



## Missouri Ruralist Photographs (P0030)

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**Dates:** 1936-1978

**Creator:** Missouri Ruralist Magazine

**Abstract:** Photos from the agriculture magazine "Missouri Ruralist."

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(480 folders)

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**Related Material:** *Missouri Ruralist* (F560 M6915m MICRO)

**Processed by:** Processed by Kathleen Conway. Finding aid created by Anne Cox, July 2, 2018.

**Historical Note:**

The *Missouri Ruralist* magazine began as *The Ruralist* in 1901 and initially published out of Sedalia, Missouri. The title changed to *Missouri Ruralist* in 1910. The periodical circulated news on “the interests of agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising and kindred industries,” with a particular focus on Missouri farms, farmers, and families. Cordell W. Tindall (1914-2002) was editor of the *Missouri Ruralist* from 1938 through his retirement in 1979. He was succeeded by Larry S. Harper (1942-2005), who was editor from 1976-1999.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged by format into the following two series and one subseries:

Negatives and contact sheets

Photographic prints

Gerald Massie and Ralph Walker Photographs

**Scope and Content Note:**

The photos document the increased industrialization of farming, use of pesticides and herbicides, agricultural extension programs, veterans farm training, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, the Missouri State Fair, farm demonstrations and sales, local fairs and festivals, and new, innovative farming techniques. Caption information from publication in the *Missouri Ruralist* identify many of the people and locations in the photos.

**Negatives and contact sheets**

This series contains 35mm negatives and corresponding contact sheets.

**Photographic prints**

Photographs are arranged by publication date. Photographs without a publication date are arranged by subject. The **Gerald Massie and Ralph Walker Photographs** subseries contains photographic prints by state photographers Gerald Massie and Ralph Walker.

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