

Clyde Bonar



Clyde Bonar has a devoted approximately 50 years of active service to the agricultural industry of West Virginia. He has provided leadership through membership and activity in numerous organizations. Indirectly, he has served the interest of better farming with his outstanding livestock farm in Mineral County.

His work, 1924-28, as a county agricultural agent firmly rooted Mr. Bonar in his field. But his first roots to the farm were set when he was born on a Wood County farm. At West Virginia University, he majored in agriculture and received his Bachelor's degree in 1924. He was president of Block and Bridle Club and business manager of his' college paper. He is a charter member of the West Virginia University chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho and a member of Alpha Zeta.

Grassland improvement on his 1,250-acre farm is a valuable model for other West Virginia farms. Wise use of fertilizer and lime, plus good management, keep it that way. He was one of the first farmers to use the extended grazing system.

His direct involvement with farm, organizations is indicative of the service he was given to the agricultural of his native state. He has been a member of the Mineral County Farm Bureau for 40 years. He served as President of his County Farm Bureau for several years and served as President of the West Virginia Angus Association. Also reflecting his state-wide interests, he served on the State Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for seven years and as chairman for one year.

In 1973, Mr. Bonar was awarded a certificate for distinguished service to West Virginia Farm Bureau was the 1968 Mineral County Conservation Farmer of the Year; received the West Virginia FFA Association Award for distinguished service to agriculture; and was one of "Progressive Farmer" magazine men of the year in 1960.