MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO A. J. OGAARD

Agriculture of America lost an outstanding worker in the death of A. J. Ogaard at Salt Lake City on August 27, 1928.

He was born in Minnesota and received his undergraduate instruction at the University of Minnesota and the North Dakota Agricultural College, graduating from the North Dakota Agricultural College in 1913. From 1913 to 1918 he was identified with the Office of Dry Land Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, with headquarters in North Dakota. In May 1918, he was appointed county agricultural agent of Chouteau County, Montana. In 1921, he was called to a larger field of service when he was appointed extension agronomist of the Montana extension service, which position he held until April 1, 1928 when he resigned to accept the position of executive secretary of the Farm Seed Association of North America.

Throughout his life Mr. Ogaard was a tireless worker for the advancement of agriculture. In fact, those who knew him best believe that his span of life would have been lengthened had he been more careful to conserve his energy. However, it was characteristic of Mr. Ogaard to give unsparing of himself to every task which he undertook.

During his period of service as extension agronomist in Montana he did all within his power to make farm life more pleasant and more profitable. The humble tribute of a farmer in Chouteau County, “He did a lot for us fellows,” speaks volumes in terms of personal service and the accomplishments by which the Montana public came to know him.

One of Mr. Ogaard’s greatest contributions to agriculture was made through his interest in the development of practical plans of crop standardization and improvement and distribution of farm seed. Through his efforts the Montana Seed Growers Association was brought to a high state of efficiency. His work in connection with the International Crop Improvement Association and the recently organized Seed Council of North America has done much to bring about better relations among the various agencies connected with the seed industry of this country.

Mr. Ogaard was a fearless, yet fair, frank, and sincere worker. He is no longer with us but his influence remains as an inspiration to a life of greater service and will continue as a potent force for the betterment of American agriculture.

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