

# Biographies



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The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established on August 17, 1957. The purpose of the organization shall be "The collection, administration, and investment of funds donated by any person(s), firm(s), or corporation(s), wishing: (1) to recognize various groups and/or organizations, (2) to honor members of the dairy and allied industries (living or deceased) who have performed distinguished services for the dairy industry of Michigan, (3) to provide scholarships for specific financial aid to worthy undergraduates desiring to acquire technical and/or academic training in the fields of dairy science, and/or processing or manufacturing of dairy products through regular four-year college courses, short courses, and/or such technical training as dairy plant engineering or such other courses as the Board of Directors deems advisable, and (4) to support specific educational programs enhancing the curriculum for students with a dairy interest."

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund is the largest scholarship program in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



## **THOMAS VERNON ANGOTT**

Thomas Vernon Angott was born on March 28, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan. After attending University of Detroit High School he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1945 and then attended the University of Detroit, graduating from the School of Business Administration in 1949. Tom is an active member and past president of Alpha Kappa Psi and the local chapter of the National Commerce and Professional Fraternity and a member of the American Management Society.

In his business career Tom has been active in many areas. He has served as President of Detroit Pure Milk Co. (1962), Twin Pines Farm Dairy (1974), Wesley's Quaker-Maid, Inc (19633), as well as the Michigan Beverage Co. and Modern Foto.

Tom is a member and the director of the Executive Board of Borman's Inc. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the following organizations: Michigan Dairy Council, Detroit Milk Dealers Association, Michigan Dairy Foods Association, National Dairy Council, Michigan Dairy Council, United Dairies Industry Association and the Milk Industry Foundation.

Tom has also found time during the years to take an active interest in the civic life of his community. He has been active in the affairs of osteopathic medicine where he serves on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Michigan Osteopathic Foundation, and the Governor's Advisory Board of the College of Osteopathy at Michigan State University. Tom also serves on the Board of Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital and is a member of the University of Detroit President's Cabinet. He is a member and current President of the Board of Directors of Old Newsboys Goodfellows and a member of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Tom and his wife, Mary Jo, have eight children: Michael, Patrick, Nancy, Dean, Carol, Chris, Tom, and Mary Jane.



## **JACK W. BARNES**

Mr. Barnes was born November 18, 1920 and reared on a dairy farm near Kinderhook in South Central Michigan. He attended Coldwater High School and was graduated from Michigan State University (then Michigan State College) in 1943 with a degree in dairy production.

After serving with the U.S. Army during World War II – during which he attained the rank of captain – Mr. Barnes joined MMPA as membership representative. He soon became director of field service and in 1955 was named assistant secretary-manager. He held the latter position until he became general manager January 1, 1959.

He served a director and president of the former Detroit Dairy Council and helped organize the Dairy Council of Southern Michigan. He was instrumental in the merger of the two dairy council groups into the Dairy Council of Michigan and was the new organization's first president in 1967. He received the Dairy Council of Michigan's Distinguished Service Award in 1969.

Mr. Barnes is a past director and past president of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation and is a board member and president of Valley Lea Dairies, Inc. (formerly Mid-West Produces Creamery Co.) of South Bend, Indiana. He also is a past member of the council of Michigan Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

In addition, Mr. Barnes serves on various committees of Great Lakes-Southern Milk, Inc., a regional bargaining unit of which MMPA is a member; and of National Milk Producers Federation, a Washington, D.C. – based organization which serves as dairy farmers' voice in the nation's capital.

In 1971 he received the MSU award for distinguished service to agriculture. He frequently is called upon by MSU and other groups as an adviser in matters pertaining to milk marketing.

Mr. Barnes and his wife Betty live in Royal Oak, a Detroit suburb. The Barneses have two sons, Ron and Jim. Ron is with Michigan National Bank. Jim expects to receive his master's degree in business from MSU in June 1975.



## ***TED BAUMANN***

Ted Baumann was born on a farm in rural Remus on July 14, 1907. He received his early education in a small one room school near his home, then on to St. Michaels, later graduating from Remus High School. After graduation from his school he pursued a business education course at Ferris Institute, now Ferris State College, in Big Rapids.

He was engaged as a bookkeeper and auditor at the Remus Coop. Creamery Company in September of 1928 when that company was one of many small butter plants located throughout the state. In December of 1939 he was elevated to the position of General Manager, which post he has held since that time. Under his guidance the company has grown from a small plant into a multi-million dollar organization with outlets for products throughout the state.

In the mid 1940's Mr. Baumann served as President of the then thriving Michigan Association of Creamery Owners and Managers. This organization once was composed of well over 205 members. It was later merged with the other milk related associations in the state to form the Michigan Dairy Foods Association. At one time he held the office of Chairman of the Product Manufactures Section of the Association.

In the early 1940's he was asked to serve with others in the formulation of the infant organization known as the American Dairy Association of Michigan. He served as director of this organization, holding the office of Treasurer for many years until the organization was restructured. At that time he was elected Associate Director and represented the Michigan Dairy Foods Association.

Ted has served as Director on the Board of the American Butter Institute of Chicago for many years. He has served as Director and is presently the Secretary-Treasurer of Valley Lea Dairies, Inc., successor to the Mid-West Producers Creameries. This organization is composed of a group of Mid-West Cooperative Creameries and acts as seller of products as well as buyer of supplies for its members.

In addition to his many duties and activities with the dairy industry Ted has served his community well. He has been a member of the Remus Lions Club since 1940, having held the office of Secretary for many years as well as President for one term. He is presently a Trustee on the Wheatland Township Board as well as Director of Central Michigan Bank and Trust.

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He has served on the Parish Council of St. Michael's Catholic Church as well as being a Lay Commentator. He has served as chairman of the Wheatland Township branch of the Mecosta County United Fund.



## ***KEITH A. BURDEN***

Keith Burden was born in Millersburg, Michigan, July 4, 1915. He moved to Flint in 1927 and attended school there.

Keith joined McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company in 1935. In 1941 he was appointed Sales Manager of the Manufactured Products Division, and in 1951 was promoted to General Sales Manager. He served in that capacity until 1964 when he was named Assistant General Manager, in May 1971 he was named General Manager and in 1974 was made a Vice President.

During his career in the dairy business he has been an active participant in many industry organizations, seminars and short courses. He has served as President of the National Ice Cream Mix Association, The Dairy Council of Michigan, Michigan Dairy Boosters, Michigan Dairy Memorial & Scholarship Foundation, and as a Board member of Michigan Dairy Foods.

He has not confined his activities to the dairy industry, however. He is a former President of the Flint Junior Chamber of Commerce, and currently participates in the Flint Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a past President of the Flint Sales and Marketing Executives and in 1969 was presented with their "Americanization of Youth" award.

Mr. Burden's activities in the civic and service organizations of his community are noteworthy. He has an extensive background in working for youth. He has served Scouting as Chairman of the North Pine District, Vice Chairman of the Tall Pine Council. Also Past President of Big Brothers of Greater Flint, Chairman of Kiwanis Health Camp, Board of Management and Past Treasurer of Michigan Children's Aid Society. He actively participates in Flint's annual United Fund campaign, and is a member of the Old Newsboys. He is presently on the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, and served as an Elder for many years.

In 1937 he married Dorothy Olson and Keith and Dorothy are the parents of two daughters and a son, all of whom are married.



## **J. ROBERT CROUSE**

John Robert Crouse was born at Hartland, Michigan, in Livingston County on January 1, 1874. The family moved to Cleveland, Ohio while he was still quite young, and he graduated from Central High School there in 1893. Four years later he received his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan.

After college he went into business with his father, John Bernard Crouse, and an uncle, H.A. Tremaine at Fostoria, Ohio. The family interests included the Crouse-Tremaine Carbon Company, Fostoria Incandescent Lamp Company, Fostoria Glass Specialty Company, and the Seneca Banking Company. In 1901 J.B. Crouse, J. Robert Crouse, H.A. Tremaine, B.G. Tremaine and F. S. Terry pooled their interest to form the National Lamp Company in Cleveland, Ohio. At Nela Park in Cleveland a physical laboratory was operated to advance the efficiency of the electric lamp and allied Electrical uses. In 1911 the Company was merged into the General Electric Company. J. Robert Crouse was best known for his development of cooperative effort within the competing electric lamp firms and, in 1926, he was awarded the James A. McGraw Award for his efforts.

The Crouse farm at Hartland, Michigan, dates back to 1842 when J. Robert Crouse's grandfather, Robert Crouse, settled there. The farm has been a part of the family ever since, and no doubt had some influence in the Crouse-Tremaine interests investing in the Arctic Dairy products Company in Detroit in 1912. As a result of J. Robert's background of research and development in the electrical business, the Arctic Company formed the Nizer Laboratories of Detroit in 1919. Back in those days all wholesale ice cream was delivered in truck bodies refrigerated by ice and salt. The deliveryman not only delivered the ice cream, but he had to leave enough Ice and salt in the ice cream cabinet to refrigerate it until the next delivery. As a result of its research on refrigeration, by 1923 the Nizer Corporation became one of the first companies to be selling electric ice cream cabinets to the ice cream industry all over the United States. Later Nizer was merged in with the Kelvinator Corporation.

In 1935 Heatherwood Farms Company of Lansing, Michigan Was formed with J. Robert Crouse serving as its first Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Henry E. Crouse as its first President. Forty years after its formation, the family tradition is still being carried on through J. Robert's grandson, Edward B. Crouse, the present President of Heatherwood Farms Company.



## ***CHARLES J. DAVIS***

Charles J. Davis was born in Eaton County, Michigan, December 29, 1910. He graduated from Mason High School, attended Olivet College for two years, then graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture in 1931. He and his wife, Lenore, operated a dairy farm in Eaton County for 34 years. The farm now consists of 447 acres and a herd of 39 registered Holstein cows and is presently operated by his son-in-law.

In addition to operating a successful dairy farm for many years, Charles Davis also found time to serve his fellow man as a progressive agricultural leader in this state. He was an active participant in many dairy and farm organizations. His record of unselfish and dedicated service points to many outstanding contributions to dairying, agriculture, government and education in Michigan.

Mr. Davis served for sixteen years as a director of Lansing Dairy and seven years as president; director of McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company for nine years with seven of those years as vice-president. Charles Davis has served as president of the American Dairy Association of Michigan, chairman of the State A.S.C. Committee and president of the Ingham County Farm Bureau. He served twelve years on the Ingham County Board of Education, served his community as a 4-H leader, and was a character director of the Ingham County Soil Conservative District. In 1955, Charles Davis was one of five Michigan farmers to receive a centennial citation at the centennial celebration of farm mechanization at Michigan State University for his role in agriculture and community affairs.

In recent years, Mr. Davis was best known for his activities in the political arena. In 1961, he was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1962 from the 59<sup>th</sup> District. Serving continuously as a State Representative for six years, he was Assistant Republican Floor Leader and a member of several powerful committees, including the House Committee on Appropriations and chairman of the House Budget and Expenditures Committee. During this time he was held in high regard by his fellow legislators and was looked to by the agricultural segment as a dedicated servant of all the people, but more specifically the rural segment of our population. Governor Romney once described Charles Davis as “a man of exceptional character and integrity, and of unusual leadership capabilities.”



## ***CLIFFORD W. DUNCAN***

Clifford W. Duncan, biochemist- Michigan State University faculty member for 33 years, long-time participant on research projects relating to dairy nutrition and a true supporter and friend of the dairy industry.

Cliff, as he was affectionately known, was a native of Portland, Oregon, born June 18, 1895. He received his bachelor of science degree at Oregon State in 1925 and his master's at the University of Washington in 1927. Prof. Duncan was an instructor in Chemistry at Oregon State College from 1927-29. In 1929 he joined the faculty of Michigan State College as an Assistant in Chemistry in the Agriculture Experiment Station. He advanced through the normal ranks until he became a Professor in 1952. He became assistant head of the department of Biochemistry in 1958 and continued in this capacity until his death in October of 1962.

Cliff Duncan was an outstanding biochemist, faculty member and researcher. The team of Huffman and Duncan is well entrenched in the pages of animal and dairy nutrition research. This research team dominated dairy nutrition during the 30's, 40's and 50's. Due to the accomplishments of these men, dairy nutrition research at Michigan State University grew from an insignificant position to one of international prominence. In recognition of their research contributions, Prof. Duncan received the coveted Borden Award from the American Dairy Science Association in 1955. He was a member of many scientific and honorary societies including Sigma Xi, American Chemical Society, American Dairy Science Association, American Society of Animal Science, American Society for the Advancement of Science and the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

The dairy industry in Michigan will ever be indebted to the contributions of Professor Clifford W. Duncan.



## ***O. F. FOSTER***

Ora French Foster was born near Greenfield, Illinois on December 2, 1892 to Benjamin and Mercy Foster. He worked his way through high school and college to graduate summa cum laude from the University of Illinois in June 1914 and to be elected to the honorary science society Sigma Xi.

That same year he came to Ann Arbor, Michigan to manage Brookwater Farms. In 1924 Mr. Foster moved to Lakefield Farms, Clarkston, Michigan where he was to be farm manager for 32 years and to live until his death. With 9 purebred Holstein heifers bearing the Lakefield prefix he began the development of the Lakefield breeding that was to become known throughout North America. Four Lakefield owned or bred cows were to break national production records.

O.F. Foster served agriculture in many ways and particularly his state and National breed associations. He was a delegate to the annual convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America for approximately twenty years, was general chairman for its convention in 1954 and was elected a director of that organization to serve until 1958. He had been a member of the board of directors and president of the Michigan Holstein-Friesian Association and had served as representative from the dairy industry to the Michigan Agricultural Conference. He was active in the American Dairy Association. As a member of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association he was asked to judge numerous dairy shows and livestock shows at county fairs. Many of them he did free of charge, since he never set a price for his services.

During his lifetime he received many dairy industry and breeders wards. In 1959, Michigan State University name O.F. Foster "Dairyman of the Year."

Mr. Foster was an active leader in his community. He served for many years on his church board and as its chairman. He assisted with 4-H work in his community and county. He was many times delegate to state convention of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Always interested in education her served on local school study committees and sent his six children to higher education to become a psychologist, three school teachers, a farmer and a cardiologist.

O.F. Foster's goal in life was to make the world a little better for his having lived.



## ***ALDRED J. FREISEM***

On March 7, 1975 we met to honor our long-time friend and associate, Alfred J. Freisem.

Alfred J. Freisem was born March 9, 1923 in Geneva, N.Y.

He was raised in the beautiful Finger Lakes area of upstate New York, graduating from Geneva High School in 1941. He attended nearby Alfred University receiving a two year certificate from that Agricultural and Technical Institute in 1943. He also graduated from the Commercial Trades Institute at

Bloomington, Illinois that year.

Mr. Freisem served in the U.A. Army during World War II in the European Theatre of Operations and was honorably discharged in 1945. Following that service he attended Michigan State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Technology in 1950.

He joined Michigan Producers Dairy Company in 1950 serving in varied capacities through the years and was appointed General Manager of that organization in 1960.

His service to the dairy industry in Michigan and nationally is many faceted. He serves on committees of the National Milk producers Federation, is a Director of the American Dry Milk Institute and the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, and was President of the Dairy Council of Michigan. He continues to serve on the Council's executive committee.

Al received the Dairy Manufacturers Award from Michigan State University in 1971. A well deserved honor.

Service to his community has not been dwarfed by his manifold industry contributions. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Rotary Club, President's Advisory Board of Siena Heights College, Board of Directors of the Bank of Lenawee County and has been an Elder of the Presbyterian Church.

This is a partial list of Al's activities and accomplishments throughout the years. In view of these and other things he has done for Michigan Producers Dairy Company the Board of Directors unanimously voted to establish a scholarship in his honor with the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation at Michigan State University.



## **MERLE H. GREEN**

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Merle H. Green was the founder of Green-Meadow Farms at Elsie, Michigan, a dairy farm with one of the largest herd of registered Holsteins in the state and the nation. Merle was a firm believer in registered Holsteins, owning his first registered cow at 13 years of age and being a member of the Holstein Friesian Association of America since 1919.

Merle was born in 1904 in the village of Ashley, Michigan. His father owned a retail lumber yard and implement business. He married Hope Edwards in 1926 and has two sons Duane and Velmar. Hope died in 1968. He married Catherine Thompson in 1970. Merle has had a varied business life in conjunction with the dairy cattle and farming enterprises. When he graduated from High School in 1920 he was already farming his fathers farm plus renting 300 acres raising hogs and cows, and he employed two hired men. Previously, he milked cows he owned and delivered the milk to the cheese factory by wagon on the way to school each morning.

In 1922 he purchased 250 acres near Elsie which was the beginning of Green-Meadow Farms. For several years Merle bought and sold heavy draft and unbroken western horses. Later and for many years he bought and sold dairy cattle in Michigan and also shipped cattle to New Jersey to be sold there, extending the business there by purchasing a farm at Flemington, New Jersey. Grain elevators were added to his enterprises in the 1940's and he still maintains an interest in them today. However it was also in the 1940's that milking registered dairy cows in large numbers became synonymous with Green-Meadow Farms.

Merle was a firm believer in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, being on test continuously since 1940. Earlier, he milked cows on old forms of testing, such as 7 days records. A high point of testing came in 1951 when a cow he owned and make milked named "Green-Meadow Lily Pabst" made the world record of 42,805 pounds of milk in one year. This record held for 20 years.

Green-Meadow Farms was greatly expanded in 1960 with his two sons in partnership, and has continued to expand. At the time of this award, it consists of nearly 1500 cows and 3500 acres of land.

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Merle has been many times elected delegate to the National Holstein Convention  
and for many years a member of the Ovid-Elsie School district Board of  
Education.



## ***HARLAN HOBART***

Born July 14, 1901 in Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Has lived on the same family farm since 1902. Attended rural public school and Gagetown High School graduating from Caro High School in 1919. Attended Michigan Agricultural College short courses for two winter terms. He married Helen Karner at Gagetown, Michigan on December 26, 1931. They have three children: Ben, who farms with his father, Mary Ann and Sally and eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Hobart was a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Producers Dairy Company for 21 years being elected in 1956 succeeding his father who had been a director since 1933. Harlan served four years as president of the cooperative. Following his retirement in 1977, he was made an honorary director for life.

He was a member of the Township Board of Review for two terms and Township Clerk from 1937-1974. A member of the board of directors of the Sugar Beet Growers Association, Caro plant for 18 years. President of the Tuscola County Federation of Farmers Clubs and had served on the board of directors of the National Milk Producers Federation for a period of time.



## **GEORGE L. HUFFMAN**

Mr. Huffman was born in the little crossroads community of Huffman's Corners, Ontario in 1910. He grew up on the family owned farm, attending schools in the area before attending the University of Detroit.

After graduation he went to work for a gentleman named N.A. Woodworth, one of the founders of Ex-Cell-O Corporation. He spent the next 39 years at ex-Cell-O. Spending the first year in engineering, then being transferred to the Pure-Pak staff where he was one of three people involved in the sales development of the paper box that was to capture the milk market by storm.

He quickly became involved in his new assignment, which included the laboratory development of both the Pure-Pak carton and the equipment on which to run it. He spent much time developing customers for the product and was instrumental in establishing Pure-pak's first licenses west of the Rockies and its first major pacific coast customer, Safeway Stores.

On August 21, 1937, he married Earline Crawford. They have four children, George, Jr., Ruthann, Pam and Larry.

The early 1960's saw the Pure-pak carton undergo a conversion from was coating to plastic coating. Once, again, Mr. Huffman was deeply involved with the activities necessary for this vital and crucial campaign. Following this, his continued advancement was predictable and swift. From general sales manager, to manager of packaging Equipment Group and elected vice president of the Group in 1964.

More recently, Mr. Huffman was involved with perfecting numerous product developments which has helped sustain Ex-Cell-O Corporation as a leader in the dairy and food packaging communities. High speed packaging machines, capable of forming, filling and sealing up to 500 units per minute, were sparked by Mr. Huffman's vision and direction. While statistics can be dull and misleading, two figures stand out, perhaps more than any other set of data, personify the Huffman legacy: During his tenure with Ex-Cell-O, the Pure-Pak staff grew from three to 300; in 1937, 42 million Pure-pak cartons were produced and in 1973, over 28 billion.

Active in dairy industry organizations, Mr. Huffman has held various positions including those of at-large director and vice present t and president in 1966 of the Dairy and Food Industry Supply Association. He has served a director of the

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Dairy society International and as chairman of the board. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Dairy Equipment Manufacturers. Since 1965 he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Dairy Council. In 1967, Mr. Huffman was honored by the Michigan Dairy Manufacturers Association for “meritorious service to the dairy industry.”



## ***LYLE E. HUNSBERGER***

Lyle E. Hunsberger was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 31, 1913, a son of Glen and Blanche Overholt Hunsberger. He moved to Ionia in 1952 and purchased Lyrene Farm where registered Guernsey were raised.

Lyle won Gold Star Guernsey Breeder recognition for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in 1971. The herd was classified 14 times and in 1972 there were 91 head classified, 9 Excellent, 56 Very Good, 24 Desirable, and 2 Acceptable. Many top sires have contributed much to breed progress through A.I. service after being bred at Lyrene Farms. The herd was founded on the blood of Meadow Gold Rose King and carried a strong concentration of Lyrene Kings Emory blood, plus the inheritance of strong, proved cow families.

In addition to his family activities he had considerable interest in school affairs as president of the Hubble school district. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Ionia; the American Guernsey Cattle Club, and Michigan and Grand Rapids Guernsey Breeders' Association. At the 1972 annual meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Lyle and his wife, Irene and Daughter, Carol were hosts to one of the Contention Tours.

In addition to his daughter Carol already mentioned, his other children are David of Sierra Madre, California; Lee of Grand Ledge, Michigan; Mrs. Gary Godin, Howard City; and Mrs. Stanley Durst, Campbell, California.



## **LAVERNE JOHNSON**

Raised in Wisconsin the heart of dairy land, the oldest child of a dairy farmer. LaVerne knew one thing he wouldn't when he grew up was to become a dairy farmer.

He did enjoy working at West Sweden Creamery near his home where he met Benny Johnson, one of his dairy mentors.

After several positions in different butter-powder plants and a tour of duty with the Marines in the South Pacific, he would up in Chicago, Illinois where he met and married his wife Marlene Kramme.

Not unlike many situations LaVerne worked for his father-in-law. In 1957 he decided to try it on his own and moved to Detroit, Michigan. In October 1958 Vern and Marlene started VernDale Products, Inc. at 1350 E. Atwater a roller process milk powder plant. At that time he had 2 employees, one driver and one dryer operator. By 1978 his company had grown to over 25 employees and had to relocate due to the development of the down town river front area and the new renaissance center. The plant was moved to it's current location on Lydon Avenue in the old Twin Pines Dairy plant. Vern, with the help of his family took this literally stripped plant and converted it into an efficient processing operation. VernDale was a pioneer in recycling many years before it was popular and continues to develop new ways to reduce land fill.



## ***ALFRED H. KUHL***

Alfred H. Kuhl was born in Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan September 7, 1900 on the family farm where he was raised and which is now a Centennial Farm.

Following graduation from Manchester High School he moved to Detroit and went into the banking business where he was associated with the Dime Bank. During this time he attended the American Institute of Banking. After 9 years in banking he returned to the family farm and went into dairying and became quite active in community affairs.

Mr. Kuhl was a member of the Washtenaw Farm Bureau, served as Chairman of the School Board and was elected Clerk of Freedom Township. He, for many years, served on the ASCS Committee and was on the Board of the Federal Land Bank. He was a member of the Church Council of the Emanuel United Church of Christ of Manchester, Michigan for 6 years and Financial Secretary for 2 years.

In 1947 Mr. Kuhl was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Producers Dairy Company of Adrian where he held the office of Vice President for 8 years and the office of President for 7 years. He was also active in the affairs of Michigan Milk Producers Association as Chairman of District 1 and president of his Local for a number of years. He also took an active part in State and Nation dairy affairs as a Board member of the American Dairy Association of Michigan, Great Lakes Southern Milk Inc. and the National Milk Producers Federation.



## **LEROY LANG**

Mr. Lang was born in Davison Township, Davison, Michigan, July 3, 1887. He received his education in Genesee County public schools. Early in his career, for a period of four years, he served as a teacher in Grand Blanc and in district schools of Vienna and Davison Township.

He has always lived on a farm, and he operated a 260 acre dairy farm located in Davison Township for 45 years.

Mr. Lang was an active participant in the formation and founding of McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company. He was the first President of the Board of Directors and served in this capacity from 1942 to 1957. It was during these early years that McDonald built a separate ice cream plant in Flint and then manufactured products plant in Chesaning. Pounds of milk processed increased from 36 million pounds to 155 million pounds in 1957. Dollar sales also reflected growth, for they increased from 2 ½ million dollars to 13 million dollars. During his period of time more than 5 million dollars was earned for the producer members of McDonald Cooperative Dairy.

While his principal interests and activities have been devoted to worthwhile organizations for improvement of farming, he has given much of his time to community betterment.

Mr. Lang served as a member of the Genesee County Board of Supervisors from 1922 to 1934, having served as its chairman during 1934. He was a member of the Genesee County Road Commission from 1958 to 1966, and a member of County Board of Canvassers for 24 years. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Genesee County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 20 years; having been instrumental in the successful operation of the company to the point that when it was dissolved after 20 years, 100 thousand dollars was returned to its members.

For 10 years he was the director of the Grand Blanc Cooperative Elevator Company and a member of the Farm Bureau. He was an active member of the Baptist Church of Davison and served as Trustee for many years.

Mr. Lang married in 1912 to Estella Knowles of Davison. He is retired and currently lives in Davison.



## **CHARLES A. LASSITER**

Dr. Charles A. Lassiter, born in Murray, Kentucky on February 20, 1927, was raised on a general livestock farm and received his basic education in the Calloway County schools. After serving in the United States Navy from 1944-1945 he attended the University of Kentucky (B.S., 1949; M.S., 1950) and then came to Michigan State University where he received his Ph.D. (1952) for his work in dairy nutrition.

After teaching in the University of Kentucky's Department of Dairy Science for five years Dr. Lassiter returned to Michigan State in 1957 and assumed the chairmanship of the Department of Dairy Science in 1959. Under his guidance the department has grown to become one of the most prestigious in the United States and includes a Professional staff of twenty-five, 35 graduate students and over 100 undergraduate majors. Throughout Dr. Lassiter's tenure the department has also maintained a strong commitment to extension and industry. The Dairy Advisory Council which Dr. Lassiter helped organize provides opportunity for dairymen and dairy industry representatives across Michigan to express their needs and make suggestions as to how the Department can help them with their particular problems. Dr. Lassiter has also been active in the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, serving as its secretary. The Foundation provides scholarships to students majoring in Dairy Science and has an endowment of over \$150,000/.

Apart from his many activities within dairy science Dr. Lassiter has also found time to contribute to the life of his community. He has served on the Michigan Farmhouse Association Board and with the P.T.A. as board member and president. He is an active participant in the Southern Baptist Church. He has served as a member of the State Board and Executive Committee of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lassiter and his wife, Robbie, will be leaving Michigan for North Carolina where Dr. Lassiter will become Head of the Department of Animal Science at North Carolina State University. It is with regret that the dairy industry of Michigan sees him depart but also with much appreciation for all he has done for dairying on every level throughout the state.



## **CHARLES J. (JACK) LITTLE**

Charles J. (Jack) Little was born in Trenary, Michigan, July 4, 1916 and passed away at the age of 55 in Chatham, Michigan, January 20, 1972.

Jack received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Trenary. He graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in Agriculture in 1939 and a M.S. in Dairy in 1957.

He taught vocational agriculture at Ubly High School, Michigan from 1939 to 1941, was superintendent of schools at Ubly from 1941 to 1942, and director of the Veterans Agriculture Training Program at Ubly from 1949-1951.

He went to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where so much of his life work was performed, and so ably, and with such great good will, in 1951 as Extension Dairy Specialist and he discharged the duties of this office until his death and from 1962 had the added responsibility of director of the U. P. Experiment Station at Chatham.

His high concept of the educator's role made him specifically effective in improving Upper Peninsula agriculture and especially dairying, and perhaps more importantly, in developing the human relationships that gave life its best meaning. His honors included awards from the future Farmers of America in 1960, the Farm Bureau Award in 1965 and his affiliations included the Michigan Association of Teachers of Vocational Agriculture, the American Dairy Science Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Lions Club.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 as a private and left it a captain in 1949. He married Jeanette Gwisdalla on December 26, 1950. Their three children are Jean, Jack and Joe.



## ***DONALD L. MURRAY***

Professor Donald L. Murray retired from Michigan State University June 30, 1972 after serving the dairy industry of Michigan and the nation for almost 40 years.

Don was born in Edgeley, North Dakota, July 30, 1914. He received his early education in the public schools of Edgeley, B.S. in Agriculture from North Dakota State University in 1934 and the M.S. degree from Kansas State University in 1938. He served the dairy industry in many capacities from 1934 to 1972, the major part of which was spent doing Extension work. He worked in North Dakota from 1938-1946 and in Michigan from 1946 until his retirement. During most of his years at Michigan State he served as Extension Project Leader in Dairy in addition to his regular extension responsibilities.

Don's contributions to the dairy industry were extensive and effective. His primary extension responsibility was in the area of quality milk production, dairy sanitation, proper milking procedures, and mastitis control. At times, he was also responsible for other dairy education programs such as youth work, production testing and dairy farm management. In his early extension years he spent considerable time working with dairy plants on quality control problems. His working relationship with state and federal regulation agencies, milk and food sanitations and Dairy Technology Societies was effective and outstanding.

Don was active professionally, being a member of the American Dairy Science Association, Epsilon Sigma Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta. In ADSA he served on the education, membership and herd health committees. He was chairman of the Extension selection and was awarded the DeLaval Extension Dairyman Award in 1966. He also received the Outstanding Specialist Award from Michigan State in 1968.

Aside from his regular duties, Don served as secretary of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. from its formation in 1955 until his retirement. At the time of his retirement the Foundation had accumulated more than \$125,000 which makes it the largest such Foundation in the College. At the time of Don's retirement the dairy industry in recognition of his service to the Foundation raised an excess of \$1,000 so that Don Murray would become a permanent honoree of the Foundation.



## **GEORGE E. PARSONS**

George E. Parsons retired from Michigan State University Cooperative Extension service June 30, 1973 after a long and distinguished career as a Vo-Ag instructor, Dairy Extension Specialist and Extension Administrator. George graduated from Michigan State College in 1931 and then taught Vo-Ag at Berrien Springs, Woodland and Tecumseh, Michigan from 1931-45. During this time he received his M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1936.

In July of 1945 he joined the Dairy Extension staff of Michigan State College and served in this capacity until September of 1962. It was in this capacity that Mr. Parsons distinguished himself in service to the Michigan Dairy Industry. Duties and responsibilities varied but two contributions are of note. The artificial insemination of dairy cattle was just beginning in Michigan in the mid-40's and thus the establishment of the Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative. Mr. Parsons did much to "sell" A.I. to Michigan dairyman and in a large part is responsible for the acceptance of A.I. in the state today. He also worked very closely with MABC in the early days. He provided direction, guidance, counsel and encouragement to this young co-op. In recognition of this contribution, the MABC Co-op sponsored this fellowship in his honor.

Another major contribution relates to herd health education programs. In the 1950's and early 60's George was heavily involved in herd health programs dealing with Brucellosis, TB and mastitis. The coordinated programs developed by Mr. Parsons involving the Cooperative Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, Federal Bureau of Veterinary Medicine and the veterinary profession was a masterpiece and was largely responsible for Michigan being essentially Brucellosis and TB free today. Many states have adopted the Michigan program in the eradication of these cattle diseases.

Mr. Parsons completed his career with Michigan State University and the Cooperative Extension Service by serving as a District Extension Director from September of 1962 to June of 1974. George was born in Grand Blanc, Michigan and he and his wife, Betty, have one daughter, Barbara. Mr. Parsons received many awards and honors during his career but none exceeded the pleasure of serving as a consultant to the Minister of Agriculture of Germany in 1950 on artificial insemination.



## **WOODROW W. SNYDER**

Woodrow W. Snyder, son of Charles and Elizabeth Snyder, was born November 2, 1913, in York County, Pennsylvania, and died January 20, 1970. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Pennsylvania State University and Master of Science Degree from Michigan State University.

Professor Snyder was truly an outstanding teacher. He started as an instructor at Michigan State University in September, 1940, and teaching has been his major responsibility since that time. He had been primarily responsible for teaching the freshman dairy course and one in dairy cattle management. He employed many new teaching techniques and had the ability to make his classroom instruction interesting and meaningful to students. In 1969 he was chosen by the students to receive the outstanding faculty award for his contributions to undergraduate education in the Michigan State College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In June, 1970, Professor Snyder was awarded, posthumously, the Outstanding Teaching Award by the American Dairy Science Association.

Even though Professor Snyder was an outstanding teacher in the classroom, probably his greatest contribution to the education of undergraduate students was his work as an advisor to the dairy students at Michigan State University for 28 years. Students had profound respect for his advising ability and dedicated interest in their welfare. "Woody," as he was affectionately known to students and colleagues alike, was widely admired. Often students other than dairy majors would stop by his office to seek his counsel. His obvious personal interest in each student caused everyone to think of him as a friend. His door was always open whenever a problem arose, whether it be personal or academic. His personal warmth which endeared him to students continued beyond graduation.

Professor Snyder served as faculty advisor to the Michigan State University Dairy Club for 15 years. He gave much of his personal time in working with Club officers and members. He helped initiate the Christmas Cheese Sale, which has been a successful fund-raising project for the Club each year. He was also guiding light for the Student Affiliate organization of A.D.S.A. He was on the Student Affiliate Committee for six years, serving as Chairman from 1959-61. While Chairman, the National Student Branch of the Association was established. In addition, the graduate student scientific paper presentation contest was started and the outstanding student affiliate chapter award program established. He was editor of the Student News Section of the Journal of Dairy Science from 1962-64. During this time he published 35 spotlight articles, each

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one featuring a student affiliate club. In 1963 Professor Snyder was awarded the Outstanding Student Advisor Award by A.D.S.A.

In addition to his teaching and student advising activities he contributed greatly to the early establishment of artificial breeding in Michigan in 1944. He served as leader of the Michigan State University education group in Colombia, with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association program in that country.

He coached the University Dairy Cattle Judging Team for seven years in the late forties and early fifties. He helped conduct state 4-H and Future Farmers of America dairy cattle judging contests for 20 years. He was a member of the His committee developed and published a report on Academic Freedom for Students at Michigan State University, which now serves as a basis for student involvement in academic affairs, student responsibility and student conduct.



## **LEO J. VEALE**

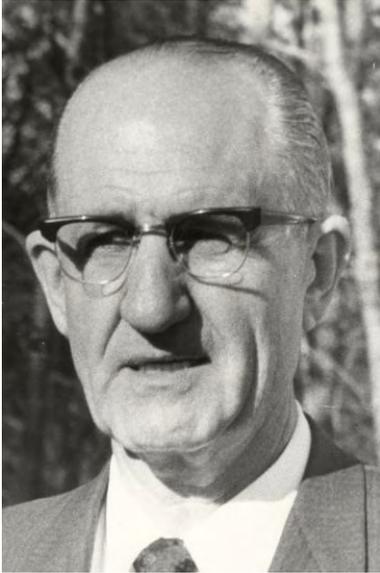
Leo J. Veale was born January 23, 1899 in New Lothrop, Michigan. Mr. Veale attended school in the New Lothrop area. He was born on a farm and the natural result was that he became a farmer at an early age. He married Mamie Mumrow of Chesaning, Michigan, May 18, 1921 and they settled on a farm near Corunna.

Mr. and Mrs. Veale had two sons, Walter, currently living in Owosso and Duane, of Corunna.

Mr. Veale was an active participant in the formation of McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company and was appointed a charter director. He was elected President of McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company in 1957 and held that office for fourteen years prior to his retirement. During his term as president there was great growth within the company. The Flint based organization remodeled and automated both its Flint plants to the point of being among the most progressive dairy facilities in the country.

In addition to being active in the dairy industry, Mr. Veale was for thirty-four years District Agent for the Woodman Accident and Life Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Veale was a member of the Shiawassee County Fair Board, very active in 4-H work for many years, as well as spending many years in the Jersey Cattle Club. Mr. Veale was a member of and very active as an Elder in the Easton Church of Christ. Mr. Veale died July 19, 1974.

Commenting on his achievements, current Board Chairman Arthur Forbush said, "These accomplishments didn't just happen. They were the result of good leadership and Leo spent many hours, days, and years in dedicated service to McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company. Under his guidance, the cooperative grew and prospered. A broad, firm base, upon which we have been able to build, was established. We have lost a good farmer, friend and leader and we will miss him very much."



## ***WILLIAM R. WADE***

William R. Wade, born in Flint, Michigan, February 22, 1904; died May 31, 1970.

Early in life William Wade gained much farm experience and became interested in sanitation. After preparatory work at Michigan State he became a dairy inspector with the flint board of Health. From April 4, 1943, until his death he was director of Field services for McDonald Cooperative Dairy Company.

Mr. Wade served as President of the Michigan Association of Sanitarians, and was on the board of Directors of that organization for several years. In 1967 at the Annual Dairy Fieldman's Conference at Michigan State, William Wade was named "Dairy Fieldman of the year", being referred to as one of Michigan's most sincere and dedicated dairy leaders.

In 1970 Mr. Wade was presented an "Honorary Membership Award" for his many outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the Michigan Association of Sanitarians.

In addition to his dairy industry affiliations, Mr. Wade was a member of the Shrine, the Bay City Consistory of Scottish Rite, a member of the Farm Bureau, and the United Commercial Travelers.



## ***GARFIELD WAGNER, JR.***

Gar Wagner was born in Nebraska and moved with his family to Detroit at an early age. Gar attended school in Detroit where he graduated from high School.

Gar attended Michigan State College and completed the short course (Ag Tech) in Dairy Manufacturing.

He went to work almost immediately for McDonald Dairy at Flint. He rose to the rank of Assistant Manager and held that position during the time G. Malcolm Trout was working with the McDonald Dairy to perfect the process of homogenizing milk.

Gar succeeded to the position of Manager and President. He received many honors and recognitions by the dairy industry. In 1970 he received the Michigan State University citation for Distinguished Service to Michigan Agriculture.



## **JAMES F. WARNER**

James F. Warner was born on a farm near Ypsilanti on October 10, 1899. He attended grade schools and high school at Michigan State Normal College and attended short Dairy courses at Michigan Agricultural College. He joined the United States Marine Corps in the fall of 1917. He served as a drill sergeant for two years on Paris Island, South Carolina.

Mr. Warner married Marion F. Hall of Kalamazoo in June, 1921. They have two daughters, Mary Alice (Mrs. Michael Ulyshen) of Hawaii and Barbara (Mrs. Jack Weiss) of Ypsilanti. He established the Warner Dairy on their farm in 1924. This dairy grew from a small beginning to where it covered all of Washtenaw county, parts of Lenawee and Livingston counties. In 1948 he sold the dairy to the Wilson Dairy of Detroit.

Mr. Warner was active in the State Dairy Industry all his life and served as President of the Michigan Milk Dealers Association in 1930 and 1931. He was then elected President of the Michigan Allied Dairy Association for three years. He was chairman of the State Dairy Legislative committee and helped up-date Michigan dairy laws in the 1930's. In 1935-36 he was Director of Michigan Bureau of Dairying.

Mr. Warner was an active member of the American Legion and served as the commander of the Ypsilanti Post in 1940. He was a member of the Washtenaw County Board of Supervisors from Ypsilanti in 1932-33. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ypsilanti. He served on the Board of Directors of the Ypsilanti Chambers of Commerce for three terms and as its President in 1956. In November of 1956 he was elected to the State Legislature succeeding his father, and he served there for eight years. While there he was on the appropriations committee and wrote the budget bills for Higher Education and General Government.

In 1955 Mr. Warner was elected a Director of the Ypsilanti Savings Bank and in 1965 was elected its President and Chief Executive Officer. As of this date he is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Always active in civic affairs, in 1973 he was presented the community service award in appreciation for his services rendered to the welfare and progress of Ypsilanti. As a life long resident of Ypsilanti he feels hes privileged to be a part of the sound growth of the city, also to be a part of various business enterprises.

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He feels very honored to be a part of the scholarship awarded established in his name through the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation.



## **STANLEY L. WILSON**

Stanley L. Wilson was born in Livonia Township, Wayne County, Michigan on October 10, 1914. The family moved to Detroit while he was still quite young where he received his elementary education in the public schools. He was graduated from Columbia Military School, Columbia, Tennessee and then entered Albion College in Albion, Michigan and Miami University in Miami, Florida. He majored in Business Administration.

After college he immediately entered the family dairy business co-founded by his father and grandfather.

He worked closely with his father in the many details of a growing business serving in distribution, production, purchasing and management. He subsequently served as Assistant General Manager, General Manager, Vice-President and President and Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Wilson is a member of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Advisory Board, Board Trustee of the Salvation Army, Member of the Detroit Rotary Club, the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Hidden Valley Club and the Hundred Club of Detroit. His Masonic affiliations include: Corinthian Lodge, Kind Cyrus Chapter, Detroit Commandery Knights Templar, Detroit Consistory and Moslem Shrine.