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Hiram and Martha Clark

Iris Time
It's the season of the Iris
On the street that's known as Hicks
We have little thought for base ball
And less for politics.

Healthful Food Comes From Good Soil

More and more, people are learning that health springs from soil. To have all one can eat is not necessarily enough. Food grown on poor soil reflects the deficiency in a lack of food nutrients.

Harold Vaughn

Harold Vaughn, of Mason, Blue Cross enrollment representative, who was well known to F. Bureau members throughout the state, passed away at the Mason General hospital following a brief illness.

USDA Opposes Tax Change Of Farm Co-ops

The Department of Agriculture opposes any change in the tax status of farmer cooperatives, and any change in section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code relative to such cooperatives, for the following reasons:

Community Farm Bureau Activities

STAR AWARDS
Gold Star - Homer Township, Midland County, Mrs. Philip Stark, Secretary.

has new and attractive headquarters. The new office includes a Board Room for their County Directors plus facilities for the secretary and County Organization Director.

Herman Byers; North Osceola, Mrs. A. A. Diehlman. Presque Isle-South Belknap, Mrs. John Broge.

PROSPECTIVE 100 PER CENTERS

Our Community Farm Bureau Program is about three-fourths along the way when you take into consideration that we start our activity in September.

St. Joseph Farm Bureau Post-April issue. "Intelligent understanding is as essential to our study of human relationship as it is to our comprehension of Latin or Science.

Wayne-Plymouth, Mrs. Hiram Godwin. The following groups had unusually fine meetings during the month of April and deserve Honorable Mention:

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Even with adverse weather conditions we continued to make progress toward our goal of 1,000 groups. With 973 groups recorded to date we show a gain of 101 new groups over last year and approximately 27 more new groups to organize in order to meet that thousand mark.

Alcona-Curtisville, Mrs. William Byler; Klondyke, Mrs. Roberta A. Reames, Mt. Joy, Mrs. Essiemay Kilpatrick.

International trade and related economic problems were the major topics of discussion at the conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers at Saltsjohaden, Sweden, May 29 to June 8, a conference in which the American Farm Bureau Federation and other major farm organizations of the United States participated.

Pay Tribute to Land Grant Colleges

Top government, political and agricultural leaders across the country will pay tribute to nearly 90 years of Land-Grant College education during May and June. The kickoff came May 22, at Nashville, N. C. when members of Congress, government officials, representatives of National agricultural organizations and others, attended the national premier of the new technicolor motion picture, "Waves of Green."

Calhoun Co. Opens Co-op Egg Market

Calhoun County Farm Bureau members began co-operative egg marketing during the week of February 27, according to the organization's egg marketing committee. The Farm Bureau members met two weeks earlier and agreed to market eggs co-operatively through the Branch County Egg Marketing Co-op.

Pres. Buskirk Addresses FFA Convention

Speaking before delegates to the State Convention of the Michigan Association of Future Farmers of America at its final session, Carl E. Buskirk, President, Michigan Farm Bureau, said: "Join a farm organization, join other organizations, make friends, get to know people, and the more you put into the organizations, the more you will get out of them."

POST-WAR SHIFTS IN PRODUCTION

The long-expected adjustments from the wartime pattern of agricultural production are on in earnest in 1950, according to Carl Heilig, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Bigger Milk Checks

Control of mastitis means bigger milk checks, say dairymen at Michigan State College. They advise managed milking and the use of a strip cup every day to help in

AFBF REAFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO POSTAL HIKES

With the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service now holding hearings on H. R. 2945 which calls for modified increases in postal rates, the American Farm Bureau Federation last week reaffirmed its opposition to rate hikes.

This is What Community Groups Say

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pected to set a fair standard of prices and service. It is not the object of co-operatives to become a monopoly form of business. They are part of business in which other organizations perform many services essential to farm marketing and purchasing.

Misfortunes

If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence every one must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart.

Temperament

There is no charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament. It is a great evil by nature—it comes quite as much by culture.—Henry Van Dyke.



HERE AND THERE

As a result of the contest being run in Clinton County two groups reported one hundred per cent attendance by Farm Bureau families at their April meetings. These were the Victor No. 1 and Westphalia groups.

FERTILIZER IS STILL BEST BUY

When the farm parity ratio recently dropped below 100, it was a clear warning for farmers to cut crop production costs by more efficient soil management methods. U. S. Department of Agriculture figures show that the parity ratio dipped to 98 in December—its lowest level since 1941.

Kill Weeds In Spring

Spring is a good time to start killing weeds with the selective weed killer, 2,4-D, say Michigan State College extension specialists. Be careful not to let the spray drift to shrubbery and flowers.

Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 5 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 4 cents per word per edition.

FIELD SEEDS

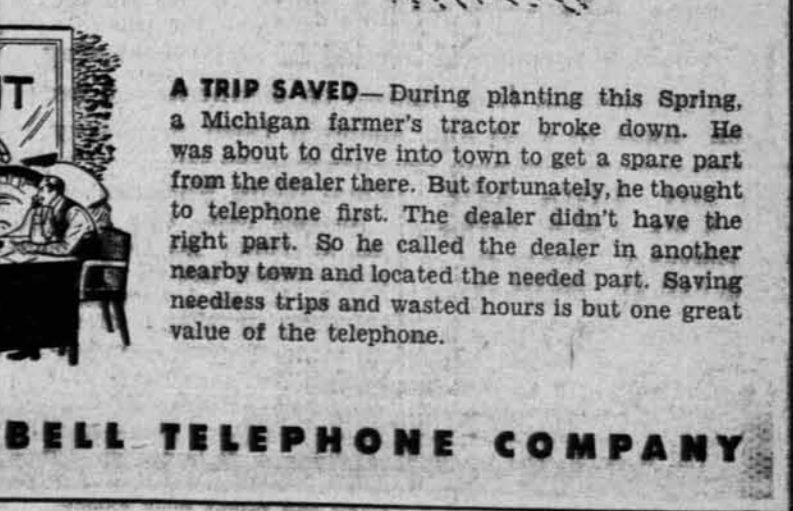
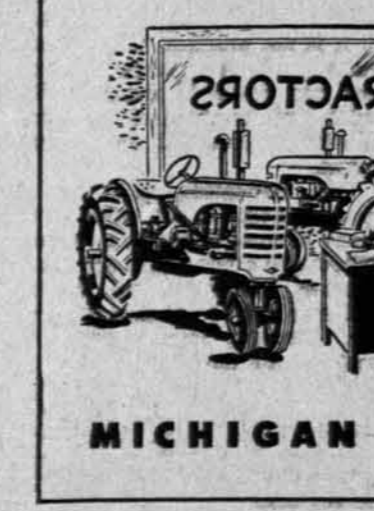
FOR SALE—LADINO clover seed containing about 30% alkali clover. At \$1.00 per pound. State germination tested. Send your order early. Sidney Howard, Alanson, Michigan. Phone 157. (4-37-252)

Rural Tele-news

ONE FOR THE BOOK—Telephone directories go with telephones just like ham goes with eggs. And last year Michigan Bell published more than 3,500,000 directories. Over 9,650,000 pounds of paper were purchased through Western Electric Company, the Bell System's supply division.

AS SIMPLE AS A-B-C—Money for new construction needed to provide more and better rural telephone service has to come from investors. And investors only put their money in businesses that show a fair profit. So, no fair profit for Michigan Bell, no investors, no money for new construction.

A TRIP SAVED—During planting this Spring, a Michigan farmer's tractor broke down. He was about to drive into town to get a spare part from the dealer there. But fortunately, he thought to telephone first. The dealer didn't have the right part. So he called the dealer in another nearby town and located the needed part. Saving needless trips and wasted hours is but one great value of the telephone.



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