



This Conference is dedicated to Clarke B. Wood

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The 71st State FFA Conference is being dedicated to Clarke B. Wood, Sr., 89, founder and former head of the department of vocational agriculture for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Connecticut.

Mr. Wood began his teaching career in Chester Vermont in 1935 through 1936 and moved on to teach at Windham High School from 1936-1939 as a vocational agriculture teacher. In 1939 he moved to Falls Village and founded the vocational agriculture department. He remained as the department head until his retirement in 1970, retiring after 31 years in the field.

Mr. Wood also held the position of president and secretary of the Connecticut Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and authored a number of agriculture education articles. Since his retirement, he has remained involved with the FFA Alumni at Housatonic Valley. In 1956, he received the Honorary FFA American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization, the highest degree an individual can receive. This award was presented to him by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as one of the top vocational agriculture educators at that time.



Clarke B. Wood, Sr. has been a tremendous asset to the FFA and Vocational Agriculture Education in Connecticut and the nation. He will be missed greatly!