

Congratulations

Numerous letters were received by the Grant Chamber of Commerce nominating Hannah Perlette, the Mother of the Year for 1977. The nominating letter chosen by the judges, along with excerpts from a few of the 20 others received, are as follows:

"I very sincerely feel my mother, Hannah Perlette, qualified to be named Mother of the Year. It would be a great reward to her as she is nearing the age of 79 years, with still lots of faith and courage as each day comes. She has been a wonderful companion and mother to our father, three daughters, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, plus the sons-in-law.

Mother always looks at the bright side of life, never sitting around feeling sorry for herself. Her motto has always been -- If I get a little depressed, I just get busy at something and work it off! She shows her love for us by writing to us, visiting us and helping out whenever needed.

She loves working in her yard, even the mowing -- plus helping her brother with his yard.

Mother enjoys working with the activities of the church and community and is always ready to lend a helping hand whenever needed. She is so happy to attend church every Sunday with her grand-daughter, Eva and family.

She delights in making cinnamon rolls and cookies to have on hand to serve or take to the family or neighbors.

Mother always welcomes us all at her home for family gatherings. It has always meant so much to her to have us all come home.

I have always had great respect and love for mother as she gave us good religious training and the basic fundamentals of life to do unto others as you would have others do to you. She didn't have a lot of money to give us things that money could buy, but she gave us love and understanding plus doing a lot of hard work through the years.

These are just a few of the reasons why I think my mother deserves "Mother of the Year".

Thank you,
Mrs. Geneva Storer,
Lewellen, Ne.

Grandma Perlette, that's who! Who's brave enough to go for a ride on the back of a Grandson's motorcycle. Who we can discuss our innermost feelings with and get advice and understanding.

Garnet Storer,
Lewellen, Ne.

My grandmother is a warm and loving person. Active in several clubs. One of her favorites is helping with the Senior Citizen dinners, although a Senior Citizen herself she says she enjoys helping and entertaining the "older folks".

Georgia Barber
Madrid, Ne.

Briefly, as you may or may not know, my own mother passed away when I was a few hours old. The day Dorothy and I were married Mom said I will try to be a mother to you, George, and this she has always been.

George Ford,
Madrid, Ne.

She has been a member of the Texas Trail Club for years. She enters cheerfully into any project proposed by the club -- even taking part in those crazy skits cooked up by the committee for entertainment for special club programs. Her philosophy for dispelling boredom, loneliness or self pity is "Get busy at something that needs to be done!" She has therefore given much to her family and her community.

Regina Knebel
Grant, Ne.



HANNAH PERLETTE

1977

MOTHER OF THE YEAR

I have known Hannah all my life, as she was a close neighbor to my family for many years. It would be impossible to tell all the kind deeds they did for my family but here are a few. Years ago when my little brother had meningitis, no one was allowed to come into our home as this was a terrible disease. Some neighbors were so afraid they detoured our road, but not Hannah, who had two young girls. They came over and did chores, brought food and in the evenings came in a car to sit all night so my folks had some one near.

When my mother had the big job of raising my brother and me they were always there to give my mother a helping hand on the farm. On graduation night, Mom's car wasn't running so Hannah was right there to take her. Now you know why I think of her as my adopted parent.

Hannah has three lovely daughters, Dorothy, Geneva and Shirley. I don't know if Hannah helped the girls pick their husbands, but I think she must have as George, LaVern and Dean are the very best sons-in-law around.

Thank you, Hannah, for being such a kind and wonderful lady.

Agnes Evans,
Madrid, Ne.

We are writing to send in our nomination for the world's best neighbor and the honor of Mother of the Year.

We have known her almost all our lives. Our first memories date back to our high school days when she was our Sunday School teacher in the Liberty Valley school house. Since money was too scarce to buy gas to drive to town, Sunday School was held at the school house. In the winter, with a coal heating stove, many times it didn't get warm enough to take off coats and overshoes before the hour had ended, but she was there teaching and doing good.

Later, after we married we moved to a farm neighboring theirs. They were such good neighbors we regretted when they moved to town. She never missed an opportunity to serve in times of sickness, death or need.

We can remember when they took all the "kids" in the neighborhood into Grant to Bible School. That was in the days of ungraveled roads and when we used to get rain. They would plow through the mud, gathering up all the kids to get them to town as their Model A was the only car that could make it. One incident was when they forgot one boy one afternoon and had to go back on the muddy roads to get him. (It was humorous after it was all over).

School children were always welcome to stay after school at their house if parents were going to be gone and late getting home.

Having a vacant basement house in their yard, they turned it over to the youth of the neighborhood, sponsoring parties and dances for them.

She was a second mother to one of the neighboring families who lost their mother, giving them comfort, words of advice and many hours of help and service.

After moving to town in later years, she has become an active member of the United Methodist Church and Methodist Women's Society, serving in many offices and everywhere there is a need. One is the funeral committee which takes much time and hard work.

She has ALWAYS gone the "extra mile" and served with unselfishness and love and we feel Mrs. Hannah Perlette is truly worthy of the honor of Mother of the Year.

Obert and Margaret Daiss,
Grant, Ne.

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