

Starke County Farm Bureau History

The Starke County Farm Bureau was organized in 1920. Its officers in 1950 were Clem Piper (President), Dwight Burch (Vice President), Mrs. Bessie Lotter (Secretary) and Mrs. Fred A. White (Social and Educational Director). Governor Henry F. Schricker is one of the honorary county officers. Other honorary members were Mrs. Edna Shankland, Mrs. Bessie Lotter and Charles Swanson. There were 625 members in 1950.

The California Twp Farm Bureau was organized in 1920 with Emory Turner, Ernest Kletz and Fred A. White as officers and 25 members. There were no women members. In 1950 the officers were Ralph Spoor (President), Mrs. Allen Bailey (Secretary) and Mrs. Ted Hacker (Social and Educational Director). There were 50 members in 1950.

The Oregon Twp Farm Bureau records only go back to 1933. However, it is known that it was organized in 1919 with James Short as Secretary. The officers in 1950 were Albert Burns, Mrs. Howard Wisler and Mrs. Alva Dipert. Oregon Twp Farm Bureau had the first Farm Bureau flag in Indiana. It was handmade and dedicated at the July 4th celebration in Hamlet in 1932. It was later used for dedication services in both Michigan and Indiana.

The Davis Twp Farm Bureau was organized in 1919 but only has records back to 1929. After some years of inactivity, it was revived in 1945. Its officers in 1950 were Joel Wicks and Dwight Burch.

Source: 1950 Starke County Centennial Book

Hassil Schenck, Indiana Farm Bureau president, Mrs. Fred White, County Woman's leader, Charles Swanson, Mrs. Charles Swanson, Mrs. Bessie Lotter, Mrs. Edna Shankland, Mrs. Henry Schricker, Henry Schricker, one-time governor of Indiana, Clem Piper, Starke County Farm Bureau chairman and Emil Bannwart, District Farm Bureau chairman. This was in honor of the 30-year Farm Bureau members who were Mrs. & Mrs. Swanson, Bess Lotter, Edna Shankland and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schricker. - October 1949.

Source: Mrs. Fred (Mary) White's personal papers, October 1949

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