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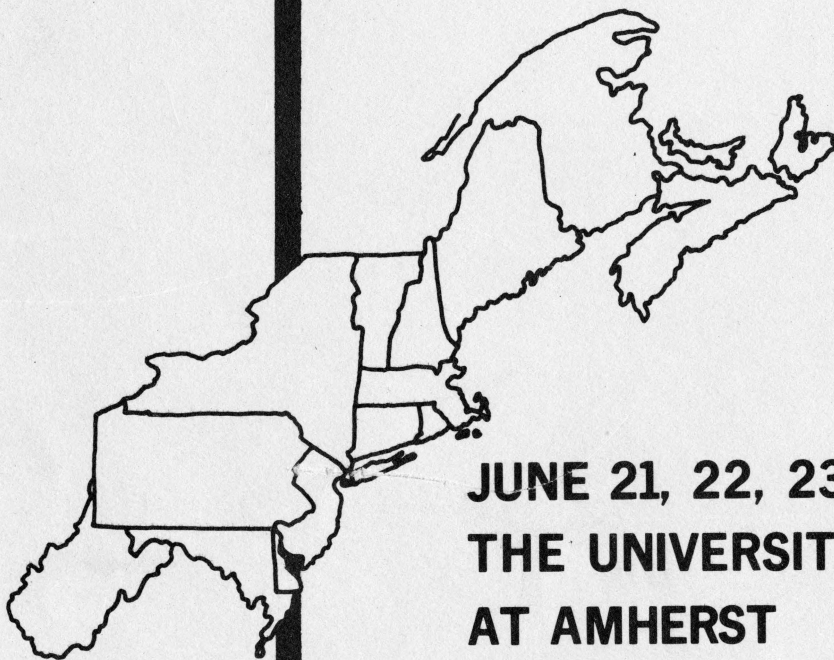
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IN MEMORIAM

WINN F. FINNER

Winn F. Finner has earned a place in the memory of his many colleagues as a well-beloved and well-respected economist. He served the New England Agricultural Economics Council and related organizations well over many years. Winn's service combined both sustained diligence and niceties of judgment with a catholic interest in key social problems and an awareness and understanding of both economic issues and people. His warmth of personality and unobtrusive attention to details gave his professional service a special touch that colleagues would strive to emulate.

Winn Finner's career began in the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the summer of 1937 with the Dairy Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He transferred to the Division of Farm Management and Costs in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in November 1939 and spent the greatest part of his career in statistical and economic research in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

During World War II, Winn Finner served in the U. S. Navy from March 1943 to March 1946, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Shortly after returning to the Department he shifted to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Division of Marketing and Transportation Research, predecessor of the Marketing Economics Division of the Economic Research Service.

Winn Finner is best known to many members of this Association as the Deputy Director of the Marketing Economics Division of the Economic Research Service, a position he held until September 1963 when he joined the Staff Economists Group. He became increasingly active in making economics relevant to public decisions and working with others to make it so. He was appointed Head of the Staff Economists Group in 1965 and served for a short time as Acting Director of Agricultural Economics in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In 1961, he went to Jamaica on special assignment to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to work on improvements in the marketing of farm products.

Dr. Finner climaxed his career in the Department of Agriculture as Associate Administrator of the Consumer and Marketing Service. He retired from this position in 1969 to become a Ford Foundation agricultural adviser in India. He was serving in this capacity when he passed away in New Delhi, India on April 24, 1971.

A native of Cassville, Wisconsin, Winn Finner graduated from the University of Florida in 1934 and received a doctorate in agricultural economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1948.

He was a member of the New England Agricultural Economics Council and the American Agricultural Economics Association, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a recipient of the Agriculture Department's Distinguished Service Award in 1967.

Winn Finner lived in Northern Virginia. He is survived by his wife, the former Valentine Gratcheff who was born in Brisbane, Australia; two sons, Paul W., of Arlington, Va., and John F., of Norfolk, Va.; a daughter, Katherine Talbot of Fairfax, Va.; his father, Dr. Paul F., of Tallahassee, Fla.; a brother, Richard of California, and a grandchild.

PREFACE

These Proceedings record the first annual meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council. It has been my privilege to serve as the first Chairman of this "fledgling" Council. However, few groups can boast more proudly of their progenitors than the NAEC--the New England Agricultural Economics Council and the New England Research Council on Marketing and Food Supply.

The officers and the executive committee have concentrated their efforts this first year toward the goal of making the NAEC a truly regional, professional organization. Our Chairman serves in our behalf as an ex officio member of the Executive Board of the American Agricultural Economics Association. Our membership is expanding as is the scope of the interests of our members.

This year's program "Environmental Quality and the Rural Economy" served to indicate the relevance of the interests of the Council's members. The diversity of the program participants bears testimony to the interest that our colleagues have in the NAEC. This points to a fine future for the organization.

I have taken the liberty of minor editorial review of the papers published herein and can recommend them for serious perusal. They contribute extensively to our knowledge of a problem area that demands the best that our discipline can provide toward its ultimate solution. My particular thanks to Malcolm Bevins for his support as Secretary-Treasurer of the Council this past year and to Miss Kathy Godek who typed these Proceedings.

J. B. Wyckoff, Chairman

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