

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

JOHN B. KOHLMEYER (1900-1986)

Professor Kohlmeyer's major emphasis was teaching, research and extension in Public Policy and local government, where he gained a national reputation. His efforts were a major factor in the passage of the Indiana School Re-organization Act. Since his retirement in 1969, he continues to be sought after for his counsel and analysis by government leaders. "Heavy" joined the Purdue Agricultural Economics staff in 1925 as a teacher in Farm Management. Until 1935, he also taught courses in prices, statistics, and accounting. In 1935, he was project manager for the Land Use Section of the AAA, supervising land acquisition in Brown and Martin Counties. In 1936, he returned to Purdue on the staff of the BAE, USDA. He served as State Supervisor for the Emergency Farm Labor Office from 1942-1946 where he re-joined the Agricultural Economics staff. He served five years under two Governors as Director of the School Reorganization Commission for Indiana. He was visiting professor at the Wisconsin University Summer Session for Extension Workers for 13 years. He was honored by being designated a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Welch in 1963, and received the Certificate of Distinction from the Purdue Ag Alumni Association in 1966. No commentary on "Heavy" would be complete without mention of his accomplishments as a bird hunter and dog raiser. Oakland City College; Evansville College; B.S.A. Purdue, 1928; Cornell, 1928 and 1932-33.

