

BENDER, Wilbur H., 1860-1927. Born at Williams Center, Ohio. Taught in Ohio rural schools. Received bachelor's degrees from three state higher institutions of Iowa and master's degree from Iowa State College. Principal and superintendent of Iowa schools, 1886-97. Director of teacher training, Iowa State Teachers College, 1897-1913, resigning in latter year to take up agricultural education. Associate professor agricultural education, University of Minnesota, 1914-18. First director of vocational education for Iowa, 1918-22. Pioneered home practice program based upon business management and seasonal work of the home farm, and also part time courses for out-of-school farm youth. Both were in advance of current thought but have since been widely adopted. Became associate professor of vocational education at Iowa State College in 1922 where he remained until his death, and where his vision and zeal gave inspiration to many hundreds of beginning teachers who were later to establish a secure place for vocational subjects in Iowa high schools. -- W.H. Lancelot and Barton Morgan.

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