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IN MEMORIAM

Death came on December 21 to Louis H. Thurwachter, who was recognized by his associates as the "Dean" of agriculture teachers in Minnesota.

At different periods in his career, Mr. Thurwachter taught school at Calvary, Wisconsin, at the county school of agriculture at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and served as agriculture teacher at Kasson, Albert Lea, and Appleton, Minnesota. At Appleton, he took a position as agriculture instructor in July 1928, and continued in that role until the end of the 1943-44 term. As a classroom teacher and field adviser he helped many local young men to very successful farming careers. In addition to his school work he was extremely active in the organization and leadership of Future Farmers of America, 4-H clubs, and various other adult and junior farm organizations. Long before soil conservation became a common practice, he was instrumental in organizing and supervising a successful soil erosion control program for an area in the Appleton community. A timely and pertinent farm department was edited by him in the Appleton Press and was a regular press feature for more than fifteen years. During his period at Appleton he was interested in farmers' cooperatives and helped in an advisory capacity with the organization and direction of a number of them. When he left school work he was engaged as educational director of the Minnesota Valley Cooperative, a position he held at his death. In the past year he managed hybrid corn cross breeding plots as well as supervising an agricultural G.I. On-the-Job Training program at Montevideo, Minnesota.

For eighteen years he taught the senior Bible class at the Congregational church and for sixteen years was assistant Sunday school superintendent. His wide participation in state and community affairs also included the following: Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis club, Minnesota Agricultural Instructors Association, Minnesota Educational Association, Minnesota Vocational Education Association, and the American Vocational Association.

Louis Henry Thurwachter was born at Calumetville, Wisconsin, July 18, 1877, the son of Michael and Elizabeth Thurwachter. He spent his youth and attended the district school there. Later he attended the State Teachers College at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, and the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Thurwachter was critically injured



L. H. Thurwachter

in an automobile accident December 21, 1946, and died as a result of injuries received. Because of the high esteem in which he was held by the people in the Appleton community, his many friends attending the funeral could not be accommodated in his local church, and services were held in the Appleton armory. In tribute to his many years of service the city hall bell was tolled during the service.

Mr. Thurwachter was much more than a teacher because he had such a sincere interest in each student. He always had time to do things for others. He would do them in a simple, kind, and understanding way that characterized his every action. His radiance and loving kindness was so much a part of him that from the first moment you met him it would capture you. As a result, wherever he went he was considered by everyone as one of the family. He set an example of spiritual and moral leadership in the community that will long be followed. The fruits of his good work will live in the hearts of his fellowmen for years to come.

Odell T. Barduson,
a former student

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TOO LATE AND TOO LITTLE

One of the dominant phases of L. H. Thurwachter's philosophy of life was to give recognition to achievements of people while they were alive. With humility the VISITOR, like many of Mr. Thurwachter's friends, is too late and too meager in the recognition of the splendid professional service and contribution he gave to agricultural education. It is indeed appropriate that a representative of Mr. Thurwachter's many students write a tribute to his leadership. Mr. Odell Barduson received his inspiration from Mr. Thurwachter and is now a senior at the University of Minnesota where he is preparing to enter teaching as a life profession and thereby carry on the tradition of his former master teacher.

SUGGESTIVE LIST OF PROFESSIONAL BOOKS FOR
TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE

Continued from December 1946 VISITOR

Title	Author	Publisher	Probable	
			Year	List Price
General				
Teaching in Secondary Schools	Bossing, N. L.	Houghton-Mifflin Co., Chicago	1942	3.25
The Guidance of Learning Activities	Burton, W. H.	Appleton-Century Co. New York	1944	3.75
School and Community	Olsen, Edward G.	Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York	1945	3.75
The Social Functions of Education	Bear, Robert M.	The MacMillan Co., Chicago, Ill.	1937	2.25
Learning the Ways of Democracy	N. E. A.	Educational Policies Com., Washington, D.C., Natl. Ed. Assn. of U. S.	1940	1.00
Education for Family Life	Nineteenth Yearbook	Am. Assn. of School Ad. Washington 6, D. C. 1201 16th St. N. W.	1941	2.00
Successful Teaching	Mursell, J. L.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York	1946	3.00
The White House Conference on Rural Education	Natl. Ed. Assn. of the U. S.	1201 16th St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C.	1944	1.00
Education for All American Youth	Educational Policies Commission	1201 16th St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C.	1944	1.00
A Handbook on Teaching Vocational Agriculture	Cook, G. C.	The Interstate Printing Co., Danville, Ill.	1938	3.00
Sex Guidance in Family Life Education	Strain, Frances	MacMillan Co., Chicago, Ill.	1943	3.00

SUGGESTIVE LIST OF BOOKS FOR
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

F.F.A. Manual		French-Bray Printing Co. Baltimore 2, Md.	1945	.18
Forward FFA	Ross, W. A.	French-Bray Printing Co. Baltimore 2, Md.	1939	1.00
Reporting FFA News	Rogers, C. E.	Collegiate Press, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa	1941	2.00
Learning How to Behave	Schlesinger, A. M.	The MacMillan Co., New York	1946	2.00
Country Jake	Driscoll, C. B.	The MacMillan Co., New York	1946	3.00
How to Choose a Career	Humphreys, J. A.	Science Research Associates, Chicago 4, Ill.	1944	.60
Your Career in Agriculture	Anderson, H. P.	Dutton and Co., New York	1940	2.00
How to Get the Job	Dreese, Mitchell	Science Research Associates, Chicago 4, Ill.	1944	.60

Title	Author	Publisher	Year	Probable List Price
Your Personality and Your Job	Chapman, P. W.	Science Research Associates, Chicago 4, Ill.	1944	.60
Opportunities in Farming	Chapman, P. W.	Science Research Associates, Chicago 4, Illinois	1941	.60
Fifty Famous Farmers	Ivins and Winship	The MacMillan Co., Chicago, Ill.	1924	2.00
Agricultural Arts	Davenport, E., Nolan, A.	Girard Press Champaign, Ill.	1938	1.75
Tom of Peace Valley	Case, J. B.	Lippincott Co., Chicago, Ill.	1925	1.50
Moon Valley	Case, J. B.	Lippincott Co., Chicago, Ill.	1932	1.50
New Land	Schmidt	Robert M. McBride and Co., New York	1933	2.00
Shadow Over Winding Ranch	Schmidt	Random House Pub. Co., New York	1940	2.00
Short Stories for Future Farmers		Interstate Printing Co., Danville, Ill.	1936	1.76
Programs for Future Farmers Chapter Meetings	Tenney	Interstate Printing Co., Danville, Ill.	1938	2.00
Practical Activities for Future Farmers	Tenney	Interstate Printing Co., Danville, Ill.	1941	2.00
Winning FFA Speeches	Judson	Interstate Printing Co., Danville, Ill.	1939	2.00
If You Please	Allen and Briggs	J. B. Lippincott Co., Chicago, Ill.	1942	1.40
Ah, Wilderness	O'Neill, E.	Random House Pub. Co., New York	1933	2.50
The Yearling	Rawlings, M. K.	Charles Scribner and Sons, New York	1938	2.00
So We'll Live	Wright, P. H.	Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston, Mass.	1937	2.50
A Boy Grows Up	McKown, H. C., LeBron, M.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York	1940	2.00
How to Organize and Conduct a Meeting	Henry, W. H. F., Seeley, L.	Grosset and Dunlap, Inc., New York	1942	1.50
So You Were Elected	Bailard, V., McKown, H. C.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York	1946	1.80
Behave Yourself!	Briggs, Allen B. and M. P.	J. B. Lippincott Co., Chicago, Ill.	1945	1.28
Boys Will Be Men	Burnham, H. A., Jones, E. G., Redford, H. D.	J. B. Lippincott Co., Chicago, Ill.	1942	2.00
Coming of Age	Feder, R., Lloyd-Jones, E.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York	1941	2.50
Building Your Personality	Marsh, H. M.	Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York	1939	2.50
The Student Council	McKown, H. C.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York	1944	2.50
Home Room Guidance	McKown, H. C.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York	1946	3.75
Your Best Foot Forward	Schleman, H. B., Stratton, D. C.	McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York	1940	2.00
Finding Your Way in Life	Weston, S. A.	Association Press New York	1942	1.50
Leisure Time Education	Anna May Jones	Harper and Bros., New York	1946	2.75
Great Teachers	Edited by Houston Peterson	Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, N. J.	1946	3.50
Helps in Mastering Parliamentary Procedure	W. F. Stewart	The Enterprise Co-Operative Co., New Concord, Ohio	1945	.15
The Lincoln Reader	Edited by P. M. Angle	Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, N. J.	1947	3.75

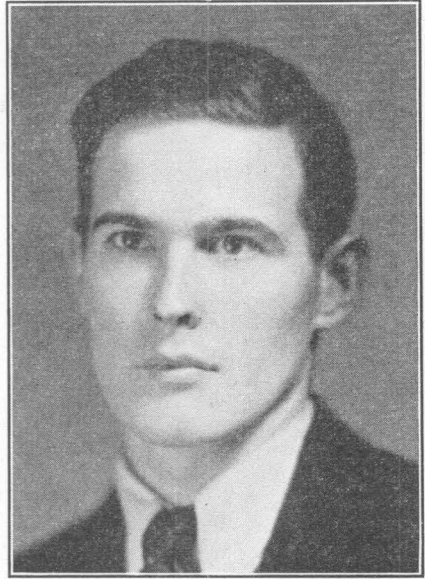
Teen Age Book Club. (F.F.A. members, 4-H Club members, and students may be interested in joining this Book Club. This is a new idea that should be a great favorite with young people. For information write Pocket Books, Inc., 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, New York.)

WAINO KORTESMAKI RECEIVES APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT STATE SUPERVISOR FOR AGRICULTURE

The State Department of Education started the new year right by announcing the appointment of Mr. Waino Kortesmaki to the position as Assistant State Supervisor for Agricultural Education in Minnesota. Mr. Kortesmaki is not a stranger in the field of Agricultural Education. In 1931, he graduated from the Esko High School with three years of agriculture as part of his scholastic work. He planned and carried through a broad farming program and was an active member of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America. His interest in the FFA and his study of agriculture began in 1929, under the direction of Mr. Leo Knuti, who is now State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Minnesota. Both teacher and student must have done a good job because the achievements of Mr. Kortesmaki in his farming program and his leadership activities brought him the honor of being the third young man in Minnesota to be awarded the AMERICAN FARMER degree. This is the highest degree awarded by the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America.

From the very beginning of the FFA activities in Minnesota, Mr. Kortesmaki has held positions of responsibility and has been prominent in leadership activities. As a matter of fact, he grew up with the FFA. He served as president of the local chapter at Esko. He followed through as secretary and as a member of the executive committee of the Minnesota State Association of the Future Farmers of America. After graduation from the College of Agriculture, he served as adviser of the Embarrass Chapter, held the position as FFA adviser for District Seven for nine years and was a member of the State FFA Council. In 1940, Mr. Kortesmaki was awarded the State FFA honorary key.

In addition to his leadership activities in the F.F.A., Mr. Kortesmaki has taught agriculture at Embarrass, held the position as adult agriculture evening school instructor in St. Louis County rural schools, conducted War Food Production Training classes, assisted in supervising St. Louis County rural school community canneries, supervised the production and marketing of certified seed potatoes, and served as agricultural consultant and fieldman for the office of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commission. Mr. Kortesmaki is a member of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee, secretary and treas-



Waino Kortesmaki

urer of the Lakehead Marketing Council, chairman of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee, member of the Duluth Council of Agriculture and agricultural chairman of the Northeast Minnesota Junior Chamber of Commerce Rehabilitation Committee. He has served as secretary and president of the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce, secretary and Regional vice president of the Minnesota Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In 1939, Mr. Kortesmaki was awarded a scholarship by the Finnish Legislature of Finland to study at the University of Helsinki but the war made it necessary to postpone the opportunity. He has instead carried on his studies in the graduate school at the University of Minnesota.

One of the major duties of Mr. Kortesmaki will have as a member of the State Department of Education is to work with the FFA. His background of experience, training, and special interests should be valuable assets in this leadership activity. The VISITOR joins his many friends in wishing him good luck and continued success in his new work.