

Ross H. Tuckwiller



Ross H. Tuckwiller, Greenbrier County civic leader and farmer, had a long record of devoted service to the College of Agriculture and Forestry and to the Cooperative Extension Service of West Virginia University. He also gave long hours of service to his county and state through his work with various marketing, agricultural, and cattle associations.

Born in Greenbrier County, Mr. Tuckwiller attended the Alderson Collegiate Institute at Alderson, and West Virginia University, graduating in 1916. Following his graduation from West Virginia University, he served on the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Forestry feeding.

He was active in numerous agencies and organizations. He was a member of the State Board of Education for nine years and served as President for one year, He was a member of the Selective Service Appeals Board for more than twenty years and was Chairman of the Board. He served as a member of the West Virginia Advisory Committee on Equalization and Re-Evaluation in 1962. He served at various times as a member of the Visiting Committee for the West Virginia University College of Agriculture and Forestry and on the Visiting Committee for the Center for Appalachian Studies and Development.

Mr. Tuckwiller was a long-time president of the State Fair of West Virginia and was responsible for its development into a major state fair. He served as President of the West Virginia Livestock Marketing Association and of the West Virginia Wool Marketing Association.

Because of his outstanding contributions to West Virginia agriculture, he received numerous awards and citations. These included the "Distinguished Service to West Virginia Agriculture Award" in 1955; the West Virginia "Master Shepherd Award"; and the Progressive Farmer "Man of the Year" citation in 1958.

In recognition of his work with the State Fair of West Virginia, Mr. Tuckwiller received an award for "outstanding contribution to the fair industry" in 1963 by the International Association for Fairs and Expositions. He also received a Distinguished Service Award from the West Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America. And his alma mater, West Virginia University, awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Mr. Tuckwiller was a warm individual, who used his powers of persuasion and reasoning to encourage the development of agriculture in West Virginia.