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WINS PLACE ON
4-H HONOR ROLL**

Harry Jones, Farmington and Shirley Stephens, Walley Lake, of the Bassett 4-H Club won places on the County Honor Roll last week, according to Lynn Lewis, club agent and Mary Woodward, Home Demonstration Agent.

4-H Achievement programs were held at Clarkston and Birmingham last week with 690 members, parents and friends participating. At the evening programs certificates and pins were awarded to leaders and members.

The County Honor Roll was announced by the judges, Mrs. Corrine White and Vern Freeman. This roll gives recognition for outstanding work in special projects. Betty Mae Nicholas, Drayton Plains was chosen Dress Review Delegate to represent this county at 4-H Club Week to be held in June at Michigan State College.

**Shipment of Michigan
Potatoes Sent To Canada**

Better than 1500 cars of Michigan potatoes have been exported to Canada, reports Charles Fleg, director of the State Department of Agriculture in order to relieve their shortage of this basic food. With over-production of this crop in the United States, we were fortunate in having such a close market and at the same time being able to help our neighbor, Michigan, has three export points for Canadian shipments, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Huron and Detroit. Reports of consumer acceptance in Canada have been favorable.

Three Michigan potato processing plants have helped dispose of the crop. Two dehydrating plants, one located at Traverse City and one at Greenville, have been operating during the present season. In addition to the two dehydrators, there is a plant at Cadillac manufacturing potato flour.

Requests for potato inspection have been reduced due to the decreased supplies remaining in storage throughout the state. It is the plan of Miles A. Nelson, Chief of the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement, to transfer some inspectors from the potato growing areas to the processing areas for asparagus.

With favorable weather conditions, canners and processors in the Benton Harbor area will begin processing asparagus about April 15. Most of the processors have made requests to the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement for the services of Federal State inspectors for platform inspection of incoming asparagus.

Rural Health

In comparison with city folks, more farm boys were turned down for military service, more mothers died in childbirth, more infants failed to survive, and there were more deaths from diphtheria, malaria, pellagra, pneumonia and influenza.

AIDS FRUIT GROWERS

CLARENCE A. LANGER
New Horticulture Specialist

Clarence A. Langer, recently discharged from the army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has arrived at Michigan State College to become an extension specialist in horticulture. In this position, Mr. Langer will work with the fruit growers throughout Michigan.

Mr. Langer received his B.S. degree from Michigan State College in 1933 with a major in horticulture. After his graduation he taught vocational agriculture in the Inlay City, Charlotte and Buchanan high schools.

**Color Of Seed
No Proof Of Quality**

There will be a limited amount of top grade seed corn available for planting this spring, says Charles Fleg, Director of the State Department of Agriculture. This same situation exists for seed beans. Unfavorable weather last fall at harvest time is largely responsible for this condition.

According to Charles A. Stahl, chief seed analyst, the outward appearance cannot be used as a guide to determine the quality, as some off color lots, especially beans, will germinate much better than some of the fancy looking lots. Farmers should make sure of their seed stocks by either having them tested or buying from reliable dealers. Due to the shortage of good seed some dealers are compelled to market corn with germinations as low as 30 per cent. The smart farmer is buying his seed early as good seed stocks may be exhausted by planting time.

**NEW BOOK ISSUED
ON AGRICULTURE
IN OAKLAND CO.**

"Agriculture of Oakland County," published by the Oakland County Land Use Planning Committee, of which Fred J. Beckman of Clarkston is chairman is now available for inspection through the Farmington State Bank; Mrs. Florence Leach, Librarian; Farmington Township Office; West Bloomfield Township Office and Farmington High School.

The bulletin is a compilation of the recommendations of Township Land Use Planning Committees and lists the agencies serving agriculture.

Two very excellent maps are included in the report, one showing the land type map of the county, and the other showing land use. Statistical information covers the whole field of agricultural enterprise. The county ranks fourth in the State in value of agricultural products.

Mr. Beckman states that because of limited funds the book is not generally available for distribution and is, therefore, made available for inspection through the agencies listed above.

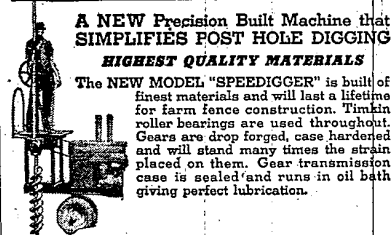
**M.S.C. Starts Rural Fire
Prevention Program**

A program stressing rural fire prevention and farm safety under the direction of the agricultural engineering department of Michigan State College will soon be underway. That was the announcement this week by A. W. Farrall, head of the department, who named Fred Roth as the extension specialist in that field.

While this department has for many months carried on such a program as limited manpower would allow, the addition of Roth to the staff will permit state-wide coverage. Detailed plans are now in the process of formation.

Roth, who was reared on a farm in Ionia county near Lowell, graduated from Michigan State in 1941 in agricultural engineering. He spent eight months with a farm machinery concern and a similar period with the agricultural engineering department at the college before going into the army. He was released from the service in December and since that time has been assisting in teaching short course students at the college.

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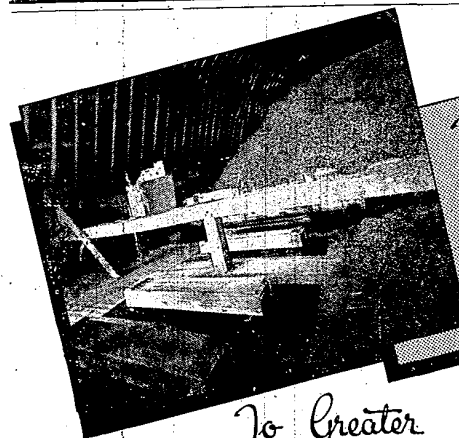
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