

Clyde L. Carruth Pampa High School Class of 1922



Clyde L. Carruth was born February 1, 1904 at Lelia Lake and graduated from Pampa High School in 1922 with high honors. He took the State Exams to help Pampa High School become affiliated. He served as guard for the Harvester football team in 1920-21 and the Pampa High Debating Team in 1921-1922.

He attended Watson Business College in Plainview where he studied Business Administration, Banking and Business Law. He also attended Wayland Baptist College. In 1935 he passed seven exams at Texas A & M University with an average grade of 96.



In 1933 he was employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Program. He transferred to the Texas Extension Service in 1936 in which position he received honorable mention from the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington D.C. He established a method of design and measurement of earthen dams, to establish livestock water, which was used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in their Rules and Regulations Manual. During this time he organized the 4-H Boys and Girls Clubs in his county and did extensive work with them.

In 1941 he transferred to the Federal Reserve and became associated with the Federal Land Bank of Houston. He spent five years supervising loans in 7 counties, including Gray County where he resided.



Clyde's philosophy of life is "To serve God by serving man and making this world a better place to live." His efforts consist of voluntarily starting the Junior Livestock Show in Pampa where he served as its Superintendent for 50 years; the Top of Texas Hereford Breeders Association; the building of the Pampa Livestock Pavilion which, to his surprise, was renamed the Clyde Carruth Pavilion in 1975; Chairman of the War Board 12 years; Chamber of Commerce member since 1941; Board of Directors of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center since its inception; Kiwanis Club member with a perfect attendance award for 55 years of service and the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis International Laymen of the Year Award and Elder Emeritus of the First Christian Church where he designed the church building; supervised the construction; was Church Treasurer and taught Sunday School for forty years. He also received an award from the Texas Extension Service at Texas A & M University for his service to the youth of this area.



At age 94, Clyde states, "I guess God still has things for me to do here or he wouldn't keep me around."