

Mystery Man Likes Eagle Prairie Gumbo

"A perfect day," Mrs. Harvey (Georgia) Hawes thought as she hung out wash on Valley View farm two weeks ago. Occasionally a car hummed on Hy. 99 in front of the farm as a motorist sped to Eagle one half mile to the west.

The sky was blue and as usual on Eagle Prairie a spanking breeze was pushing light fluffy clouds across the sky. Looking up she noticed an airplane circling the house.

Mrs. Hawes looked about for the collie. Sure enough he was chasing the airplane. "He'll kill himself chasing airplanes come day," she muttered and dismissed the plane from her mind.

A few days later Mrs. Hawes' oldest son Robert, 19, out in the pasture getting the cows, looked toward the barn and saw Ethel Ann, 11, and Donald, 6, running toward him.

"WONDER WHAT they are so excited about?" he mumbled. As they came within earshot the youngsters began screaming, "Hey Bobbie, we are the mystery farmers. We got the mystery farm. The picture is in the Freeman." In the plane that Mrs. Hawes had seen was a Freeman photographer taking pictures of the farm.

"Sure you aren't stuffin' me?" Bob replied.

He couldn't quite believe it so Thursday he made the trip to Waukesha to see if all the prizes listed were really given away. He was happy to find it true.

Mrs. Hawes called the gifts "wonderful." Her husband said, "We sure can use the presents. In fact I was coming to town today to buy some strainer pads and here I am getting 'em free."

Originally the Hawes spelled their name Haas, but because hass in German means



Harvey and Georgia Hawes:

rabbit, relatives changed the name to Hawes years ago.

THEY BOUGHT the farm two years ago. It was put up for sale at 3 p. m. and at 7 p. m. they bought it "without even seeing the whole house," Mrs. Hawes recalls.

The family has had a varied history. They lived in the town of Pewaukee for 32 years. In 1944 they sold the farm and bought the home farm near Whitewater. It had been in the family for 101 years.

But they sold it after a few years and moved to Dousman where they farmed for five years. But Hawes was dissatisfied. "Farms around Dousman are too hilly," he says. As a result they bought their present farm on the flats.

Hawes likes the prairie gumbo. "It's good land, nice and black, not sandy-like many people think all the soil around Eagle is," Hawes says.

"**THE WIND BLOWS** all the time. In winter we always leave a couple of rows a corn stand-

ing for a windbreak in the middle of the fields," he added.

"Crops are nothing to kick on this year," Hawes says. He raises Clinton oats, Kingcross and Pioneer corn and hay to feed his 34 head of "hungry Holsteins."

He estimates that his cows average 15,000 pounds of milk. "But I don't like a milking machine. You get more satisfaction out of milking by hand," he explained. Mrs. Hawes uses the milkers.

THE GRADE A milk is sold to the Pet company. They also have ducks, geese and chickens on the farm. But they don't have a garden. "It's too much bother," they say, "especially when our neighbor across the road is a truck gardener and we can get all the fresh garden products we want."

Before he began farming Hawes hauled cattle to the stock yards. From 1916 to 1940 he hauled milk, first to Golden Guernsey then to Gridley dairy. Oct. 3, the Hawes will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.