

**This year the Iosco County Agricultural Society dedicates the
Fair Premium Book to
Gola Hendrickson**



Gola Hendrickson, {whose maiden name is Johnson} was born and raised five miles west of Hale. Her father was John W. Johnson, as there were 3 John Johnson's in Hale mail was often mixed up. Married to Ray Hendrickson in 1955 they have two sons John and Eric, five grandchildren Teron, Tara, Riley, Mason and Payton. Five great grandchildren Dillon, Joshua, Tyler, Mariah, and Kaitlyn.

In 1947 when Gola was entering her senior year, she sold pop at the Iosco County Fair that was held for three days to make money for the senior trip. The pop cost 30¢ per bottle and they made enough money at the three day Fair to go on the senior trip to Niagra Falls. The cost was \$28.00 per person. She quotes, "we sold a lot of pop at the fair." She has held many different jobs in her life. After high school she went to work at Auto-Lite in Bay City, came back to Hale in 1954 and worked at Caverly's saw mill, nailing pallets, and worked for many years at Wyatt's {now Alward's} Market. In 1968 she became a stay at home mother and her and husband Ray farmed.

Gola joined the Fair Board in 1985 as Superintendent of the Antique Department taking over for Adele Brown who previously held that position. She has helped over the years with various activities. Besides being the Antique Department Superintendent, her other duties at the fair include chairperson for the food committee when the Seabee's {Construction Battalions of the U.S. Navy} are in town, making sure all of the men are fed with plenty to go around, and known as the best cook in town. She also helps in the fair office, and volunteers to help in different departments when needed, and does everything with a smile! Gola has always been involved with the community of Hale. She was a tutor for thirty years for Hale Elementary School, is a member of the Hale United Methodist Church, D.A.V. Auxiliary, and the V.F.W Auxiliary. In the middle 1950's and 1960's Gola was a member of the American Legion and worked at the lunch stand that stood where the tennis court now stands. The lunch stand was open during fair days for the best burgers in town and Gola can remember serving up plenty of those burgers to those who attended the fair.

Gola was a long time participant at the "Pie Eating Contest" held on Saturday morning of fair week along with her partner the late Beatty Bernard and was known as the champion pie eaters, a position they held for many years. If you want something done just asked Gola!

Many thanks to you Gola Hendrickson for all you do for us at the Iosco County Fair!!!!