

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

JAMES A. ESTEY (1886-1961)

Professor Estey gained a national reputation for his studies in Business Cycles. His text on this subject was not only widely used in the United States, but was also translated into Spanish and Polish. He combined rare talents for administration and vigorous scholarship. He was a favorite of agricultural economics students, as a teacher, as a member of their committees, and as a friend. The Agricultural Economics Faculty voted in 1956 to honor Dr. Estey for his outstanding contributions by hanging his portrait in a prominent place in the Department. Dr. Estey came to Purdue in 1914 as a teacher and researcher in economics. He was a Canadian and had previously taught two years at Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia) and one year at Wisconsin. He became Head of the Department of History, Economics and Government in 1929, continuing in that position until 1953, when he returned to teaching and research. Following his retirement in 1956, he continued to teach graduate classes at Indiana University and Purdue. He re-ceived the first Purdue "Best Teacher" award in 1938. He helped organize and served as President of both the Midwest Economics Association and the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences. In addition to being an outstanding economist, he was an accomplished musician, linguist, and historian with a wide knowledge of literature. B.S. Acadia University (Nova Scotia), 1907; Oxford University (Rhoades Scholar), 1907-10; Ph.D. Wisconsin 1911; U.S. Citizen, 1932.

