

Statehood award to local Woman

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Old Man Winter may have blanketed Ross County with white stuff Saturday, but in the true spirit of the pioneers who formed the state 177 years ago, area residents turned out for the 13th annual Statehood Day activities.

Although the centennial Adelphi Community Band concert had to be cancelled Saturday night due to the weather, one of the principal events took place. . . the awarding of the Statehood Achievement Award to a flabbergasted Mrs. Beth Swartz, 22 Ridge Drive.

"I was so surprised," commented the recipient who is a wife-mother-artist-community volunteer. "It's such an honor, especially since it went to a woman. It was a thrill not only to me but to my entire family."

Mrs. Swartz is described by her family as "the center of our lives, providing guidance, humor, artistic expertise, gourmet food, discipline and an over-abundance of love."

Born in Buffalo, N. Y., May 27, 1930 she grew up in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she attended grade and high schools. There was a brief time during World War II away from Grand Rapids when her father, Dr. Robert Eaton of Lake White, moved his wife and children to St. Louis where he was stationed.

In 1952 Mrs. Swartz was graduated from the College of Wooster and became a registered medical technologist at Washington University, St. Louis, the next year. She worked as a research medical technologist in hematology laboratories in St. Louis, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

In 1959 she married her college

sweetheart, Dr. Roscoe E. Swartz, local dental surgeon, and the couple have four children: Julia, Diane, Charles and John.

Although educated in the sciences, Mrs. Swartz' art interest has been active and growing since childhood. When Dr. Swartz was stationed with the Air Force in Japan, she studied the art of woodblock carving and printing with several Japanese print makers. Her prints have been shown in galleries in Japan, New York City, Washington, D. C., Columbus and Chillicothe.

Mrs. Swartz is also in Girl Scouts, serving as a troop leader in Japan, a sideline she continued for 15 years in Chillicothe. She has been a deacon of the Chillicothe First Presbyterian Church where she teaches Sunday School. She also has been director of

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