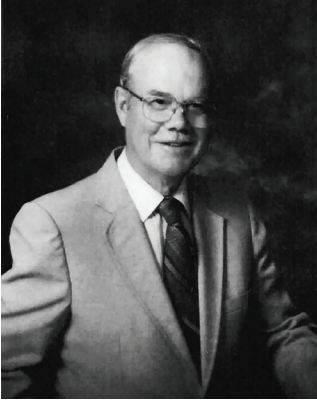


Roscoe K. Plumley



Roscoe Kessler Plumley was born in Pear, West Virginia in 1924. He served in the U.S. military from 1944 until he was honorably discharged in 1946. He involved himself with agriculture for upwards of 80 years.

In 1956, he graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree and high honors. He served as president of Alpha Zeta, an agricultural honorary professional society, and as secretary for Alpha Tau Alpha. He then worked as a Vocational Agriculture teacher in Raleigh County from 1956 to 1960. There, he helped establish a new Vo-Ag department in the Richmond District. Plumley was instrumental in establishing and equipping a new shop, classroom and school farm.

Plumley also served as the WVU 4-H and Extension Agent in Wyoming County for 13 years and was a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Plumley's organizational efforts resulted in a tripling of the size, number, and participation of 4-H clubs and members in the county.

In 1965 he received his Masters in Poultry Production and Science at West Virginia University, in addition to completing post-graduate work at Penn State and Arizona State. After receiving his Masters, Plumley was given permission to assist with poultry in the nine-county Beckley area.

There, he started the poultry cooperative in several counties, was responsible for the construction and operation of a cooperative feed mill at Saulsville and helped poultry producers in the area increase efficiency in feed receiving and distribution.

He served on numerous boards of directors, including the Raleigh County Red Cross, the Raleigh County Southern States Cooperative, and the Raleigh County Community Action Board.

Roscoe Plumley was married to Ruby Smith Plumley, a retired schoolteacher, and together they had four children.

He was a member of the Cook Memorial Baptist Church in Pineville, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and the teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class.

All told, education was one of the most important things to Plumley, and lived by the philosophy that "the basis of all education is reading, writing, and arithmetic. The three R's must be our major emphasis."