

MAUMEE'S Woman of the Month

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The basic belief in advancement through merit and ability that characterizes our nation can be pointed out in Miss Denise Destatte, Maumee Valley News selection as woman of the month for July.

Following her graduation from Maumee high school, Denise was approached for work in the Maumee State Savings Bank. She began work one week after graduation. Her efficiency and conscientiousness soon won the confidence of her employers and beside general office work she was given other duties, with more and more responsibility attached.



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Then came the day when a new director had to be appointed. Denise was the logical one to fill the vacancy, and the only reason against the appointment was that she was a woman! By this time, however, women were filling executive positions in many fields and, despite tradition, were found to be working out to advantage. The bank directors screened their considerations for the post carefully and Denise was given the appointment.

With the transfer of the State Savings Bank to the Commerce National of Toledo came still another vote of confidence, when many requests came that Denise be retained in the new staff. Her latest appointment as assistant cashier came after 25 years of continuous, creditable service to the bank, and she carries the distinction of being the first woman to hold an executive position in a banking institution in the greater Toledo area. She also serves on the loan and advisory committee.

Miss Destatte is a member of the National Association of Banking Women, an organization composed only of executives. She is active in St. Paul's Episcopal church, holding the office of treasurer in the Evening Guild, Unified Women, and also in the national group of church periodicals, whose service is in sending books and magazines as a restoration movement to all parts of the world. Her hobbies include reading, sewing and making interesting trips on her vacations. Almost in the class of hobbies is her interest in her family. Being the oldest of eight children, she has become known as "the writing sister," who keeps the family ties intact through her letters. Visits from "Sis" and family get-togethers highlight the year in a devoted family.