

# H. Trell Reger



H. Trell Reger who served the agricultural industry in West Virginia for 45 years is known for his dedication to public service, concern for people, courtesy, and patience. He is a native of Lewis County and grew up on a 100-acre cattle, sheep, and turkey farm.

Mr. Reger is a graduate of Glenville State College and earned a master's degree in agricultural economics from West Virginia University. During the period 1934-39, he taught science and mathematics and coached at Walkersville High School in May 1939, he began a distinguished career with the lending institution currently known as the Farmers Home Administration. He began as Administrative Assistant and Assistant State Director. At other times, he served as Loan Officer, Chief of Farm Programs, and Acting State Director. He retired on January 12, 1979.

The honors received by Mr. Reger attest to his diligence and outstanding career with the FmHA. The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded him its Superior Service Award in 1956 (this is the second highest award granted by the U.S.D.A.). He was honored by the Nation FmHA by an appointment to the faculty of the FmHA National Education Center at Norman, Oklahoma. In this capacity he has taught trainees for county supervisor positions. His most recent assignment was in March 1980.

Those in the agricultural industry in West Virginia displayed their confidence in Mr. Reger through the years by electing him Chairman of the Farm and Home Electric Energy Council; Board Member of West Virginia Agriculture Industries; Member, Future Farmers of America Alumni Association; and the first Secretary of the West Virginia Agricultural Hall of Fame. He also has held numerous other positions of leadership, including: President, Morgantown USDA Club; President, Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture; Board of Directors, Tri-Ag Credit Union; Board Member, West Virginia University Alumni Association; Board Member, Wesley United Methodist Church. Other honors awarded include the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit to Agriculture; Future Farmers of America Honorary State Farmer; West Virginia Ambassador of Goodwill; and special recognition for counseling excellence to West Virginia farm families. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In recognition of his outstanding service to agriculture, the Alumni Association of the College of Agriculture and Forestry presented Mr. Reger its 1980 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

A former colleague points out that Mr. Reger through his knowledge of farm financing, helped many farmers to sustain successful farming businesses. "His knowledge and dedication consistently aided farming businesses. "His knowledge and dedication consistently aided farm success and production in West Virginia. He has many outstanding attributes but none is more outstanding than his dedication to duty. He does what he sets out to do.