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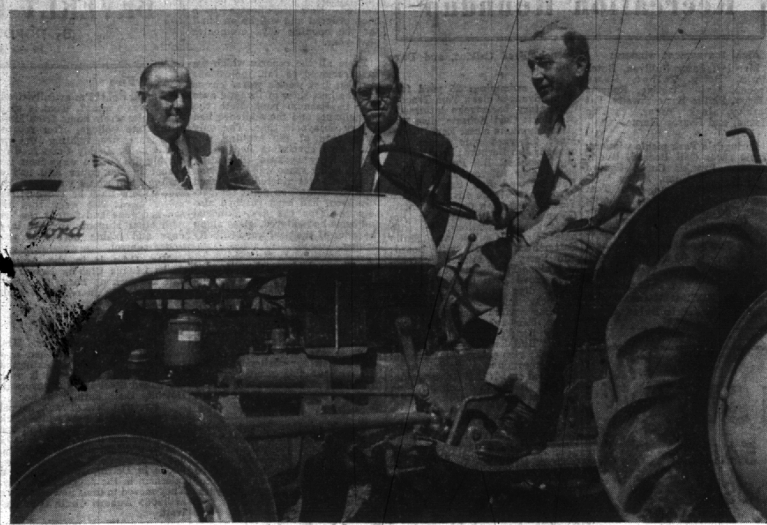
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Frank R. Pierce (right) president of Dearborn Motors Corporation lifts the first scoop-load of ground for construction of Dearborn Motors' new \$3,000,000 research laboratory, office building and warehouse at Coolidge and Maple roads. Looking on are (left) Thomas A. Farrell, Dearborn Motors vice-president, and Don Bell, mayor of Birmingham.

Ground was broken last week at the site of Dearborn Motors Corporation's new \$3,000,000 office building, laboratory and warehouse at Maple and Coolidge Roads.

Frank R. Pierce, Dearborn Motors' president, opened the ground as Birmingham city officials and Dearborn Motors executives watched.

Dearborn Motors is the national marketing organization for the Ford Tractor and Dearborn Farm Equipment.

"In the face of talk of business recessions and retrenching, Dearborn Motors is today demonstrating its faith in the future of American agriculture and American business with this building program," Pierce said.

Completion of the new building is scheduled for early 1950. The laboratory will be the focal point of Dearborn's multi-million dollar agricultural research program.

Among those witnessing the ceremony were Donald S. Bell, mayor of Birmingham; Charles Mortensen, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce; Charles R. Ryan, Troy Township supervisor, and Glenn Ladd, Clawson city manager.

The Rev. Francis A. Haeflinger, of St. James Episcopal church, invoked the blessing.

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Stationed in Yokohama, headquarters of the Eighth Army, Colonel Smith is filling an essential job with the Army's Occupational Forces.

Entering the Army in June, 1945, he arrived in this theater in January, 1949. He is a former student of Auburn Heights High School.

Wis., located near the Wisconsin Dells. He is a member of the 107th Bomb Squadron (L), Air National Guard, based at Detroit-Wayne Major airport at Romulus, and is a B-26 pilot.

Since the primary mission of each Air Guard unit is to defend its home state against invasion or attack, these men trained under actual aerial warfare conditions. As a part of this, the men based at Camp Williams made simulated combat flights over four states and several large cities, including Detroit. The tour-of-duty ended Sunday.

**Local Man Returns From Air Guard Duty**

First Lt. Clay E. Herbst, 1941 Washington boulevard, has been attending a two-week summer encampment at Camp Williams,

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