

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS RICHARD B. SCHUSTER

Agricultural education lost a passionate practitioner and scholar with the passing of Richard B. Schuster. His education included a Bachelor of Science in agriculture in 1940 and a master's degree in 1967 in agricultural and extension education in 1962, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His life work focused on agricultural education beginning as a vocational agricultural instructor. He first taught at Marshall High School from 1940-1942 and later held the same position in the New Glarus High School from 1942-1944. In 1945 he began his long and fruitful career with the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service.

His first appointment was as an assistant agricultural educator in Brown County. He was later promoted to agricultural agent and granted tenure as an associate professor in 1962. In that same year, he was appointed as the North Central District Agricultural Program leader. In that role, Dick provided administrative direction and guidance to the many agricultural agents within the north central district. Providing direction for strategic planning, needs assessment, program development, teaching-learning and evaluation, occupied much of his time. In addition his administrative duties included liaison work with each of the counties and their boards, work with the program leaders in family living, youth development and community resource development and others. During that time he was also a member of the National and State Agricultural Agents Association.

In 1968 he was promoted to full professor and five years later joined the faculty in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education (later becoming part of the inter-college Department of Continuing and Vocational Education) in the College of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition he held a concurrent appointment in the Cooperative Extension Service's Community Resources Development Center.

Dick Schuster was an educator all his life from his early days as a vocational agriculture teacher through his days as a county agricultural agent, to his later days as an administrator providing leadership to educational programs and personnel in agriculture and rural community resources. His work continues in the farmers that benefited from his counsel and their Brown County farms that are operating successfully today. These and other agricultural professionals throughout the State of Wisconsin have benefited from Professor Emeritus Richard B. Schuster and his 35 years of service to the Department of Public Instruction, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Cooperative Extension Service.

He is sorely missed by friends and family.

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