



1994 Inductees



Max Farrar

Max Farrar was one of the original incorporators of both Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative at Marion and East River Electric Power Cooperative at Madison.

He was elected to the board of directors of Turner-Hutchinson in 1941 and served until his death in 1980. He was vice president from 1952 to 1969 and president from 1969 to 1980.

The Turner County co-op leader joined the East River Electric board in 1949 and served until 1980. He was vice president from 1965 until 1979.

Farrar was also a leader in other area cooperatives. He was a member of the board of directors and president of the Hurley Cooperative Elevator Company. He was also a director of the Dakota Cooperative Telephone Company at Irene and served as vice president.

In addition to his cooperative efforts, Farrar was also involved in a variety of community activities. He was an incorporator and vice president of community activities. He was an incorporator and vice president of the Hurley Development Corporation and past commander of the Kellar American Legion Post 21 at Hurley. He also served on the boards of Hurley and Swan Lake townships and was a local school board member for 24 years.



1897-1980

Philip Testerman

Phil Testerman retired in 1993 after 33 years as a farmer-director of local and regional grain marketing co-ops.

He was elected to the board of directors of the St. Lawrence-Wessington Farmers Elevator in 1960 and served for 12 years.

In 1972 he became the fourth South Dakotan to be elected to the board of directors of the St. Paul, Minn.,-based Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association (now Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives). He succeeded another member of the Co-op Hall of Fame – the late August Dahme of Aberdeen.

The Hand County farmer was a member of the GTA board in 1983 when the cooperative merged with the North Pacific Grain Growers and became Harvest States Cooperatives. He retired from the Harvest States board in 1993.

Testerman was also a forceful advocate for agriculture during 10 years of service in the South Dakota State Legislature (four years in the House and six years in the Senate).

He has also been a patron and board member of other cooperatives. He was a junior board member of the Jerauld County Farmers Union Co-op (now Amkota) at Wessington Springs during the 1950s. He became a charter member of Ree Electric Co-op in 1949 and the Sully Buttes Telephone Co-op in 1958. He has also been an active participant and advocate of the Mid-Dakota Rural Water System.

