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## Students Begin Cleanup, Replanting at Preserve

Western Michigan College students last week began the annual cleanup and replanting program at the Kleinstueck Preserve, Oakland drive.

Last Christmas, classes earned money for the present project by selling wreaths from greens taken from the preserve. This spring, the leading project is planting a variety of shrubs for bird food and shelter and the increasing of tree species for study by students.

### Directors of Project

The project is under the student direction of Max Petzke, Bangor, Patricia McFarland, Pontiac, and Jerry Hollowell, Kalamazoo.

The preserve was presented to the state board of education about 25 years ago by the late Mrs. Caroline Kleinstueck in honor of her husband, Carl Kleinstueck, for

the use of Kalamazoo schools. The preserve is the scene of wide study of wild life by many classes as well as by the Girl Scouts for their summer day camp and nature lovers in the vicinity.

### 150 Shrubs, Trees Planted

About 150 shrubs and trees have been planted. They include multiflora rose, thicket hawthorne, Michigan holly, tulip tree, sour gum, and gray dogwood.

High water has improved marsh conditions for birds at the preserve. It is reported that the Florida Gallinule, absent for many years, has returned. Unless disturbed by stray dogs, this bird probably will make its nest here.

Other birds seen at the preserve include bittern, sora rails, Virginia rails, mallard cocks, black ducks, blue-winged teal, green heron, and pied-billed grebe.

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