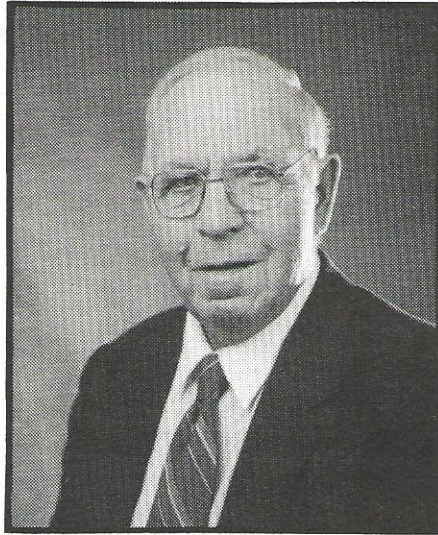


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Is Dedicated To*

Carl "Grandpa" Widger



This year's honoree has been in many things over the years.

Carl was born in Otsego County, Michigan March 20, 1910 and has resided here all his life. Carl lives on his Livingston Township farm where he still produces maple syrup and grows pumpkins and other farm produce. He is considered a pioneer in maple production in northern Michigan.

Carl has been active in many farm organizations over the years and is a past member of both Grange and Farm Bureau.

Carl is also a past member of the Otsego County Fair Board. He is still active as an exhibitor and enjoys displaying his vegetables and old farm tools. He is always willing to demonstrate the old farm skills in hopes that they may be passed on.

Perhaps Carl's greatest interest over the years has been his work with young peo-

ple. He and his late wife Lila were active for over 35 years as 4-H leaders. His children were strong 4-H members, and his son, Bob, is an active member of the Otsego County Fair Board and works with the 4-H livestock and its young people. His grandchildren, David, Stephanie, and Karen Widger, are currently active 4-Hers.

In addition to being a club leader Carl was a member of the Otsego County 4-H council and during the 1960's was a member of the State 4-H council appointed by Michigan State University.

Each year Carl welcomes many young people from 4-H, scouts, and the schools to look at his maple syrup operation and visit his pumpkin patch.

We are happy to have the opportunity to say thank you, Carl, for all the things you have done. We all look forward to seeing you at this year's fair.