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PROFESSOR JAMES D. LUCKETT DIES

Geneva, N.Y.--Professor James D. Lockett, former editor at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, for 40 years, died early this morning at Geneva General Hospital from an apparent heart attack.

Professor Lockett was one of Geneva's most beloved figures, and following his retirement at the Experiment Station in July 1960 continued to maintain his great interest in community affairs. He was a devoted worker with Community Chest, Geneva General Hospital, the Geneva Historical Society, and Torch Club. He was an active member of the North Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of North Presbyterian Church.

Professor Lockett was born in Washington, D. C. December 5, 1891 and received his B.S.A. degree at Purdue University in 1916 and his M.S.A. degree from the same university in 1919. While at Purdue doing graduate work, he was employed as an assistant chemist in the Fertilizer Inspection Laboratory. It was while at Purdue that Professor Lockett's talent for editorial work expressed itself and he assumed editorship of the Purdue Experiment Station Record.

After spending some time with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. he joined the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station staff in 1920 as Editor and Librarian. Throughout his years with the Station, he maintained a very close liaison with news media, and his frequent and timely news releases covering research in a way intelligible to the non-scientist were used widely throughout the world.

Early in his career at the Station his greatest volume of work was with editing Station bulletins, and this reflected his tireless effort to get the research story published in its most effective form.

In 1934, Professor Lockett introduced Farm Research, a quarterly semi-popular publication, that became known the world over. In 1943, the Geneva and Ithaca Experiment Stations at Cornell University joined forces in putting materials into the journal. Because of the success of this journal, it was greatly expanded in scope just this year and renamed, New York's Food and Life Sciences.

Professor Lockett distinguished himself with extra editorial duties that went beyond the halls of Cornell University and the Geneva Experiment Station. He served as editor of the Agronomy Journal from 1928 to 1948, and later as editor of the Soil Science Society Proceedings from 1938 to 1948.

In all of his many activities, Professor Lockett was characterized by his friendly and diplomatic ability to work with the Station staff. In later years, the public relations role he assumed with visiting horticultural societies, groups, and individuals was an important factor in giving the full presentation of agricultural research to the public.

Following retirement he was given the title of Professor Emeritus. He also began spending more time with one of his own personal loves, gardening. He and his wife Lenore began travelling rather extensively since 1960, and had just returned from a 2-week cruise in the Caribbean late yesterday. He died early this morning.

Bennett Funeral Home is making the arrangements. Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of North Presbyterian Church. There will be visiting hours at the funeral home from 7-9 p.m. tomorrow and friends are invited to the Lockett home from 3-5 p.m. tomorrow.

Professor Lockett is survived by his wife Lenore, a son Charles, a brother George, and two grandchildren.

