

# Biographies



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The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established on August 17, 1957. The purpose of the organization shall be "The collection, administration, and investment of funds donated by any person(s), firm(s), or corporation(s), wishing: (1) to recognize various groups and/or organizations, (2) to honor members of the dairy and allied industries (living or deceased) who have performed distinguished services for the dairy industry of Michigan, (3) to provide scholarships for specific financial aid to worthy undergraduates desiring to acquire technical and/or academic training in the fields of dairy science, and/or processing or manufacturing of dairy products through regular four-year college courses, short courses, and/or such technical training as dairy plant engineering or such other courses as the Board of Directors deems advisable, and (4) to support specific educational programs enhancing the curriculum for students with a dairy interest."

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund is the largest scholarship program in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



## **MELVIN BEEBE**

Born January 2, 1904 – Vickery, Ohio

In 1906 family moved to a Rome Township, Lenawee County, Michigan dairy farm.

After mother and father retired, he worked on dairy farms during school vacation.

Graduated from Adrian High School in 1926.

Married Margaret Wood and had two daughters, Joanne and Delight, and had eight grandchildren.

Purchased a dairy farm in the 1930's with registered and grade Holstein cows. Lifetime member of Holstein Freisian Association and member of the Michigan Holstein Freisian Association.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Producers Dairy Company, being elected to that position in 1948.

Chairman of State Corn Picking Contest 1963 and 1964. Chairman of National Corn Picking Contest in 1965, which was held in the state of Michigan.

Charter member and past President of Kiwanis Club of Adrian for 39 years.

President of Adrian Grain Company for 23 years.

Member of the Elks' Club.



## **HAROLD BLAYCOCK**

Harold F. Blaylock, 66, of Vassar, has a long history of leadership in the dairy industry and in community affairs. He has been active in the Michigan Milk Producers Association for some 41 years and has been on the state board of directors of that organization since 1957. While on the board, he served as treasurer for three years and vice president since 1964. Mr. Blaylock also has served as president and secretary of the Frankenmuth Local, has been a member of the Southern Michigan market committee of MMPA and has been a delegate to the organization's annual meeting.

He farms 300 acres in Tuscola County in partnership with a son—in-law, with a herd of some 40 registered Holsteins. His King Street Dairy Farm has been represented at various shows and fairs, including the Michigan State Fair.

During his more than 39 years of membership in the Michigan Farm Bureau, Mr. Blaylock has served as vice president of his county board of directors and on the Farm Bureau State Dairy Committee. In 1968, he received the Michigan Farm Bureau's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

In the local government field, he has served as township supervisor and has been a member of the county board of supervisors in Tuscola County. He is a past president of the Vassar Rotary Club and has held several positions of responsibility in his local Baptist Church, including Sunday school superintendent and chairman of the board of deacons.

Mr. Blaylock has been active for many years in the Federal Land Bank movement. He has served as president of the Federal Land Bank of Caro and for five years was a member of the Land Bank's Seventh District Advisory Committee. He also served for three years, including one year as chairman, of the National Advisory Committee of the Land Bank.

He also has served on the board of the Dairy council of Michigan including a term as president. In addition, he has been a member of the advisory committee of the Consumer and Marketing Service of the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University.

As a member of the board of Great Lakes-Southern Milk, Inc., since 1960, he has been at the forefront of the movement to regional milk marketing and price bargaining. In addition, he has been on the National Milk Producers Federation board of directors committee and has had other leadership positions as an MMPA representative to the NMPPF.

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Mr. Blaylock has testified before committees of the Michigan Legislature and has represented MMPA in other state government committees and at meetings called by the United States Department of Agriculture. He is a former president of the Michigan Agricultural Conference, and continues to serve on the executive committee of that panel.

Mr. Blaylock and his wife, Beatrice, have two daughters.



## **ALVIN N. BERT BROWN**

Albert Brown was born in Scipio Township and lived his entire life on the family's sesquicentennial farm in Hillsdale County. He graduated from Jonesville High School in 1910 and Michigan Agricultural College in 1914. His first registered Holsteins were purchased in 1917, and he continued breeding and showing registered Holsteins with the "Brownson" prefix until he sold the farm to his son Keith in 1968.

He was a member of the Moscow Plains United Methodist Church where he served as treasurer for 54 years and as teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class for 58 years.

He was a District Manager for the State Farm Insurance Company for 35 years, retiring in 1961. He was one of the initial seven district managers for the company in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Brown served as Treasurer of the Hillsdale County Republicans from 1960-1980. In 1979, he received the first "Outstanding Republican of Hillsdale County" award.

He was a past president of the Hillsdale County Farm Bureau, the Hillsdale County Holstein Association, the Michigan State Holstein Association, the Michigan Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, the Michigan Lamb Feeders Association, and Jonesville Lions Club. He was accorded "Lion of the Year" in 1983 and was a sustaining member of Boy Scouts of America.

Active in Masonic activities, Mr. Brown was a past master and life member of Adams Lodge No. 189 F. & A.M. in North Adams, Past Patron and life member of Jonesville Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Jonesville Council, Eureka Commandery No. 3 of Hillsdale and Moslem Temple Shrine of Detroit.

A.N. "Bert" Brown loved his family, loved serving his community and had a special spot in his heart for good Holstein cattle, and all the folks in the purebred cattle industry.



## **HAROLD R. COON**

Harold R. Coon was born in Wayne County, Michigan on December 19, 1907. He was graduated from Redford High School in 1927. He enrolled in Michigan State College and graduated in 1931, with a Bachelor's Degree in Dairy Manufacturing. Following graduation, he was employed by McDonald Dairy Company of Flint, Michigan until August, 1934.

From 1934 until March, 1978, he was an active officer, in various capacities, with Schlimme Dairy Company as well as being the original founder.

He was on leave from Schlimme Dairy from August 13, 1942 until January, 1946 and during this time he served in the United States Army, World War II. Thirty months of the time was spent in the south Pacific and he returned home an Infantry Captain, January, 1946. He remained in the Reserves for several years following his return.

After his return from the Army, he rejoined the Schlimme Dairy Company as General Manager and held that position until 1959 when he purchased controlling interest of the Company and was made President and Acting General Manager. He held that position until March 15, 1978 when he decided to end his work in the dairy industry and sold his business.

Schlimme Dairy was a mix manufacturer of ice milk, shake mixes and ice cream mixes. Also, the Dairy handled non-fat dry milk power, whey powder, and dry sugar on a brokerage basis. During the life of Schlimme Dairy, sales continued to increase each year, and during 1976 until 1978, the sales and profits were at an all time high.

Mr. Coon was active in Kiwanis Club of Northwest Detroit and had a record of 25 years of perfect attendance. This indicates the dependability of this man.

His latest outside activity is helping start a once a month luncheon for those retired, or soon to be retired, from the dairy industry. This luncheon is held on the third Tuesday of each month. There are no dues, regulations, or rules to belong, as long as you are retired from the dairy industry, be there at 12:00 noon. At the present time, the meeting is held at Cregar's Pickwick House on Grand River and Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan.



## ***DONALD G. FATCHETT***

Donald G. Fatchett served as president of Milk Marketing, Inc., a regional milk marketing cooperative covering parts of eight states, from the time it was formed in 1978 until his retirement from the board at the end of December 1979.

An active dairy farmer near Blissfield, Michigan, since 1935, Don was elected to the board of directors of the Northwest Cooperative Sales Association in Toledo in 1948. He was elected president of NCSA in 1958. Then in 1970, when NCSA became a part of the merged cooperative called MILK, Inc., he was also elected president of MILK, Inc. and served until the formation of MMI, through consolidation of five cooperatives in 1978.

Again he was elected president of the new cooperative, Milk Marketing, Inc.

Don was a director of the National Milk Producers Federation in Washington, D.C. and served on the executive committee. At the NMPF annual meeting this past November, Don was given a special plaque denoting him an honorary director for life.

Don also served as vice-president of Great Lakes-Southern Milk federation a “bargaining agency in common,” consisting of some 16 cooperative organization stretching from Michigan to Florida.

Don was active in establishing, and was first vice-president of the Associated Reserve Standby Pool committee, which helps arrange for the orderly procurement of milk from other areas when local supplies are not sufficient to meet the current needs.

In the areas of milk promotion, Don served on the board of the United Dairy Industry Association (UDIA) and was treasurer of Dairy Research, Inc. He also served on the board of the National Dairy Council and the American Dairy Association. He served on the Federal Order 36 Advertising and Promotion committee from its inception.

Fatchett was also active in other local cooperative such as the Michigan Artificial Breeders Association, the Blissfield Cooperative Company, which is a part of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, and is secretary-treasurer of the Ogden and Riga Mutual Insurance Company. He was also president of the Farm Excess of Loss Association, a statewide organization of mutual insurance companies formed to help spread the insurance risk.

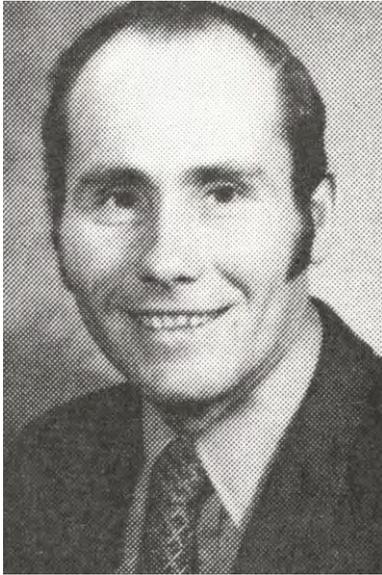
Don Fatchett is a dedicated and tireless worker who has given his best to the cause of the dairy farmer in his native state of Michigan and nationally. It was in recognition for these efforts that he was given a “Cooperative Career Award” last fall by the National Cooperative Month Coordinating Committee.



## ***ARTHUR (ART) FORBUSH***

Arthur Forbush was a successful dairy farmer in Genesee County and participated in many leadership positions in Michigan's dairy industry.

He became a member of the Board of Directors of the McDonald Cooperative Dairy and rose to the position of Board Chairman. After the McDonald operations were acquired by Michigan Milk Producers Association. Art served briefly on the MMPA board of directors, a position he accepted and occupied until he passed away.



## **JAMES ALLEN FREY**

James A Frey was a great asset to the dairy industry. Besides spending most of his time as an active dairy farmer, Jim was a member of numerous dairy associated organizations. He also devoted his time as a Sunday school teacher for the Brown City Missionary Church.

James Allen Frey was born in Dearborn, Michigan on April 28, 1935. Later the Frey family moved to Brown City, where Jim graduated from Brown City High School in 1953 as valedictorian of his class. In 1955 he married his wife, Lulubell, and they had six children: Cindy, Patty, Connie, Amy, Michael and Terry.

From 1965 until March, 1977 Jim was the State Director of Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative. After leaving that position he became chairman of the Select Sires Holstein Sire Committee. He also was a member of the Farm Bureau, a Sanilac County A.S.C. board member and president of the Sanilac County Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Jim also served on the Brown City Board of Education.

On June 30, 1977 Jim Frey died in a tragic automobile accident as he was returning home from an Animal Breeders and Select Sires show and sale in Columbus Ohio with Ken Voelker. We in the dairy industry will greatly miss the wise counsel of Jim Frey.



## ***JAMES GILDER, SR.***

A graduate of Wayland High School, James Gilder assumed the responsibility of operating the family farm in 1939 when his father suffered a heart attack. From that time on, he demonstrated great resourcefulness and sound judgment in making a smooth transition from the family farm concept to a modern agri-business operation while maintaining a genuine concern for the community. Through good times and bad, including a devastating fire in 1968, Mr. Gilder personified the values and qualities which have always been sought in farming.

In addition to his work in managing his own farm, James Gilder shared his expertise through his work with the Independent Co-Operative Milk Producers Association. Moreover, his commitment to his neighbors and his community was manifested in his work with the Hopkins Public School Board and the Hopkins Community Reformed Church.

He was diagnosed with cancer in June of 1982 and passed away on September 20, 1982. A wonderful man, whose life was cut short too soon.



## ***HAROLD D. HAFS***

Harold D. Hafs was born July 2, 1931, at Genoa City, Wisconsin, where he was reared on a general livestock farm. He was active for 11 years in 4-H and 4 years FFA, and received the Wisconsin State Star Dairy Farmers award in 1949. He obtained a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1953 and was then employed by the American Foundation for the Study of Genetics at Madison, Wisconsin as a Research Assistant in research on ova transplantation and deep freezing of spermatozoa. He obtained his M.S. degree (1957) and Ph.D. degree (1959) at Cornell University.

He was appointed Assistant Professor (1959) in the Dairy Science Department and Associate Professor (1965) and Professor (1970) in the Dairy Science and Physiology Departments at Michigan State University where his major effort was research. During the 1965-66 year he was a National Institutes of Health Fellow while on sabbatical leave at Harvard University, and during 1973-74 he was on sabbatical leave at the University of Nottingham. He was appointed Chairman of the Department of Dairy Science (1976), and published over 180 scientific papers and over 20 papers in popular press. In 1981 he became Vice President for Animal Science Research & Development at Merck, Sharp and Dohme Research Laboratories, in Rahway, New Jersey.

He held offices in the American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Animal Science, Society for the Study of Reproduction, Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, and the National Association of Animal Breeders. He was active in Academic Governance at MSU, chairman of the Reproductive Biology Study Section of NIH, and served as a consultant to the Bureau of Veterinary Medicine of FDA.

Harold Hafs married Carol Jean Bender in 1952, and they have three children: Stephen, Mark and Leslie. Carol is a librarian. The Hafs maintain their practical interest in agriculture by co-ownership of the home dairy farm at Genoa City, Wisconsin.



## ***ALBERT T. HALL***

Albert Hall has truly been a teacher respected and loved by those around him. In his career as Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Lowell and Sandusky, County Agent in Sanilac County, Township Agent in Almont Township of Lapeer County and County extension Director of Hillsdale County, "Ab" has always insisted upon the highest standard for himself and has constantly striven to be the best at whatever he undertook. He has instilled in those around him the belief that they, too, could excel.

Albert Hall has given much to dairy farmers in Hillsdale, Lapeer and Sanilac Counties. We feel that it is particularly fitting that he be honored with a dairy Memorial

Scholarship in his name.

Founded in 1955, the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation recognizes our dairy industry leaders by contributions to a Michigan State University Scholarship Fund. All contributions are deposited in an interest bearing principal fund. The interest from the fund is used to pay tuition scholarships to worthy dairy production and dairy manufacturing students enrolled in the undergraduate program at Michigan State University. With this contribution to the Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Fund, Albert T. Hall will be instrumental in the education of future dairy leaders for the years to come.

We, the dairy farmers of Hillsdale County and Almont Township and friends of the dairy industry, take great pride in presenting this Albert T. Hall Dairy Memorial Dairy Memorial Scholarship and in causing Albert Hall to be included among those Michigan dairy leaders whose name is permanently inscribed on a bronze plaque in Anthony Hall at Michigan State University.



## ***CARL E. HARADINE***

Carl was born August 11, 1908 in Walker Township near Grand Rapids, Michigan. His parents, Arthur Haradine and Christine Hubert Haradine, were of English and German extraction respectively. Carl had one brother, Herschel, who died in 1968. Carl grew up on a farm near Sparta, Michigan, where he assisted his father in the daily operation of a dairy herd and attended to applying growing. His chores took up most of his school hours so he was not able to participate in most school activities. He graduated from Sparta High School in 1925.

Carl was unable to attend college after high school because he had to work on the farm for two years in order to save money. It was not until the "County Agent" obtained a job for him at the then Michigan State College creamery that enabled him to attend college. His parents were unable to financially help him with his college costs so he worked to get through college. In addition to the creamery job, he also worked at the college telephone exchange. He held these jobs and others for four years; working from 6 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. every other night and still managed to carry a full load of courses during the day. He was selected as one of four students from MSU to represent the college at a national dairy judging contest in Atlantic City in 1932. It was at this contest, where he won fourth place in milk, third place in cheddar cheese and first place in ice cream that enabled him to go to the University of Illinois to receive his Masters Degree in 1933 after receiving his Bachelors Degree from MSU. While at MSU, he majored in agriculture and minored in economics and dairy manufacturing.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, jobs were scarce because it was during the "Great Depression" so Carl and a fraternity brother, Bud Button, decided to seek their fortunes on the West Coast. They worked as range hands in Wenatchee, Washington, traveled to Los Angeles and other areas of the West in search of jobs. According to Carl, they saved enough money to get their 1929 Model A Roadster home, but not until they checked out a teaching job at Iowa State College. They were disappointed because the job called for a doctorate degree.

After returning from the West, he married his college sweetheart, Loise Biergans, who was also from a farm family near the Westphalia, Michigan area. They were married on December 22, 1933, in Angola, Indiana

Carl's employment career always was associated with the dairy business. After marriage, he obtained a job as a milk peddler for \$10 a week with the Grand Rapids Creamery and after only a few months obtained a more lucrative job with Seal Ice Cream operation in Kalamazoo. He was with Sealtest for ten years going from the position of Superintendent of Operations to Branch Manager. After leaving Sealtest, he

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associated himself with Ramsey Laboratories of Cleveland, which manufactured flavors for the dairy industry. He started as a salesman, and was later promoted to sales manager. When he retired on December 31, 1970 as Vice President, he returned to Three Rivers, Michigan where he and Louise currently reside.

During all of the above employment activity, Carl and Louise managed to purchase Richelieu Lodge on beautiful Corey Lake, Three Rivers, Michigan. Louise ran the day to day summer operations while Carl was away on his formal job. However, every weekend Carl somehow managed to travel to the "Lodge" from Cleveland to do maintenance and other required chores.

Carl and Louise raised three children. Daughter Betty Sarhatt, who resides at Corey Lake with her husband Larry. Also a daughter, An Langefeld, who currently resides with her husband, Donald Louis in Portage, Michigan, soon to move to Corey Lake, their son, Carl Edwin Haradine Jr., who was in the furniture manufacturing business in Elkhart, Indiana died in July of 1993. Carl and Louise also have six grand children and give great grandchildren. Carl is a past president of the Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce, a past member of the Kalamazoo Lions Club and a current member of the Three Rivers Rotary club, where he has a perfect attendance record.



## **ELWOOD KIRKPATRICK**

Elwood Kirkpatrick has accomplished many notable things and received several accolades throughout his lifetime, but at the heart of it all he is “just” a dairy farmer, working hard each day to manage a dairy operation and to do his part in the organizations that support the day-to-day efforts of American dairy farmers.

Elwood grew up on his family’s dairy operation in the northern thumb of Michigan. Like many young farm boys, he thought the grass was greener off the farm. So after completing his Bachelor of Science degree at Eastern Michigan and a three-year stint in the U.S. Army, Elwood took a “professional” job as a controller at the Federal Mogul Corporation. His employment brought him to the suburbs of Detroit. After starting a family, Elwood knew that the farm offered more opportunities for him and his young family than the professional world in the suburbs. In 1966 he and his family moved back to Kinde and Elwood farmed in partnership with his father. Elwood used the experiences he had gained in college and business to help modernize the family farm. In 1979 he was elected to serve on the Michigan Milk Producers Association board of directors. In 1981 he was elected president, succeeding long-time MMPA president Glenn Lake. Elwood’s tenure as president began at a very pivotal time for the dairy industry. Through this time and the many other challenges that have surfaced over the years, Elwood has fought for policies and changes that were in the best interest of dairy farmers.

In 1980 he was elected to the board of directors of the National Milk Producers Federation. He has served on the Executive Committee of NMPF for 23 years. An example of his leadership character emerged in the late 1980s when he led the charge to unify the promotion and marketing efforts of the U.S. dairy industry, bringing together the activities of the United Dairy Industry Association and the National Dairy Board saving American dairy farmers millions of dollars and created a more effective national dairy promotion program. During the Clinton administration he served as chair of the U.S. Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animals and Animal Products (ATAC). His interests in international trade led to election as the first chair of the U.S. Dairy Export Council. As the original leader of this organization, Elwood help to structure the Export Council to become the important facet of U.S. dairy marketing that it is today. While Elwood has been involved in national and international activities, he has not forgotten about the challenges on the farm in Michigan. Through the 1980s, Elwood and other leaders in Michigan animal agriculture set out on an unprecedented mission – to seek state funding to revitalize the animal agriculture of Michigan. Elwood and the other ag industry leaders were growing increasingly concerned about the long-term outlook for Michigan agriculture. They knew that in order for the industry to remain competitive with its neighboring states they needed better resources, research and education. So the committee approached the state legislators for an appropriation to revitalize the industry. In 1993, the state legislature approved and Gov.

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John Engler signed a \$70 million appropriation for facility improvements and faculty at Michigan State University.

Elwood's involvement in the university and extension programs was recognized in 1986 when he was named MSU's Dairy Farmer of the Year. In 1987 he received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award presented by MSU. Under his leadership MMPA has consolidated and modernized its manufacturing facilities and reshaped its package of member services. In 1989 MMPA entered into a marketing agreement with Leprino Foods and built two mozzarella cheese plants. Elwood's farm in Kinde has also gone through changes over the years. The herd has grown to 300 milk cows and they farm 1,200 acres of land. Elwood's sons, Dean and Ron and his daughter, Lisa, all help manage the farm.

Elwood's dedication to the dairy industry is evident in the many organizations and activities he has been involved in over the years. Elwood has made it his life's ambition to fight for dairy farmers, to see that they are understood and treated fairly at home and around the world. On March 20, 2007, Elwood retired as MMPA President, a position he held for 26 years.



## **GLENN LAKE**

1915-

Glenn Lake has a record of long service as chief spokesman for dairy farmers in Michigan and throughout the United States. He was elected President of the Michigan Milk Producers Association in 1955. Mr. Lake served as president of the National Milk Producers Federation beginning in 1960.

He is a recognized leader in the development of new marketing and bargaining concepts and techniques, and his efforts on behalf of dairy farmers have unquestionably increased the incomes of Michigan dairy farmers and their counterparts throughout the nation.

Among many awards or recognition, Mr. Lake was named "Dairyman of the Year" by Michigan State University in 1965; received the "Michigan Farm Bureau Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture" in 1962; was recognized by the Michigan State Grange for "Outstanding Service to Agriculture" in 1961, and was recipient of the Michigan State University "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" award in 1961.

The late President John F. Kennedy picked Mr. Lake to serve on his National Agricultural Advisory Commission in 1963, and the MMPA President has traveled to Europe and South America as an advisor on the student of dairying problems of other nations.

Born at North Branch, Michigan, on December 10, 1915, Mr. Lake graduated from North Branch High School in 1933. he studied business as a post graduate student at North Branch High School and at the Detroit Business Institute. Mr. Lake has also studied at Michigan State University and at Wayne State University.

In partnership with two brothers, he operates the farm at North Branch which has been in his family for four generations.

Active in many agricultural organizations, Mr. Lake has been honored by agricultural youth groups, served on boards and as an elected leader of Dairy Society International, American Dairy Association, National Dairy Council, Michigan Agricultural Conference, National Livestock and Meat Board, and Michigan 4-H Club Foundation.

He has been active in his own community as township clerk and has received several awards for outstanding services to Lapeer County. He is married and has one daughter.

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Mr. Lake introduced a new concept in milk marketing as chief founder of the Great Lakes Milk Marketing Federation, which pioneered the principle of regional bargaining.



## **JIM LEWIS**

Born: December 22, 1925  
Detroit, Michigan

Mr. Lewis was born, raised, and educated in the city of Detroit.

His first full-time working job was as a bakery deliveryman for the now extinct Mills Bakery. At an early age Jim became an astounding success in sales. He was the youngest salesman in ages to be promoted to Sales Supervisor in 1942.

Following his return from World War II, where he served with distinction in Europe, he was promoted to the position of Sales Manager, as the youngest manager in the entire company.

In 1960, Mills routes were bought out by the local Detroit Awrey Bakery, where Jim worked his way up to Institutional Sales Manager.

By 1967 Jim began a new career. He entered the milk business at Detroit Pure Milk Company as manager of distribution. Within a few short years, he so excelled in his new work that he was named Detroit Sales Manager. By 1974, Jim was promoted to Vice-President and General Sales Manager, a post he held until his death.

Throughout all his successes, Jim remained a very humble person, always a friend to everyone. His civic and charitable endeavors were numerous...he always had time for everyone in need.

Jim is survived by his wonderful wife, Helen, three beautiful children, Sharon, Barbara and Jim, Jr., and one grandchild.



## ***CLYDE C. LONDON***

Forty three years ago, in 1936, a new dairy opened its door to the Port Huron area.

Two young North Street, Michigan boys on a farm on Cole road, milked their 13 cows, pasteurized it in the building they had built themselves and then delivered their first 31 quarts of milk.

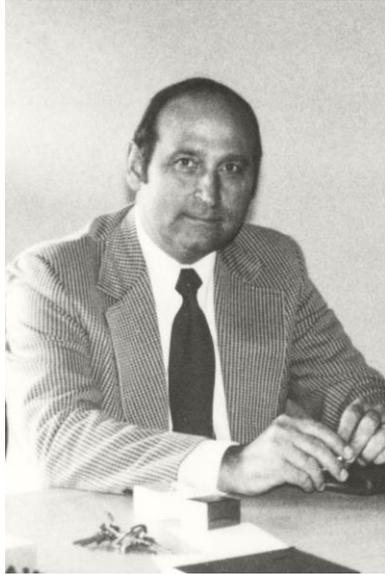
That was a big day for Clyde London, 18 and his brother, Glen 16. That's how London's Farm Dairy started as one of the 36 other dairies in the Thumb area.

Clyde and Glen London were two of a family of seven children living on the farm one mile north of North Street. Their mother had died shortly after the youngest child was born. The children and their father, Clarence London, operated the farm and struggled for existence in the desperate days of the Great Depression.

The boys decided "to go into the dairy business", staked off a site on the farm property, rolled up their sleeves and dug the excavation for the building. They installed a water line from the farm well, with the help of an uncle laid the concrete blocks.

Three months later they had sold 100 quarts in a single day. By the end of the first year sales had reached 200 quarts per day.

Today, 43 years later, London's Farm Dairy is one of the larger dairies in the state, processing milk from 7,000 cows and serving a total of 31,000 customers.



## **ARTHUR C. MCCOLGAN**

Arthur C. McColgan was born October 16, 1930 in Saginaw, Michigan. He was the youngest of three children. His family owned and operated an ice cream in Saginaw called the M & B Ice Cream Company, which was founded in 1910 by James McColgan and Williams Boegner. It was the first ice cream company to take its product north.

Art worked throughout his high school days delivering ice cream as far as Mackinac Island and surrounding areas. Art spent the rest of his life with a dedicated and enthusiastic attitude toward the dairy industry.

Art was also an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He ranks as one of the truly great high school athletes in the history of Saginaw sports. On the gridiron, Art was holy terror as a quarterback, running back and end. According to his coaches, you could have played him in any position and he would have excelled. On the baseball diamond, he could hit with power; but, on the basketball court Art McColgan made the most headlines. He led SS. Peter and Paul to the state finals in 1946-47-48, coming away with the state championship in '47 and runner-up honors the other two years. He scored over 40 points more than once and as high as 49 in one game. Art was unanimously voted All-State selection in 1947 and was captain of the All-State Team in 1948. After his playing days were over, he turned into one of the best football and basketball officials in the state, working several state championship contests until he retired from that avocation.

Art went on to attend Michigan State University and Villanova University. In 1949, he married his childhood sweetheart – Sue Rose Lyman. They had four children – Mike, Pat, Ann and Susan.

In 1956, he left his career with his family owned ice cream company and started his career with the Borden Company in Jackson, Michigan as an ice cream sales-man. He was an active member of the Jackson Dairy Council. In 1965, he moved to Lansing to become branch manager of the Borden Ice Cream operation. He played an active role in the community as a member of the Lansing Area Grocers and Manufacturer's representatives. In 1967, Art was promoted to Detroit to become sales manager of Detroit area and then moved on to become General Sales Manager of Michigan.

Because of his many accomplishments and hard work, he became General Manager of the Borden Ice Cream plant in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and set all kinds of sales records. In 1977, Art was transferred back to Detroit to become General Manager of the Borden Michigan Region where, once again, he did an outstanding job. He was on the board of directors of the Dairy Council of Michigan and, at the time of his death, was president of Michigan Dairy Foods Association.

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Art was also active in the Knights of Columbus and Elks. He was a dedicated hard-working family man who loved people and especially loved the dairy industry, in which he had many accomplishments due to his great desire to excel. He was one of those outstanding individuals who always, always gave 100 percent of himself to anything that he set out to do.

Arthur C. McColgan passed away May 27, 1980.



## **DR. CLINTON ELWOOD MEADOWS**

Dr. Meadows is Professor and Extension Specialist in Dairy Science at Michigan State University. Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative has the privilege of providing a Dairy Scholarship in his name for his contributions to the dairy industry.

Clinton Elwood Meadows was born in Hampstead County, Arkansas. He has degrees in mathematics, agriculture and animal breeding, and experience in teaching, dairy farming and managing a bull stud. Since 1957 he has been an Extension Dairyman in Michigan.

Dr. Meadows' accomplishments as Professor and Extension Dairyman at Michigan State University have been the basis for making him a Michigan State University Dairy Scholarship honoree. The dairy industry in Michigan has recognized that Dr. Meadows in many ways has contributed to the achievements of successful dairy farms in Michigan. Dairy farm management education with strong motivation through sound, simple communications is the basis for Dr. Meadows' contribution to the industry. Dr. Meadows has expanded his influence in Michigan dairy farming by working with students, county extension personnel, the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative, Select Sires, Inc. and others. He has been able to demonstrate his ability to manage a dairy operation by directing the Kellogg Farm Guernsey herd at Hickory Corners, Michigan to an average production of over 700 pounds butterfat. This living demonstration has greatly strengthened Dr. Meadows' status as a teacher. Dr. Meadows has received many awards and honors such as the American Dairy Association DeLaval award in 1975, which further indicates the respect he has from fellow professionals.

Dr. Clinton Meadows has truly earned this Dairy Scholarship recognition and because of it he shall contribute to the dairy industry of the future.



## ***FORBES K. MERKLEY***

Forbes K. Merkley was born in Ontario, March 20, 1893. Graduated from Ontario Agricultural College with a degree in Scientific Agriculture in 1917. He received his Masters in Dairy Science from Iowa State while also an instructor in chemistry. He was closely associated with Dr. Mortenson, world renowned Danish professor in Iowa State College of Dairying.

He came to Flint in 1919 to join the Freeman Dairy Company as Chief Chemist and Bacteriologist. He set up the ice cream manufacturing department also. In 1921 he went to Saginaw and established the Saginaw Dairy Products Company. He married Martha Kull who joined him in the business in 1922. In 1929 he founded Genesee Dairying Flint. Mr. Merkley continued to expand the operation, buying other plants including the Freeman Dairy from the Receivers in bankruptcy by 1934. Until his death he continued to guide and manage the operation. In 1935 they bought several adjoining farms and established 400 acre For-Mar Farms which in 1949 developed a Holstein cow, who set a world record for all ages and classes under the supervision of Michigan State College. Her production record was 35,250 pounds of milk, 1320.2 pounds of butterfat. Also a sire whose classification was excellent and one of the five top bulls in the United States. Also a Holstein cow who was champion butterfat Producer in Michigan. For-Mar is derived from the contraction of their first names, Forbes and Martha. For-Mar herd was recognized not only in Michigan but worldwide and especially in the North and South American continents.

The business was built on integrity, service and quality products. He was always aware of community needs and lent his help. He was a past President of the Chamber of Commerce, member of First Presbyterian Church of which he was an Elder, and a Trustee at the time of his death. He was a member of Rotary, an organizing member and President of "The Farmers Club." One of the founders of the "Boys Farm" for delinquent youths.

As For-Mar Farms was very dear to the hearts of the Merkley and cared for and developed into high producing land, they wanted to kept it in tact. In 1968 it was deeded to the people of Genesee County under the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Committee to become For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. It is used by the colleges, schools, Audubon Society and nature lovers and a haven for wildlife.

Held in high esteem in the community, Forbes K. Merkley passed away January 31, 1966.



## **ARVID E. NORTON**

President, Board of Directors  
Constantine Cooperative Creamery Company

Mr. Norton was born in Newberg Township, Cass County, Michigan on December 28, 1916. He attended the Corey Lake country school for the first eight grades and graduated from the Three Rivers High School.

In 1939 he became a licensed minister and pastored a church in Ludington, Michigan until 1943 at which time moved to a farm west of Jones, Michigan. In 1945 he moved to the home farm becoming a partner with his father and purchased the farm in 1955, which he presently owns and operates. The farm has been enlarged for 320 acres with an additional 200 rented.

Arvid is a member of the Corey Church of the Nazarene and has taught a Sunday school class for 30 years. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Church.

Besides farming Mr. Norton is associated with many organizations. His first experience on a Co-op Board was with the Jones Farmers Cooperative where he served for a number of years, several of which as president.

He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Constantine Cooperative Creamery in 1955. He is presently serving as president, a post which he has held for 20 years.

Mr. Norton is a member of the Market Committee, Michigan Milk Producers Association. Also on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Southern, Inc. since 1966. Other board positions include National Milk Producers Federation Board for 5 years, Valley Lea Dairies, Inc. for 3 years.

Arvid has served on a Board of Education since 1948 starting with the one room country school at Corey Lake. Then after consolidation he annexed to Three Rivers he became a member of the Three Rivers Board of Education in 1968, serving in various positions, including president, vice –president and is currently the treasurer of the Three Rivers Community Schools.

Mr. Norton is married. He has two children and four grandchildren.



## **STANLEY M. OSWALT**

Stanley M. Oswald was born August 29, 1909, in Brady Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. His family owned and operated a beef-cattle and peppermint farm east of Vicksburg.

He graduated from Vicksburg High School salutatorian of his class, making his mark in both sports and student activities. He received his B.S. degree in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University, where he served in student government activities and won his varsity letter in tract.

After graduating from M.S.U., in the depts. Of the depression, he started to work in the field of landscaping, later accepting the position of Superintendent of Civilian Conservation Corp. in the Pigeon River area of Michigan.

Stanley married Gertrude V. Markle in 1935 and soon came back to his home town of Vicksburg, where he pursued dairy farming for the next 26 years. Stanley and Gertrude had two children, Bill and Gwen. Gertrude died in 1949 and he married Maxine W. Weimer in 1955.

Throughout his dairy farming years, Stanley gave freely of his time and talent to enhance the betterment of the community and the overall agricultural environment of Michigan. He served for several years on the Vicksburg School Board, Kalamazoo Milk Producers, Michigan Milk Producers, Michigan Milk Producers Super Pool Executive Committee, local and county Farm Bureau, State Dairy Advisory Committee, Project 80 and 5, and the Vicksburg Hospital Board.

In 1962 Stanley accepted the position of Agriculturalist of the First National Bank and Trust of Kalamazoo, working out of the Vicksburg branch. The dairy farming enterprise was continued by his son William.

Stanley continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1972.



## **LESTER K. SEDINE**

Lester K. Sedine was born March 10, 1897 in Muskegon, Michigan. He graduated from Muskegon High School and Hackley Manual Training School class of 1915. Following this he attended Michigan State University for three years completing courses in Agriculture and Dairy Manufacturing after which he operated the family 180 acre dairy farm.

Since 1920 his activities were directed to serving the milk and ice cream industry in Michigan. In 1920 he became Manager of the Muskegon Heights Co-operative Dairy Company and three years later in 1923 he accepted the position of Michigan Sales Representative for the A.H. Barber-Goodhue Company, Chicago, Illinois who are distributors of dairy plant equipment and supply. When this company merged with Cherry-Burrell Corporation in 1928 he moved from Muskegon to Saginaw, Michigan to become Cherry-Burrell Eastern Michigan Sales Representative. After serving the Eastern Michigan dairy and ice cream and food industries in this capacity for 40 years he retired from Cherry-Burrell in 1963. Since retirement he has traveled quite extensively, including trips to Spain, Scandinavia, England and Canada. In 1964 with a former C-B customer, cruised 6400 miles through inland waterways of the U.S. in a 40 foot home made boat. Mr. Sedine, both during his working years and since he retirement has given much time to civic activities and dairy industry organizations. His contributions include:

Directorship of the Michigan Dairy Boosters Association for several years and served as its President in 1951; Member of the Central Michigan Dairy technology Society; held most of the official roles in the Jefferson Avenue United Method Church and was its lay delegate to the Detroit annual conference for several years; Member of the Board of Managers of Chelsea United Methodist Retirement Home; life member of United Commercial Travelers; was active in the Big Brothers program for several years; served as Worthy Patron of Bethlehem Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; worked annually on Y M C A, United Fund and other membership and financial drives; served as President of the Y M C A Retired Mens Club for two terms and headed for the past 15 years, a project he initiated for taking busloads of Little Brothers and Little Sisters to the Shrine Circus each years; is currently Chaplain for the Masonic Retirees Club and is a member of 5 other Michigan retirement clubs. Among the honors that have been received by Mr. Sedine in recognition of his many contributions are:

An honorary life membership in the Central Michigan Dairy Technology Society for his services with this group; recipient of a special service award from Commandery of Knights Templar for 14 years as chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and received special recognition from Cherry-Burrell Corporation for having driven more than one million miles without having an accident.

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Family consists of wife Gladys, two daughters and one son, another son (Bud) passed away in 1974, there are also two step-sons.



## **CYRIL G. SPIKE**

Cyril Spike was born April 23, 1909, on a dairy farm in Gladwin, Michigan, the oldest of 11 children. Active in 4-H, he showed dairy cattle widely, attending the 1921 National Dairy Show in Detroit and winning a trip to the Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts as Michigan's Outstanding Dairy Boy. After high school he went to work as a milk tester for DHIA for 4 years. One of the farmers had a daughter. In 1933 he married her – Myra Oulmann.

His next position was as herdsman at E.A. Hunter's DhuVarren Farms in Ann Arbor. He showed the DhuVarren Jerseys at state and national competitions in Waterloo, Dallas, Memphis, St. Louis, Columbus, Springfield and Detroit, and the DhuVarren Percherons at places like the International Livestock Show in Chicago. After one year as herdsman he moved up to manager of the farm's 250 Jerseys, 60 Percheron horses, and 28 retail milk routes. With many of the cows leased out to farms around the county, the breeding program was a problem. So, with the help of a glassblower, Cyril Spike devised some artificial insemination and collection equipment and began successfully inseminating cows in 1935 – a pioneer effort. He had been the farm manager for eleven years when Mr. Hunter died, and the farm and the cattle were sold.

Cyril Spike then moved to Traverse City to manage a dairy for Cronenweth Farms. After a year and a half he decided what he really wanted to do was study veterinary medicine at Michigan State. The problem was to get himself accepted. This was no easy task since it had been several years since he finished high school and he now had a wife and three children. The first two times he went to the Dean's office the secretary told him there was no way for him to be accepted. But on his third visit he bumped into Dean Giltner himself on his way in. The meeting ended with Cyril Spike renting the Dean's farm close to campus milking cows while he went to vet school.

He equipped the barn for 24 dairy cows. He cut hay on the land where the MSU golf course and married housing are today. He raised corn and oats on Hagadorn Road and pastured cattle on President Shaw's property on North Harrison Road. He hired other vet students to help with the farm work. He graduated with his DVM from Michigan State University in June 1945.

Simultaneously he set out to acquire the 130-acre farm where he now resides. In the 20 years to follow he developed one of the largest and finest herds of registered Jersey cattle in the State of Michigan and traveled world-wide promoting the Jersey breed. In addition to holding one of the most active veterinary practices in central Michigan Dr. Spike has distinguished himself in many other areas over the years. Some of accomplishments include serving as a past Director of the American Jersey Cattle Club

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(1962-68), past Director of the Michigan Animal Breeders' Cooperative (1956-58, 1961-69), recipient of the MSU Dairyman of the Year Award, 1964; and with his wife, Myra, recipient of the Michigan Farm Bureau Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture, 1972. Myra was named Michigan Mother of the Year in 1976. The couple has 6 children and 24 grandchildren.

Today Spike Farms operates as a family partnership between sons Tom and Bill and their wives. The partnership farms a total of 1800 acres, and the dairy herd numbers nearly 300 Holsteins averaging over 20,000 pounds of milk. The farm is recognized as one of the industry's most modern and progressive – a tribute to the innovating, pioneering spirit of Dr. Cyril G. Spike.



## ***G. MALCOLM TROUT***

Michigan State University has had the honor and privilege of knowing Dr. G. Malcolm Trout. His contributions to the dairy industry are legion, and we greatly benefit from his knowledge and insights.

“Mac” Trout was born on March 7, 1896 in Birmingham, Iowa. After graduating from Birmingham High School in 1916 he attended the University of Northern Iowa (1916-1917). After serving in the armed forces during World War I, he married Agnes March. They have two children: James Lee and Nelda Marion. Dr. Trout completed his B.S. in 1923, his M.S. in 1924 (both from Iowa State University) and his Ph.D. in 1936 (Cornell University).

Dr. Trout came to Michigan State from the Dairy Husbandry Department at West Virginia University. He joined the Dairy Science Department in 1928 and served as its Acting Chairman in 1946-1947. In 1960 he joined the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition where he served until becoming Emeritus on July, 1966.

Dr. Trout is a member of many societies, such as the American Dairy Science Association, Alpha Zeta, Phi Tau Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi. He has also received many awards during his distinguished career. Among them are: Borden Award (1945), Sigma XI Award (1956), ADSA Master Teachers Award (1957), MSU Distinguished Faculty Award (1961), ADSA Award of Honor (1964) Medal of Distinction, University of Helsinki (1965), and the Iowa State University Alumni Association Distinguished Achievement Citation (1971). Dr. Trout has authored Association Distinguished Achievement Citation (1971). Dr. trout has authored over 200 papers, articles and bulletins. He has also written three books.

We in the dairy industry are fortunate to know Dr. G. Malcolm Trout. He has helped build our industry to what it is today and continues to give us guidance for the future.

We this award, go the best wishes of the former students of “Mac” Trout.



## ***KENNETH ROBERT VOELKER***

Kenneth R. Voelker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Voelker, was born on March 3, 1934, in Owendale, Michigan. Forty-four years later, Ken and another dear friend of the dairy industry, James A Frey, died in a tragic automobile accident.

As a respected Thumb Area dairy farmer, Ken was a state board member of the Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative, a secretary and state board member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and a member of the Huron County farm Bureau Board. He was also a participant of the Kellogg Study Program. Ken served his community as a member of the Owendale-Gagetown Board of education and as a trustee of the Owendale United Methodist Church.

Mr. Voelker leaves behind his wife, Mary Jane and his three children: Bernadette, Erik and Michael.

The dairy industry will miss this good friend; a man who dedicated so much of himself to bettering his community as well as helping dairy farming keen insights.



## **EARL WEAVER**

As one of the most interesting men in the dairy industry, Earl Weaver has dedicated his life to improving dairying. His experiences have taken him as far north as Alaska and south to Columbia, South America.

Dr. Weaver was born on July 27, 1893 in Brazil, Indiana. After moving to Oklahoma, he attended grammar school and later graduated from high school in 1907. In 1913 he received his B.S. degree in dairy manufacturing from Oklahoma A & M College. After receiving his M.S. in dairy husbandry from Iowa State College in 1919, Dr. Weaver joined the U.S Marine Corps and served in France, where he was in charge of agricultural training for Army

personnel.

From 1919 to 1922, Dr. Weaver was Associate Professor at Iowa State College. He later served as Professor and Chief of the Dairy Husbandry Department from 1922-1929. From here Dr. Weaver returned to Oklahoma A & M College as Head of Dairy Department until 1937. During this time he completed his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Weaver came to Michigan State in July 1937 to be the Head of the Dairy Science Department, serving until June, 1955. He then accepted an assignment for MSU to the National University of Columbia under the Point 4 Program as Technical Advisor, Zootecnia, Medellin and Supervisor. In 1963 Dr. Weaver became Professor Emeritus.

Some of Dr. Weaver's awards include honorary memberships in the London Dairy Technology Society (1945), Future Farmers of America (1950) and the American Dairy Association (1957). He has co-authored three books and written over 400 articles in trade and farm magazines as well as technical and scientific journals. He is associated with Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi.

In 1920 Earl Weaver married Helen Mary Searles. They have four children: John, Harold, Marianna and Ruth.

We in the dairy industry are proud to know this vital man and cherish his insights and suggestions. With this award go the best wishes of the former students of "Prof" Weaver.



## **DALE K. WEBER**

Dale Kenneth Weber was born in Nebraska in 1910, but received his education in Dallas Center, Iowa (which he refers to as home). He will be happy to tell you about all the jobs he held (four at one time) to secure a B.S. from Iowa State University...tailoring, sweeping floors, soda jerk, and he even caught, slaughtered and sold fresh chickens on a door-to-door route. After receiving his B.S. he tried his hand at making butter at Iowa State University. After spending one year as a butter-maker, he moved on to Roberts Dairy in Omaha, Nebraska in 1933 as a technician and then moved into supervision.

Mr. Weber finally made the move to Michigan in 1941 as plant superintendent at Heatherwood Farms Company. Through the years he continued to progress until he was named general manager of the Company. In February 1969, Mr. Weber was instrumental in creating the Orchard Grove Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Heatherwood Farms Company to devote full time to Orchard industry. He is now President of the company.

Mr. Weber has been recognized for his contributions to the dairy industry, not only within the state of Michigan, but on a national level. In 1967 he was elected President of the All Star Dairy Association and continues to serve on its Board of Directors. His contributions to the dairy industry in the state of Michigan include Past President, and current Treasurer, of the Michigan Dairy Foods Association, and a Director for the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. In addition to his responsibilities in the dairy industry, he was always found time to become involved with civic duties:

Lansing Convention Bureau  
Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lansing  
City Club of Lansing  
Walnut Hills Country Club

Past President  
Past Director  
Past President  
Past Director

In 1968 Mr. Weber was named 'Minuteman of the State of Michigan' by Governor George Romney. Also, due to his efforts in establishing the local unit of the Naval Sea Cadets, he was appointed Honorary Commodore on the staff of the commandant, Ninth Naval District.

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## ***WAYNE WILCOX***



## **HAROLD WOOD**

Harold J. Wood was born on August 28, 1915 in Marlette, the son of Oliver and Nellie (Boyne) Wood. He graduated from Marlette High School in 1933, and purchased the beginning of HWR Wood Farms in 1936. He married Evelyn (Beryl) Colby on October 9, 1940 in Elmer Township.

Harold started with a 9-cow dairy herd and gradually expanded to 40. In 1963 when Wayne entered into a partnership with Harold, the herd was expanded to 80 cows. Randy entered the partnership in 1977 and the farm added a new dairy facility and expanded to 150 cows. The herd expanded to 200 cows in 1990, and added an additional freestall barn allowing for expansion to 275 cows with 220 head of young stock. In 1993, the farming operation consisted of 1,250 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. The dairy herd had a RHA of 20,853 for milk, 727 for fat and 634 for protein.

Harold served the agriculture industry in various capacities: Michigan Milk Producers Association: Marlette Local—President, Milk Market Committee, State Board of Directors – 1964-1986, Vice President – 1979-86; National Milk Producers Federation Board of Directors – 1979-1986; Great Lakes Southern Board of Directors – 1966-1986; Associated Reserve and Standby Pool – Director and Secretary; Dairy Council of Michigan – Member and President; Michigan Agriculture Conference – Director; Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative; Cass Valley Milk Hauling Cooperative; Federal Wheat Board for 5 counties; and Sanilac County Farm Bureau.

Harold and Beryl were inducted into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame and in 1993 Harold was named the Michigan State Dairy Farmer of the Year.

Harold's community involvement included President of Sanilac Mutual Insurance Co.; Marlette Lions Club; Marlette Masonic Lodge, Past Master; Marlette First United Methodist Church; and Sanilac County Extension Advisory Committee.

Harold and Beryl have 3 sons: Wayne and Diane Wood of Marlette, Lee and Cynthia Wood of Shelby Township and Randy and Jan Wood of Marlette.