

Guy E. Cain



Guy E. Cain was born at Buffalo, West Virginia, and graduated from Buffalo High School in 1935. After working for a year, he enrolled at West Virginia University (WVU) and graduated in 1940 with a B.S. in Agriculture. In 1963, he received a M.S. from WVU in Agricultural Education.

Even as a student Mr. Cain was instrumental in organizing agricultural associations – the Putnam County Egg Marketing Association at Buffalo High School and the Collegiate FFA Chapter at WVU.

He taught both young and adult farmers vocational agriculture at Poca High School, 1940-1942 and 1945-1946 and Point Pleasant High School, 1946-1947. In 1946, he organized the Putnam County Veterans on Farm Training Program.

Mr. Cain served on the planning committee for the first FFA Ham, Bacon, and Egg Show and Sale held in Charleston in 1941. His efforts helped build this event into one of the best in the nation and it has a greatly benefited many FFA members.

On June 1, 1947, Mr. Cain began working as Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. In this capacity, he supervised vo-ag teachers and on-farm training instructors in three districts of southern West Virginia; organized and supervised activities for FFA at the State Fair, Feeder Calf Shows and Sales, Federation Field Days and Scholastic Contests, District Ham, Bacon, and Egg Shows and Sales, and in-service training for teachers; and supervised 34 school community canneries. He was instrumental in organizing the West Virginia Young Farmers' Association and Past State FFA Officers Club. And, from 1947-1956, he served as administrative executive secretary of the West Virginia Association of New Farmers of America.

During this time, Mr. Cain also served as on a committee as State FFA Secretary for selection of a site for the State FFA Camp and Conference Center. In 1947-1948, the committee selected Cedar Lakes, Jackson County, for the State FFA-FHA Camp and Conference Center.

He has received many FFA awards, including Honorary State Farmer Degree, 1954; Honorary American Farmer Degree, 1973; West Virginia Distinguished Service Plaque, 1976; National FFA Distinguished Service Plaque, 1977 and a plaque in recognition of his years of service to agricultural education and FFA from the national organization, 1991.

In addition to FFA, Mr. Cain has been a member of the WVU College of Agriculture and Forestry Alumni Association, West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame and first Presbyterian Church of South Charleston. A fellow worker said that Mr. Cain, “knew no quitting time when it came to promoting agriculture. I have known him to work 12-hour days, seven days a week.”