

## Worcester County Library

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Edward Mariner Route 4, Box 422 Berlin, Maryland 21811

Dear Mr. Mariner:

Please accept our thanks again for your efforts in procuring the Farm Bureau scrapbook as an addition to our special collections.

The work that your wife, Gertrude, and you put into the volume is evident. We are sure that other Worcester countians will appreciate your efforts for years to come.

Enclosed is a xerox copy of the article that appeared in the Messenger last week.

Please stop by and visit us whenever you're down this way.

Sincerely,

Louise Ash Auxiliary Services Assistant

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Stewart Wells, Worcester County Library Director (left) received the Worcester County Farm Bureau's scrapbook on February 22 as a permanent addition to the Library's local history collection. Presenting the scrapbook were Ed Mariner, Farm Bureau director and past president (center) and Bill Carmean, this year's Farm Bureau president (right).

## Scrapbook given to library

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Ed Mariner, director, and past president of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, presented a scrapbook of the County Farm Queens and Farm Bureau history to the Worcester County Library in Snow Hill on Feb. 22. The book was accumulated by the late Mrs. Gertrude Mariner, as a labor of love.

"We were to a county meeting in another county and all that county's farm queens were in a book," said Mr. Mariner to explain why his wife had decided to make a Worcester County collection. "That was four or five years ago and she had nearly completed it when she died. I finished it after her death."

The book also contains lists of all past Farm Burcau officers, beginning with 1947 and short histories for each year. It contains spaces

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waiting to be filled out to the year 2006.

The Worcester County Farm Bureau, of which Mr. Mariner is a director and past president, is part of a network of farm bureaus all over the nation. In addition to selecting a farm queen each year, they volunteer time to follow legislative actions affecting farms and farmers, provide services such as health in-

surance and shopping for farm supplies, and support groups such as the 4-H. The Worcester group meets every other month, or "when needed," at the University of Maryland Extension Office in Snow Hill.

The scrapbook will be available for persons to see during library hours. Call Louise Ash, 632-2600 to make an appointment.