



FRANK W. HUSSEY HONORED

Being, relatively speaking, a youngster in potato work in Maine, I feel a bit inadequate to do the job of introducing our honored guest, Mr. Frank Hussey who has been honored by this Association by being selected as an Honorary Life Member. All over the country, his name has been synonymous with the Maine Potato Industry for many years. I am sure he knows more people in the potato world than any other individual in the room. He has been connected with all phases of the industry over the years and to list all of his various affiliations would be a speech in itself. Some highlights of his career with potatoes are as follows:

He was born on a farm in Maysville, Maine in 1902, and graduated from the University of Maine in 1925.

He operated farms producing 500 acres of seed potatoes for many years.

Frank helped to organize, and was associated with, Maine Potato Growers, Inc. of Presque Isle (a cooperative sales organization) for 23 years serving as treasurer for 3 years and 20 years as its president.

He served on the USDA Potato Research and Marketing Advisory Committee for 8 years, and was its Chairman for 2 years.

He was Chairman of the Task Group for White Potato Products to

the President's Appointed Bipartisan Commission on Increased Industrial Use of Agricultural Products.

He presently serves as executive vice-president of the Maine Potato Council and Director of the National Potato Council, the Presque Isle Starch Company and the Aroostook Valley Railroad.

Activities worthy of note not directly connected with the potato industry include the following:

1. Trustee of University of Maine since 1941.
2. First President of Maine Farm Bureau.
3. Served as President of Maine Extension Service .
4. Served as President of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.
5. Served as Chairman of the State Committee on the White House Conference on Education, and was a delegate to the White House Conference in Washington.
6. Presented with the Service To Youth Award by the Y.M.C.A. for 25 years of service.
7. Appointed Chairman of the Maine Citizens Committee to study structure of the State Government.
8. Member of Board of Governors of Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Frank has 3 sons and one daughter. One son is now attending Purdue University, one is a lawyer and one serves in the Armed Services. His daughter is a secretary in the Dean's office at Boston University. Significantly, none of them are in the potato business.

To inject a bit of humor, I would like to mention Frank's political activities but since this is Maine's political season, I will refrain from mentioning his party affiliation and only say that he has latent political ability.

The one thing that is closer to Frank than potatoes is the telephone. You can hardly get him to go fishing if it takes him out of reach of a phone. It has jokingly been said that when Frank reaches his final resting place, he won't lie still unless a phone is installed.

In all seriousness, I know of no person in Maine more worthy of this honor and it is with a great deal of pride that I present it to you Mr. Frank W. Husey.

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