

Leo Augustine Muckle

November 9, 1892 — March 28, 1942

Death came suddenly to Leo Augustine Muckle, Professor in the Extension Service and Assistant County Agent Leader, at his lake-side cottage, which he was opening for the summer season on the afternoon of March 28, 1942. He died as he would have wished, active in a setting of nature which he loved so well.

Professor Muckle was born on November 9, 1892, at Potter, Yates County, New York, son of Thomas and Margaret Delaney Muckle. His grade studies were begun in district schools in that township. In 1903, he moved with his family to Stanley, Ontario County, where his elementary school studies were completed. He prepared for college at the Old Cathedral High School, Rochester, New York, graduating from that institution in 1912. After two years at Notre Dame University, he transferred to the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1916.

His first position out of college was in Argentina, South America, with an English land company. When the United States entered the First World War, Professor Muckle returned to the United States and entered county extension work. He served successively as county agricultural agent in Rockland, Schuyler, and Niagara counties.

In July 1933, Professor Muckle came to Cornell University as Assistant County Agent Leader. He served efficiently in that capacity until his death.

It is difficult to measure the contribution Professor Muckle has made to the agriculture of New York State. His sound judgment, accurate knowledge, and keen understanding of people made his work invaluable. Because of his sympathetic understanding and keen knowledge of human nature, he was an outstanding supervisor.

New York farmers' problems were Professor Muckle's problems. He felt keenly the impact of war on agriculture and the responsibilities of the Extension Service to help farm people in the hour of trial.

Farm people will miss his religious philosophy, his sparkling humor, and his deep friendship. Those at the University who were associated with him have lost a noble friend; agriculture has lost a loyal and devoted worker.