

Maurice L. Allman

(1922 –)

Maurice L. Allman was born in Jane Lew, W.Va., in 1922. He grew up on a farm in Lewis County, was active in 4-H and FFA, graduated from Jane Lew High School in 1941, and served in the United States Army, taking part in the Battle of the Bulge. Honorably discharged in 1946, he pursued a degree in agricultural education and agronomy from West Virginia University, graduating in 1950.

Mr. Allman began his conservation work in Gilmer County, where the farmers responded to his leadership to install soil conservation practices in record numbers, which not only assisted the farm families but reduced soil erosion.

His assignment in Lewis County was to reduce flooding from Polk and Stonecoal Creek watersheds in Weston, W.Va., by installing eight flood reduction dams, funded from local, county, state, federal and private sources. Mr. Allman led this effort, demonstrating his commitment and teamwork.

Mr. Allman took on a new assignment in Philippi, W.Va., to plan and establish a 12-county USDA Resource Conservation and Development area board to provide technical and financial assistance to units of government for public works of improvement. A number of projects were planned, funded and installed in each of the area counties. He currently serves as a member of this board.

Following his retirement in 1983, he has remained an active member of the local community, serving as an elected supervisor in the five-county Tygarts Valley Conservation District. He serves on the Barbour County Farm Family Day planning committee, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and is active in his local church.

