

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

F. VAN SMITH (1906-1978)

Professor Smith carried a major responsibility for the farm records work of the department for over twenty-five years. During his tenure the project was phased over from hand methods to computer analysis. In addition, he handled numerous other necessary and important tasks, all of which total up to a major contribution. Van joined the Purdue staff in 1931 as an Agricultural Researcher followed by two years as a Vocational Agriculture teacher. He re-joined the Agricultural Economics staff in 1934 to conduct research in Land Economics and Farm Management. From 1947 until his retirement he shifted his emphasis to extension and Farm Records. Van was an active participant in several professional organizations and in his church. B.S.A. Purdue, 1929; M.S.A. Purdue, 1931.

