

Charles H. Allen, Jr.



Charles H. Allen Jr. was born at Sinks Grove, West Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Marshall University and a master's degree from West Virginia University. He devoted 36 years to education in West Virginia, serving as teacher, principal, coach, and county superintendent of schools. During all this time, he was a part-time farmer, who also did custom hay baling and sheep shearing. After retiring, he expanded his farming operation to 500 acres of pasture, silage and hayland, which he owns and rents. He has been a pioneer in using performance-tested sires. His farming and livestock production practices have served as good demonstrations in his area.

Mr. Allen has been active in the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association since its organization in 1973. He served as Director and President for two years. Monroe County organized one of the first county associations which became affiliated with the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association. He has been a member, director, president and secretary of this county association, which has served as a model for the rest of the State in developing educational programs on livestock enterprises.

West Virginia has the first cattle producer check-off of \$1 per head donated to promotion and research in beef cattle. Charles Allen was a pioneer and leader in this program.

Mr. Allen has served with distinction on the College of Agriculture and Forestry Visiting Committee for a number of years, including a term as chair. His leadership and vision have been invaluable.

Charles Allen is a positive person. He believes the completion of small projects lead to completion of bigger projects.

1980 Citizen of the Year, Union Rotary Club, Monroe County

Charles Allen Ruritan National Foundation Educational Fund established 1968 by contributions of Ruritan members

1990 Tom Dowling Fellow, highest Ruritan National Foundation Award

1978 Layman of the Year, Lewisburg District United Methodist

1981 Athletic Hall of Fame, Union High School

1974 Award of Merit, WVASA, for service in the field of education

1979 plaque for dedicated community service

20th Service Club Leasers Conference, Toronto