

Biographical Sketch
S. J. Parker
1890 Research Director/Administrator 1890 Extension Program
1971-1982
(Deceased)

Born in Wabash (Phillips County), Arkansas

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Post Doctoral Work - Botany and Forestry, Michigan State University, Entomology, Oregon State; and Radiation Biology, University of Washington.

Ph.D. Degree - Agricultural Education - Minor, Farm Management and Vegetable Crops, Cornell University - 1949.

M.S. Degree - Vegetable Crops, Cornell University - 1945.

B.S. Degree - General Agriculture, A. M. and N. College, (now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) - 1939.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Liaison with 1890 Institutions.

Special Advisor to the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff on Agricultural Affairs

Research Director (Charter Member), 1890 Research Program (1971-1982)
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Administrator, 1890 Extension Program, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (1871-1982),

Dean, Division of Agriculture and Technology, A. M. and N. College and UAPB

Served with RICOP and ESCOP

Professor of Horticulture in the Department of Agriculture, 31 years, at A. M. and N. College and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Vocational Agricultural Instructor in Cleveland, (Conway County) Arkansas for three years.

PUBLICATIONS

"Year-Round Gardening"
"Planting Chart"
"Photoperiodism"

MEMBERSHIP

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Soil Conservation Society of America
St. John A. M. E. Church
Trustee Board - Shorter College
Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce
Board - Jefferson Regional Medical Center
Board - Arkansas Farm and Land Development Corporation
Board - Pine Bluff Convalescent Home
Phi Delta Kappa
Alpha Kappa Mu

HONORS

George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Award, 1984
Recipient of the Honorary State Farmer Award - 1975
Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award - 1975 (National Honor)
Recipient of the Honorary Modern Farmer's Degree
Recipient of a National Science Foundation Scholarship in
Marine Biology, Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon
Recipient of a National Science Foundation Scholarship in
Radiation Biology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Recipient of a
Scholarship to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

TRAVEL

San Juan Puerto Rico, Mexico; Canada, Eastern, Mid-Western, Western, and Southern
States; including the World Fair in 1962 and 1964; Expo 67 in Canada
London, Paris, and Rome, 1982
Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Thailand, and China, 1954

MAJOR PROPOSAL INVOLVEMENT

Author:	- Biological Control of the Cotton Bollworm	\$57,240
	- The Production and Management of Vegetable Crops in Certain Low Income Counties of Southeast Arkansas	50,585
	- Developing the Economic and Natural Resources of the People Left Behind Through Farm Management	44,735
	- The Production and Management of Vegetable Crops and Livestock with Low Income Families of Southeast Arkansas	54,640
	- Proposal to Increase Plant and Animal Production Among Small and Part-Time Farmers in Jefferson County, Arkansas	56,760
	- Annual Rural Life Conference for Farmers and Professional Agricultural Workers in Arkansas - Funded by Title V	5,000
Co-Author	- A Polyculture System of Fish Production for Disadvantaged Farmers in Arkansas (Beginning of Fisheries Research at UAPB) (S. J. Parker and O. R. Holiday)	136,340
Co-Author	- Meat-Rabbit Production as Influenced by Dietary Protein and Weaning Age	189,563
	- A Study of the Human and Natural Resources of Disadvantaged People of Southeast Arkansas	287,794

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Rural Life Conference which to a great extent was patent or followed the Agriculture Conference for the Farmers of Alabama started by Tuskegee Institute 35 or 40 years ago was chaired by the Writer 30 years. The attendance grew from approximately 17 to more than 800 persons directly or supporting the program in Agriculture.

In 1981 the author established a Foundation Scholarship for students majoring in Agriculture. The scholarship has \$37,775 as principal. A walk in front of the Agricultural Building on the Campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff carries the names of the donors, the only one of this kind I know about in America.

A building is now under construction in which Agriculture Technology will be taught interested persons. The writer is responsible for obtaining the funds which amounted to \$120,000 from an interesting donor in Arkansas.

The writer has been sensitive to the needs of people of all ages, races, and economic levels, and believes that the purpose of life is to be productive and useful. This philosophy was the basis for his idea of establishing a vegetable

Farmers' market in 1972. This idea became a reality in 1974. The cooperative's headquarters are located in Pine Bluff at 4th and Walnut Streets, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and had a membership of one hundred fifty (150) persons with annual sales of approximately \$250,000. An additional seven (7) markets were located in Southeast Arkansas that were controlled by the Cooperative. These markets had annual sales of approximately \$50,000. Other commercial markets that were not in existence prior to the writer's leadership have annual sales of \$1.5 million.

In 1939 the writer began teaching Agriculture in July. Within the three-year period from July 1939 to July 31, 1942, the first Agricultural Association with regulations and by-laws was organized by the Agriculture Teacher. The following projects grew out of the Association:

1. Twenty-eight farmers subscribed for the County Weekly Newspaper
2. The first registered boar was bought and expanded to a gilt and the sale of registered pigs
3. The first registered Jersey bull was purchased
4. Baby chicks were bought directly from the hatchery for growing in the community
5. Blackberries were harvested, transported, and sold to the cannery 46 miles through the Association Snapbeans were sold to the Processing Plant 46 miles away
6. Transportation and communication greatly improved among the Blacks and thereby gained respect and cooperation from the White race also.

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