

..... ORR, William, 1861-1939. Penn. born. Grew up in Mass.  
 CUT from : Springfield Central High School grad., 1879. Amherst  
 glossy : College: A.B., 1883; A.M., 1892; L.H.D., 1937. Decor-  
 print of : ated with Order of Polonia Restituta by the Polish  
 favorite : government, 1923. Awarded Pyncheon Medal at Springfield,  
 photograph : Mass., for "distinguished public service," 1937. In Mass.:  
 ..... Principal of Hopkins Academy, Hadley, and Smith Academy,  
 Hatfield; at Springfield Central High School, Science Master, 1888-  
 1894, Vice Principal, 1894-1900, Principal, 1900-1910; Deputy Commission-  
 er, State Board of Education, 1910-1916. Espoused and advanced SCHOOL  
 AND HOME FARM COOPERATION or HOME PROJECT AND OTHER SUPERVISED FARM  
 PRACTICE cause: as Chairman of local Commission, 1908-1909, which led  
 to the establishment of the first state-aided voc. ag. dept. in Mass.,  
 at Hopkins Academy; and as Senior Ed. Sec. of the International Com-  
 mittee off the Y.M.C.A., 1916-1920, and as head of Special Committee off  
 Y.M.C.A. in Europe, 1920-1927. Forthwith on becoming Deputy Commissioner  
 in Mass., he had published Bul., No. 1, "Agricultural Projects for Ele-  
 mentary Schools;" and in after years, kept an almost steady stream of  
 requests ~~wanting~~ for Mass. Board of Education publications on voc. ag.  
 ed. coming from abroad. He served as supervisor of the American Farm  
 School of Salonica, Greece, as executive secretary of the Albanian  
 American Agricultural School, as adviser to the Thessalonica Agricul-  
 tural and Industrial Institute, and as executive secretary of the  
 American Committee of the Y.M.C.A. School at Geneva, Switz. He has  
 been justly described as "A distinguished American educator who has  
 worked not only in this country, but in 27 foreign nations." In addition  
 to the Polish decoration, he was given many other citations in which  
 he was recognized an an outstanding authority on vocational education,  
 including education in vocational agriculture. A gratefully remembered  
 administrator, speaker, and writer. -- R. W. Stimson.



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