Vane D. Warner



V ane D. Warner was born at Buckhannon, West Virginia, in Upshur County, on May 21, 1916. He graduated from Upshur County High School and attended Potomac State College. After four years of military service, he returned to become herd manager at the Greenbrier Military School.

In 1950, Mr. Warner leased a 175-acre farm and purchased 30 Holstein cows and heifers. He has since purchased the farm, three other adjoining farms, and rents additional acreage. His modern farm now has 65 registered Holsteins, an equal number of replacement heifers, beef cattle, commercial ewes, a large flock of laying hens, and a retail egg route, among other things.

Mr. Warner is active in several dairymen's livestock and marketing associations, various civic organizations; is prominent in youth club work; is a long-time member and district director of the West Virginia Farm Bureau; has served as a member of the State ASCS Committee, Advisory Committee to the State Health Department, and as advisor for the Cooperative Extension Service programs.

In 1954, 1955, and 1956, Mr. Warner was named as West Virginia's Master Shepherd; in 1957 he received the West Virginia Agricultural Extension Service Certificate of Achievement Award for Service; in 1962 he won the Established Farmer Award; in 1963 he was named Man of the Year by Progressive Farmer magazine and placed second in the State Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year Contest; and in 1968, he was given Gamma Sigma Delta's award for Distinguished Service to West Virginia Agriculture, among others.

Mr. Warner is known far and wide as a warm, honest, generous, dependable, knowledgeable individual, who believes in public service. As such, his counsel and advice are much sought by his fellowmen.