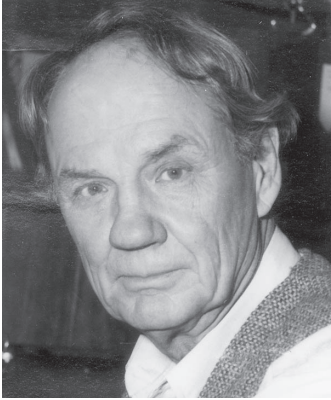


George A. Myles



George Anderson Myles, West Virginia forester, businessman and conversationalist, was born on September 5, 1914, at Clifftop, Fayette County, West Virginia. He graduated from the West Virginia University School of Forestry in 1942 as a member of one of the earliest classes. He then joined the war effort as a wood specialist with the United States Technical Services, working to develop wood derived adhesives for the aviation unit.

Mr. Myers began his business career in 1946 with a small second-hand steam powered circle mill producing rough lumber in Goshen, Va. Recognizing the timber resources in Randolph County, in 1951 he relocated the sawmill operation to Elkwater. Ten years later, he constructed an all-new electric band mill on the Beverly Pike, south of Elkins, the present location of the Myers Lumber Company. In 1962, Mr. Myles joined with Pardee and Curtin Lumber Company as exclusive sales agent for the two lumber companies. In 1982, Myles and Cramer acquired a mill at Marlinton, now operating as W.M. Cramer Lumber.

Mr. Myles was active in promoting and supporting the state's forest industry. As a founding member, he was secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Sawmill Operators Association, a predecessor of the existing W.Va. Forestry Association. He served as Tree Farm Coordinator for Randolph, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Webster and Greenbrier Counties where he worked with private landowners to protect and manage their wood resources. He served on the Trust Committee of the WVU Forestry Endowment Fund, which provides student scholarships to the WVU School of Forestry. In 1984, Mr. Myles was honored with the Outstanding Alumnus Award by the WVU, Division of Forestry Alumni Association for his significant contributions to the forestry profession and the wise use of natural resources.

Mr Myles was also active in his community. He served as director of the Davis Trust Company for nearly 35 years and in 1995 was elected as Director Emeritus. He was instrumental in building the Elkins-Randolph County Library, where he served on its first board of trustees for 17 years as a member, then board president. He was also a member of the YMCA Board of Trustees before becoming a Trustee Emeritus. In 1964, the Elkins YMCA recognized Mr. Myles as a Patron of Youth.

Mr. Myles was a longtime member of the Elkins Lodge #1135, B.P.O.E. He was also a member of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church for 48 years, where he taught Sunday school and was elected deacon of the church.