been to dances with 75-year-olds and we have elderly couple taking less now."

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Clinton County News

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116th Year No. 17 ST. JOHNS, MICH.—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1971 15 CENTS



FISH STORY

These members of the DeWitt Lions Club had quite a story to tell Tuesday of their fishing trip Monday. Ten persons caught 50 Coho Salmon at Luding-

ton. Shown here with a sample of the catch are Ray DeWitt, Ken Reed, Larry Keck, Roger Overway, Lloyd Berkimer and Art Newman.

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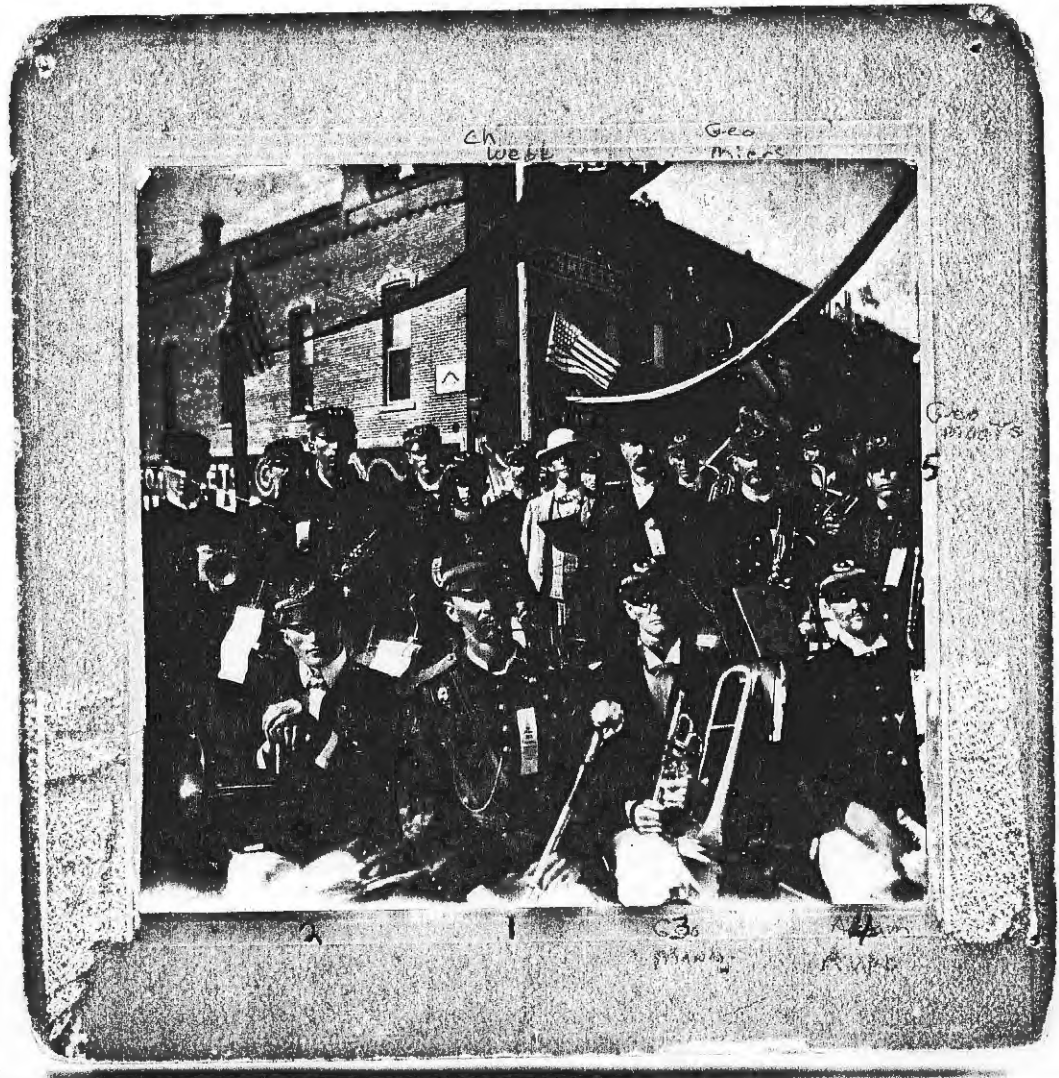
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Pictured above is the snappy Dewitt band that used to play for many occasions back in the nineties. In the back row, left to right, are George Mann, George Myers, Charles Cole, Henry Webb, Bert Mann, Arthur Moses and Charles Webb. In the middle row are Charles Sipley, William Linn, William Mack, George Gross and George Pike. In the front row are Ruben Sipley, George Moots, Elmer Mann and Eddie Lederman. We are indebted to Mr Lottie Martzke, R-2, Dewitt, for the use of this picture.

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A LIKING FOR children, capability to learn about a particular project and study to "keep ahead of the 4-H'ers," physically able to keep up with the youngsters and able to present formal education in an informal way — creating a desire to learn.

Mrs Anabel Peck of Elsie, Russell Howe of Eagle and Mrs Goldie Moore of DeWitt were chosen as outstanding Clinton county 4-H leaders of this year to attend the third all-state 4-H Leader-Meet in East Lansing.

THEY WERE chosen on the basis of service to 4-H through activities offered, instruction and member participation in county projects.

Mrs Peck has been a 4-H leader for 11 years and started the "Page 4-Corners" group, which now has 22 members. She has interested and helped instruct the members in photography, gardening, bird study, cooking and sewing.

Russell Howe's 4-H group, the 12 "Eagle Scramblers," work with poultry and livestock, often meeting at the Howe's turkey farm in Eagle.

A LEADER for five years, Howe also has encouraged his three daughters to participate in 4-H. All three are state project winners this year. Lois, 16, and Margueritte, 14, will give a demonstration at the state show in Lansing on ways to cook a turkey and home improvement, respectively.

Alice Howe, 12, has given her demonstration on home safety at the district meeting at MSU.

MRS GOLDIE Moore is one of "Olive's 4-H Projects" group leaders which has 40 members. In project work she devotes much of her time to vegetable and flower gardening, food preparation and preservation, photography, clothing, knitting and home improvement instruction to 17 girls.

County winners in the national 4-H awards program from her project group include



MRS. NORA HITCHCOCK OF DEWITT
She Helped to Get First 4-H Fair Rolling

Janet Stoy, 17, clothing; and Muriel Farr, 16, food. Marilyn Lietzke, 17, took county style review honors at the Spring 4-H Achievement Day. Six of Mrs. Moore's group are members of the 4-H service club.

THE TWO longest 4-H leader service records in the county belong to Mrs Nora Hitchcock of DeWitt and Ed Rose from Eagle. Both have led 4-H groups for over 25 years.

Mrs Hitchcock, 71, now serves on the 4-H advisory council and was a counselor at 4-H summer camp this year.

Rose continues his 4-H work with the "Eagle Termites" in poultry, calf and electrical projects.

MRS HITCHCOCK will have 28 girls exhibiting at the fair this year. Last year there were 35. Down through the years, she has instructed 158 girls and one boy.

She is teaching sewing to many girls whose mothers were members of Mrs Hitchcock's groups in the last 25 years.

A seamstress for over a half a century, Mrs Hitchcock is looking for new fields. She plans to take a course in tailoring.

SHE WAS invited into 4-H work by Roscoe Smith, former Clinton county 4-H leader, when some DeWitt girls wanted to organize a club but had no leader. She has been busy in 4-H ever since with the exception of one season.

The first club, "The Happy Four," with Evelyn Boss, Violet Miller, Jean Bedalne and Gail Smith (who later became a home demonstration agent), was organized.

The second year the name had to be changed to "Jolly Rippers", because of increased membership. They met on Saturdays, usually for an all-day session, which often included a potluck dinner. Now the meetings are held on Mondays in the DeWitt Memorial building.

IN 1938 WHEN the Clinton County 4-H Service Club was organized, Mrs Hitchcock

came a charter member.

She attended Club Week in 1938 and again in 1942, when she became a member of the State Service Club.

Mrs Hitchcock went on the Canadian trip in 1939, 1953 and 1957; once as an award, once as chaperone and once as a last minute recruit in place of Mrs Smith, who was unable to go because of an illness in her home.

SHE IS AT present serving on the 4-H Advisory Council; has been a willing worker at the 4-H Fair, and has served as cook, counselor and teacher at 4-H summer camp. She has also helped make it possible for less fortunate children to attend a session at camp.

Mrs Hitchcock has been active in summer club work and has acted as judge in other counties as well as in Clinton.

Her annual Christmas party started with a "corn husking bee" at the Hitchcock farm years ago. In return for husking their corn, Mrs Hitchcock and her late husband entertained the huskers at a turkey dinner during the Christmas vacation, when those who were in college would be able to attend. The "Husking Bee" is a thing of the past, but the Christmas parties continue.

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The DeWitt Child Study Club wishes
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Mrs. Jean Neuman - Ceramics

Child Study Club

Gen. Chairman - Mrs. Howard Woodruff

Co-Chairman - Mrs. Richard Ritter

Hostesses - Mrs. Dorian Carroll

Mrs. Keith Blizzard

Mrs. Vern Kowalk

Decorations - Mrs. Dan Dallas

Mrs. Dan Kelin

Mrs. Bruce Johnston

Models - Mrs. Charles Ferguson

Tickets - Mrs. Frank Toleson

Publicity - Mrs. John Carter

Posters - Mrs. Keith Blizzard

Programs - Mrs. Vern Kowalk

Refreshments - Mrs. Roger Ling

Table Comm. - Mrs. Richard Keck

Mrs. William Schafer

Table Decorations - Mrs. Dorian Carroll

Coffee & Clean Up - Mrs. Martin Ohm

Moderator - Mrs. Jim White

Entertainment - THE YOUNG BROTHERS

MODELS

Julie Walters -

Shelly Keck

Kathy Ferguson -

Angela Toleson -

Marsha Courtland

Irene Decker -

Emma Decatur

Beverly Kruger

Theola Isenhardt

Evelyn Curren

Eleanor Ling

Thelma Hansen -

Sherry Kaminski -

Marlene Foster -

Suzanne Phillips

MODELS

General Chairman-Mrs. Vernon K.	Tommy Kirchen	Greg Smith
Co-Chairman-Mrs. Howard Woodruff	Sally Woodruff	Connie Ferguson
Hostesses-Mrs. Charles Ferguson	Ann Reed	Kathy Toleson
Mrs. Frank Toleson		
Decorations-Mrs. Averill Carson	Sandra Dinstbier	Sylvia Becker
Mrs. Keith Blizzard	Dorothy Carson	Sandra McCrum
Models-Mrs. Frederick Smith	Jo Ellen Ferguson	Bonnie Locher
Mrs. Jacob Kirchen		
Tickets-Mrs. Lois McFadden	Jane Beckwith	Buelah McGovney
Door Prizes-Mrs. Gerald Lankford	Faye Hanson	Loretta Sharp
Publicity-Mrs. Maurice Becker	Lois McFadden	Sharon Kowalk
Mrs. Willard Young		
Refreshments-Mrs. Howard Roberts	Fashion Commentator -	
Table Favors-Mrs. Donald Salemka	Mrs. Frank Toleson	
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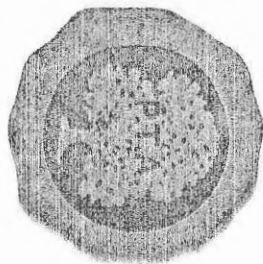
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THE HANCOCK COUNTY
ALABAMA



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Detroit Community Church

MODERATOR: J. Alton Shroyer, Sup't. of Jackson County Schools

PRAYER: From the Maple Grove School

NOBIS: Vincent Hoff, Mayo 5010

SPEAKER: Dr. Walter Smith, School of Theology,
Michigan State University, Grand Rapids

INTRODUCTION: of distinguished Executive, Mayo 5010,
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council President

WIPYMI CONSTITUTION IN WIPYMI

May 1944, School of Theology and Mayo 5010
The Church of the Holy Spirit, Grand Rapids

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayo 5010 and WIPYMI