

Carl S. Thomas



Carl S. Thomas was born in 1921 in Wana. He attended Wadestown High School and received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from West Virginia University.

He has devoted his life to education, with special emphasis on youth. He spent more than 17 years teaching vocational agriculture, most of that time at Spencer High School. He always encouraged his students to strive for excellence and prepare themselves for success in the world of work and to assume leadership roles in the community, state and nation. Forty-three of Mr. Thomas's FFA students were awarded the State Farmer Degree and four the American Farmer Degree. Seven held state FFA offices and one a national office. He prepared many winners for FFA competitions.

Mr. Thomas also served as the state Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. While in this position, he helped organize and conduct activities of Mountaineers for Rural Progress and headed the organization and chartering of the West Virginia Young Farmers Association.

He helped organize and charter the West Virginia Agricultural and Forestry Hall of Fame and has served as executive board member, secretary and chairman of the museum committee, as well as representing the Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Thomas served on the committee to develop a two-year forestry curriculum at Glenville State College. This well-received program makes it possible for students to get an associate degree and be prepared for employment in two years.

Carl S. Thomas is dedicated to enhancing the welfare of West Virginia youth. Throughout his career, he has contributed his talents to improving agriculture, forestry and education. He has worked tirelessly to make West Virginia a better place to live.

1973 Legion of Merit Citation, National FFA Alumni Association

1974 USDA Certificate of Appreciation for contributions to Mountaineers for Rural Progress

1985 VIP Award, National FFA Association

1987 Honorary American Farmer Degree, National FFA Association

1987 Appreciation Award, West Virginia Vocational Education Department

1987 Appreciation Award, State Superintendent of Schools

1987 Certificate of Appreciation, West Virginia Adult Education Association

1988 Certificate of Recognition, West Virginia FFA Foundation