

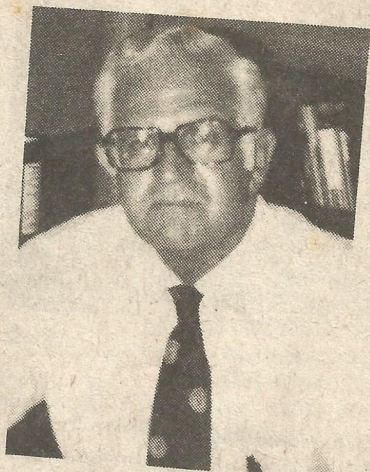
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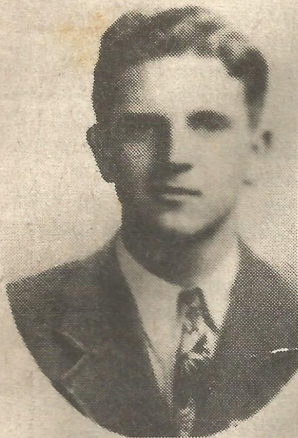
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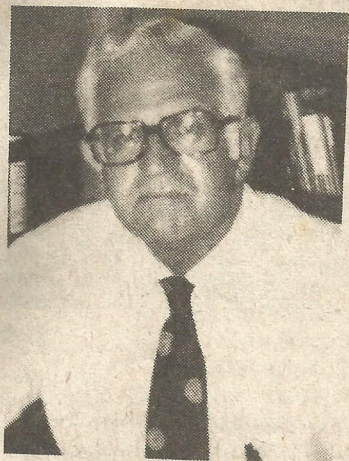
Having grown up on a farm made it only a natural turn of events for Don Waliser to become an agriculture teacher but it was his love for youth and the farm that pushed him further.

Waliser has been administrator of the Ohio State University College of Agriculture for the past 18 years and will be retiring from the post Monday. His beginning in agriculture is rooted nearly 40 years earlier following his graduation from Saltcreek Township High School.

"I wanted to go into coaching and teach history but I had an uncle at Centralia High School who advised me against being a coach, he said it wasn't worth the trouble," says Waliser, now a resident of near Lancaster. Following 20 months in the service Waliser earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture at Ohio State and nine years later a master's degree.

For 16 years he taught at Carroll, Amanda and Lancaster high schools and in 1956 was selected as one of the five outstanding vo-ag teachers in the nation by the American Hereford Association. Recognizing his ability in the teaching field, OSU made it a practice for 13 years to assign student teachers to Waliser's classrooms.

Waliser started at Ohio State in 1966 as a counselor in the College of Agriculture. Two years later he was named administrator of



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the college and has held the position since. As administrator, Waliser was responsible for student records, academic affairs and transfers.

"Students take school more seriously now than they did 10 years ago but for a while there it seemed as though students just didn't care," said Waliser thinking back on the changes he has seen over the years. "We had a lot more discipline in high school but students today are improving. I'd say 97 percent of the students we have now are good solid young men and women."

Another change witnessed by Waliser is the increasing enrollment of women in the agriculture college. Less than a fourth of the students in the ag college were females when he started as administrator and now the college is bolstered by nearly a third females. "I remember several years ago when the enrollment was half and half."

During his years at Ohio State Waliser has been honored by students and faculty with several awards.

In retirement Waliser plans to work part-time to keep himself occupied and pursue one of his favorite hobbies—playing trumpet in the Adelphi Band.

Next Week — An associate professor of classics at Ohio State University who is remembered by most local residents for his musical talent.