

# Walter H. (Bill) Wayman



Walter H. (Bill) Wayman, a native of Ohio County, has invested more than 48 years of service to West Virginia rural people and West Virginia agriculture. He entered West Virginia University in 1925, worked his way through college, and received his bachelor's degree in 1929 and a Master's degree in 1938. He has devoted his professional career to vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America.

As a youth he was active in 4-H and was a member of the WVU judging teams for grains, dairy products, and dairy cattle which won national honors. He was initiated into Alpha Zeta (national agriculture honorary fraternity) while a student and was selected as one the three outstanding senior men graduating from the College of Agriculture in 1929.

Following graduation from WVU, Mr. Wayman served as a vocational agriculture teacher at Wayne County High School and at the Tyler County High School. He also served as vocational agriculture teacher at Buffalo High School in Putnam County and at Magnolia High School, New Martinsville. He was employed by the West Virginia Board of Education as District Supervisor in Vocational Agriculture on June 1, 1947, and served until January 1953 when he was promoted to Assistant State Supervisor. He was appointed State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture November 15, 1965, and served until his retirement August 31, 1968. He was editor of the West Virginia FFA News from 1954 until 1966.

Even though Mr. Wayman was outstanding as a teacher of youth, he taught adult farmer classes throughout his vocational agriculture career. As a member of the State Supervisory Staff, he was a constant booster of adult education classes. Following World War II, he supervised and promoted Institutional-on-the-Farm Training program for veterans, including veterans of the Korean conflict. Along with this phase of adult education he promoted the School Community Food Preservation Program during the war period.

Mr. Wayman was a member of the original planning committee which prepared plans for the development of the State FFA-FHA Camp and Conference Center at Cedar Lakes. He was instrumental in fund raising drives for the FFA Cottage, the Vo-Ag Teachers' Cottage, and the swimming pool at the Center.

Mr. Wayman received many awards during his long and meritorious service to the youth and adults of West Virginia. To cite a few, he received the Southern States Cooperative Leadership Award, a citation from the West Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council, and the West Virginia Agri-Business Achievement Award. He also received an Honorary State Farmer Award and the Honorary American Farmer Degree from the Future Farmers of America, a distinguished service plaque from the Future Farmers of America, and was made an Honorary State Future Homemaker. He was made an honorary life member of the West Virginia Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association and was awarded a life membership in the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education. He is a life member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and the Future Farmers of America Alumni Association.

Since his retirement, Mr. Wayman has continued his interest and activities on behalf of West Virginia agriculture. He was a member of the Governor's Food and Agriculture Exhibition Steering Committee in 1970, 1972, and 1976. He received the Governor's Distinguished West Virginia Award in 1976. He has served as Chairman of the membership committee for the College of Agriculture and Forestry Alumni Association since 1973. In 1976, he was selected to be an honorary lifetime President of the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees.