

*Dickson Ward*

PARSONS, ~~DICKSON WARD~~, 1881. Reared on a 2000 acre West Virginia sheep and beef cattle farm. A.B., West Virginia, 1905; M.S., Wisconsin, 1918; Ph D., Cornell, 1930. High school science and mathematics teacher in Louisiana and West Virginia 1905-<sup>1917</sup>~~17~~; County Agricultural Agent 19<sup>18</sup>-~~18~~-1920; ~~20~~; VO-AG Teacher and Principal 1920-<sup>1923</sup>~~23~~; Acting State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, West Virginia 1923-<sup>1926</sup>~~26~~; Teacher-Trainer, Vocational Agriculture, 1926----

At the first annual conference of Vocational Agriculture teachers in 1921, helped work out an analysis and score card of the VO-AG teacher's job. Helped develop and put in operation the cross section plan for a four-year course of study in Vocational Agriculture. Worked also to develop and keep desirable relationships with the other agricultural agencies in the state.

"He is to a very great extent responsible for the true vocational concept of Agricultural Education in West Virginia which is so well practiced and expressed among teachers and workers in the state. His vocational philosophy is sound." *Another pioneer who has made Regional Conferences worthwhile.*

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