

## Farmer co-ops honor ag administrator

FREDERICK, Md — Paul R Poffenberger, veteran College of Agriculture administrator, faculty member and former extension specialist at the University of Maryland, was honored recently



Paul R. Poffenberger, left, of Fairland receives handshake and a plaque from Daniel S. Weybright, Jr., Cockeysville Presentation was made last week at Frederick during twenty-first annual meeting of the Maryland Council of Farmers Cooperative. Poffenberger will retire June 30 after 50 years of association with the University of Maryland. Weybright is vice-president and secretary of the Baltimore Bank for Cooperatives.

as one of the "founding fathers" of the Maryland Council of Farmer Cooperatives

During its 21st annual meeting last week in Frederick, the council presented Poffenberger with a plaque for his many years of service to Maryland agriculture and his interest in agricultural cooperatives which was instrumental in the organizational efforts leading to formation of the Maryland Council of Farmer Cooperatives in 1960.

Poffenberger is scheduled to retire on June 30. Except for three years of military service during World War II, he has been associated with agriculture at the College Park campus on a continuous basis since he entered as a freshman student 50 years ago.

After earning his advanced degrees, Poffenberger spent 18 years as an instructor and professor of agricultural economics. For the past 25 years, he has served successively as assistant dean and associate dean for instruction in the College of

Agriculture

Poffenberger is recalled warmly by hundreds of College of Agriculture alumni because of his genuine interest in students. Many credit completion of their college education to his efforts to "pull them through" difficult times.

To mark his retirement and permanently recognize his contributions to Maryland agriculture, a committee of alumni and friends has established the Paul R. Poffenberger Scholarship Fund.

This fund will be a permanent endowment, according to Earl H. Brown, dean of the College of Agriculture. The annual income provided will be used to support a scholarship for one or more College of Agriculture students.

In addition to his administrative duties in the College of Agriculture, Poffenberger had additional assignments as head of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics from 1955 to 1961 and acting chairman of the Department of Agricultural

and Extension Education from 1970 to 1978.

He also held universitywide positions as director of the office of scholarships and grants-in-aid from 1956 to 1960 and chairman of the committee on student loans from 1958 to 1960. Following those assignments, he was chairman of the commencement coordinating committee for 10 years. And he has served since 1974 on the vice-chancellor's course review committee.

While serving as an Extension specialist in agricultural economics from 1953 to 1956, he co-authored a Directory of Farmer Cooperatives in Maryland and authored a popular publication titled Farmer Cooperative in a Changing Economy.

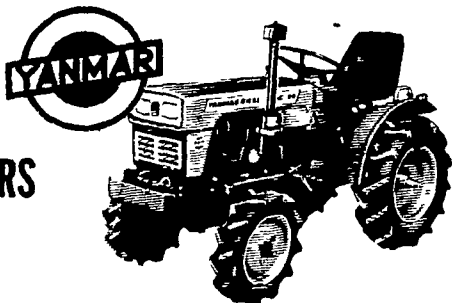
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His 20-year output of publications for the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station

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