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MEMORIAL

Resolution Adopted by the New England Agricultural Economics Council
June 19, 1968, at Durham, New Hampshire

Our friend, Larry Rhoades, who died in August 1967, made a career of serving Massachusetts and New England farmers. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts in 1927, he became assistant head farmer at the Westboro State Hospital. Two years later, he became Assistant County Agent in Hampshire County, Massachusetts. In 1934, he was named Assistant Administrator of the Rhode Island Milk Marketing Order, but in a short time, moved to the Milk Market Administrator's Office in Boston. A major portion of his working life, 17 years, was spent as manager of the Western Massachusetts Production Credit and Federal Land Bank Association in Northampton Massachusetts. In 1954, he joined the staff of the Department of Agricultural and Food Economics at the University of Massachusetts as Extension Farm Management Specialist, the post he held until his death.

His New England-wide contributions include deep involvement in the development of the ELFAC accounting system and active participation in the Regional Farm Management Extension Committee. He was active in our association (New England Agricultural Economics Council) and was its Secretary-Treasurer in 1958-59. In 1961, he was awarded the Epsilon Sigma Phi Award of the National Extension Honorary Society in recognition of his distinguished service in Cooperative Extension.

A most successful recent professional activity was his participation in several intensive farm management schools for farmers. He also maintained up-to-date knowledge of tax and other legal information needed by farmers and spent much time counseling farmers and colleagues. For several years he taught a course in Business Law in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. His experience with farm credit made him a particularly valuable advisor in this area and led to his continuing efforts to get lending policies revised in the direction of a closer fit with farmers' investment opportunities and repayment abilities.

Probably no one would be able to catalogue his many extra-curricular contributions to regional agriculture. Counseling with individuals on partnerships and similar legal arrangements, helping to straighten out tangled estates, and organizations all claimed much of his time and talent. He played a major role in the founding and development of the Northampton Livestock Auction.

Larry earned respect and affection from all who knew him not only because of the helpful information always at the tip of his tongue but also because of his engaging personality. Larry's enthusiasm, openness, and willingness to laugh loudly at any joke endeared him to all. He was a great story teller and valuable member of any social group. He

often expressed his appreciation of others and his criticism was constructive and respected.

He read widely and had an unusually retentive mind. This, added to his wide experience, gave him a great store of practical knowledge on many everyday subjects from furniture refinishing to income-tax depreciation allowances. All was freely passed on to others verbally wrapped with accounts of facinating experiences and sidelights.

An unknown but large number of people in Massachusetts and elsewhere have richer and more successful lives because Larry Rhoades touched them in some large or small way.