



Mrs. Boyd repairs her World War I Monument

Woman Visits Effingham, Repairs World War I Statue She Designed

Effingham, July 29 (Special) — A former Effingham County resident has returned here for a brief visit and to repair her statue of a World War I soldier.

The concrete monument now is used as a flag holder at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post on South Fourth Street Road here.

Mrs. Nellie Boyd, 84, De Witt, Mich., was here last week to repair the statue she made in memory of Lawrence Durrey who died of tuberculosis in France while en route home from service in World War I.

Durrey was a neighbor of the Boyd family when they lived 8½ miles south of Altamont.

Mrs. Boyd said she spent 30 days and worked about eight hours daily to make the statue in 1918. The memorial was left on the Boyd farm until about a year

ago when it was moved to the VFW home here.

The statue is modelled from concrete and is reinforced with iron. The uniform of Durrey was used, but Mrs. Boyd said she did not attempt to model his exact features.

She started making statues after enjoying painting with oils. She also has made a statue of an angel which has been placed on the family's cemetery lot.

Her husband, John L., died May 26, 1953. They had lived on the farm south of Altamont for 48 years before moving to Michigan.

Visit Planned

New Delhi, India, July 29 (AP)

President Arturo Frondizi of Argentina will make an official three week state visit to India next December.

DeWitt's 'Grandma Moses' petite dynamo of energy

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DEWITT—DeWitt has its own answer, and we think a superior one, to Grandma Moses, in the person of Mrs Nellie Boyd.

At 88, Mrs Boyd is a 96-pound bundle of energy. She is not only a very talented artist and sculptress but does all her own housework (she lives alone), has a garden and beautiful lawns and flower beds.

SHE DESIGNED and sculpted the World War I soldier Monument on the lawn of the American Legion hall at Effingham, Ill. It is a 6-foot figure of a kneeling soldier holding the flag staff of an American Flag. She also sculpted an angel monument to mark her only son's grave in the DeWitt cemetery. She has done many smaller pieces of sculpture which have been used for lamps, bookends and other items.

Mrs Boyd was born in Mt Vernon, Ill. and started painting in oils at the age of 12. She had painted in pastels long before this.

WHEN I called on her she was



A few charcoal briquets will help remove stubborn food odors from your refrigerator. Put three or four pieces in a disposable small ple-tin in your refrigerator and it will remain odor-free.

The more frequent showers and baths you will be taking during the hot summer will be more pleasant if your water is soft. Experts say soft water is more refreshing because it washes away all the soap and dirt instead of leaving a thin film of scum on the skin as hard water does. You'll use less soap with soft water, too.

BEFORE you wash any throw rugs, baste a piece of fabric such as an old torn sheet to one edge. It makes it easier to pin on the clothesline.



Mrs Nellie Boyd does a little reminiscing as she stands before a picture she painted when she was 15 years old—73 years ago. The canvas shows its age with checkmarks but the picture is still colorful and attractive.

busily sketching pictures of Mule-deer that she plans on using in a painting she is doing of Colorado. Her last painting, an 18 by 24 inch scene of Arizona has been purchased by Mr and Mrs Lee Rummell. It took 166 hours to finish.

Every detail in a Boyd painting must be perfect. She spends hours on one leaf or one flower and she constantly uses reference books to be sure that the animals in her pictures are native to that part of the country and that every detail is correct.

OVER THE years, she has given away 123 pictures in oils, pastels and plaques besides the many she has sold. Her biggest problem is that of never having any of her later work on hand as someone always talks her out of it. Of each new painting she always says "This one I am going to keep for myself." But it never happens.

Mrs Boyd lived on a farm in southern Illinois with her husband, John, until they retired 16

years ago. They came to DeWitt to live because their son was an instructor at Lansing Business University and they wished to be near him. Both Mr Boyd and the son died several years ago. Mrs Boyd has one grandson, Durwood Boyd, of East Lansing and three great-grandchildren of whom she's very proud.

SHE IS A faithful member of the DeWitt Methodist church and many of her paintings are of a religious theme.

She finishes many of the frames she uses on her paintings herself.

When I left her she was making plans to plant turnips, parsnips, radishes and rutabagas in the full of the moon.

Mrs Boyd is truly one of the "Grand Little Ladies" of DeWitt.

Here's method for dry cleaning gloves

To "dry clean" your gloves at home, try this method.

Make a mixture of fuller's earth and pulverized alum. Put gloves on a board and apply the powder to both sides with a stiff brush--then wipe off.

Cover the gloves with a dry bran and brush off. Never at-

Breeze-clean and ready to go!