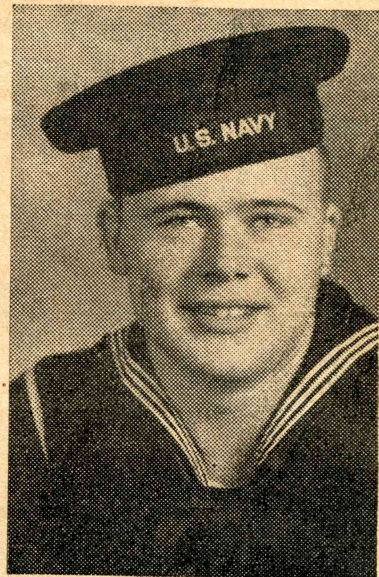


Sainte Marie Farmer Stops Plow To Accept His New Farm Bureau Membership Plate

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George W. Fowler, (left) a prominent farmer of the Bend Community in Ste. Marie Township, is shown accepting his Farm Bureau gate sign from Howard M. Dagley (center), County organization director. George Riegler (right) represents Ste. Marie township on the board of directors of the Farm Bureau.

This picture was taken by a Mentor-Democrat photographer in the bottoms near the new channel of the Ambraw river, where Mr. Fowler was found plowing. It was he who made possible a new record in membership by the local Farm Bureau when he recently became the fifty-first member from his township. Mr. Fowler owns 160 acres and rents an additional 80 acres. Until the outbreak of the war he was assisted in the operation of this farm by his son Seaman First Class Edmund F. Fowler, who lost his life when the famous Aircraft Carrier "The Franklin" was attacked by Japanese airmen. The son, shown in the picture at the right, was one of the hundreds of valiant seamen to lose his life during this attack which came on March 19, 1945, while the Franklin was operating in the home waters of Japan.