

CARL S. THOMAS

Carl S. Thomas was born in 1921 in Wana. He attended Wadestown High School and received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from West Virginia University.

He has devoted his life to education, with special emphasis on youth. He spent more than 17 years teaching vocational agriculture, most of that time at Spencer High School. He always encouraged his students to strive for excellence and prepare themselves for success in the world of work and to assume leadership roles in the community, state and nation. Forty-three of Mr. Thomas's FFA students were awarded the State Farmer Degree and four the American Farmer Degree. Seven held state FFA offices and one a national office. He prepared many winners for FFA competitions.

Mr. Thomas also served as the State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. While in this position, and conduct activities of Rural Progress and headed chartering of the West Virginia Association.

He helped organize West Virginia Agricultural Museum and has served as ex-officio member, secretary and chairman of the committee, as well as representative of Vocational, Technical and Vocational Agriculture.

Mr. Thomas served on the committee to develop a two-year forestry curriculum at Glenville State College. This well-received program makes it possible for students to get an associate degree and be prepared for employment in two years.

Carl S. Thomas is dedicated to enhancing the welfare of West Virginia youth. Throughout his career, he has contributed his talents to improving agriculture, forestry and education. He has worked tirelessly to make West Virginia a better place to live.

1973 Legion of Merit Citation, National FFA Alumni Association

1974 USDA Certificate of Appreciation, for contributions to Mountaineers for Rural Progress

1985 VIP Award, National FFA Association

1987 Honorary American Farmer Degree, National FFA Association

1987 Appreciation Award, West Virginia Vocational Education Department

1987 Appreciation Award, State Superintendent of Schools

1987 Certification of Appreciation, West Virginia Adult Education Association

1988 Certificate of Recognition, West Virginia FFA Foundation



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