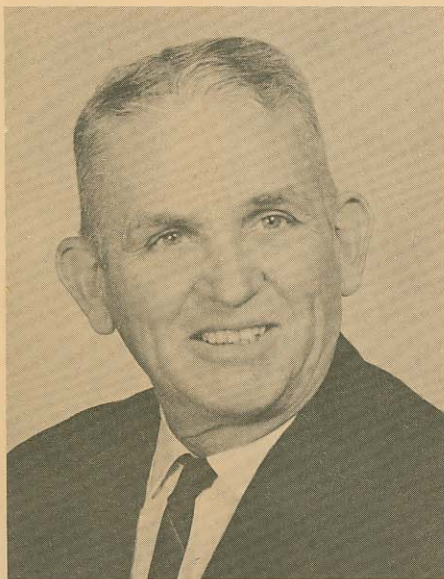


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It would appear that the Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction is awarded, for the most part, to persons directly engaged in agriculture and dedicated to its improvement. In the case of Professor Herschel Hunt, Lafayette, Indiana, however, we are making this highest award for his great influence on young men and women who are preparing for a professional place in agricultural.

Many of us remember, rather unhappily I'm sure, our experience with freshman chemistry. As far as agriculture students are concerned, that fear has now largely been replaced by an enthusiasm for chemistry, and a realization of its importance to their career. This rather remarkable change has been brought about by Herschel Hunt.

A farmer himself, Professor Hunt assumed the teaching of chemistry to freshmen in agriculture with the supposition that it must be, above all else, useful. He made many investigations to determine the chemistry involved in a modern agriculture, and then set out to teach basic chemistry, and to emphasize its practical application. Ask any agriculture student you see, and he will tell you what a difference it makes.

Hunt was born in Gibson County, Indiana, and received his bachelors degree from Oakland City College. He holds masters and doctors degrees from Indiana University. Before joining the Purdue Chemistry Department in 1930, he was an instructor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1951, he was chosen "Outstanding Teacher" at Purdue University.

He is well known as a Hereford breeder, and has, along with his sons, achieved a notable show record in this field.

For his dedication to teaching, not for itself but for its eventual benefit to society, we salute Herschel Hunt.