

## A. Robert Templeton



**A.** Robert Templeton was raised on a general livestock farm in Ritchie County, graduated from Cairo High School, attended Potomac State College, and graduated from West Virginia University in 1941, with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture, Vocational Agriculture, and Natural Science, with a teaching certificate.

Mr. Templeton taught vocational agriculture in Preston County, at Aurora High School, from 1941 to 1945; was fieldsmen for the Carnation Milk Company from 1945-1947, where he assisted in organizing the West Virginia Artificial Breeders Cooperative; and from 1947-1970 he was Agricultural Representative and Director of the Farming for Better Living Program of the Monongahela Power Company.

Agricultural representative for the Monongahela Power Company, Mr. Templeton instituted the educational exhibits at the Mountain State Forest Festival, assisted in organizing the West Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association, greatly stimulated the Farming for Better Living in Randolph, Tucker, Pendleton, Pocahontas, and Upshur Counties, and coordinated publicity concerning the “Strawberry King,” selected annually at the West Virginia Strawberry Festival. In addition, he served as President of the Elkins Chamber of Commerce, the Elkins Development Cooperation, and the Elkins High School Band Auxiliary. He was a great supporter of the feeder calf sales and cooperative wool sales, worked on the community beautification projects, assisted in developing the Pendleton County 4-H camp, and served on the committee that raised funds to establish the Cedar Lakes FFA-FHA camp.

Mr. Templeton has been awarded the “Teacher of Teacher’s Award” by the National Vocational Agriculture Teacher’s Association. His 37 years of active service to the agricultural industry were years of outstanding contributions to the people and communities to Central West Virginia, although his success and popularity carried him well beyond his assigned region.