Staff 1937-1947: Helen Killabeth entered for one year of service in 1937. This decade started with two staff: Killworth and Robert Kenestrick. The department hired Wilbur F. Stewart and Omer Clyde Aderhold in 1938. This decade was especially active. In the fall of 1938, Ray Fife returned to Ohio State to head up the program of research and to begin graduate education. Chester B. Webber left that fall to accept the position as Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Education at Texas A&M University. This was a valuable addition to the department faculty in 1938. Hutchison remained with the department for three years before leaving to become Junior Dean of the College in 1941. Claude G. Rhoad (BS, 1931; MS, 1941; PhD, 1946) joined the resident staff in 1941 to fill Hutchison’s position. Hodell had previously been an Instructor in the Department of Agriculture.

Graduate Studies

The department graduated the first PhD awarded by the university in 1938. The department would graduate a total of 14 PhDs in the next 40 years. The second decade would be a time when the department began to spend some time on staff in the department. The decade ended with two members: Killabeth and Hutchison.

Graduate Degrees Earned 1938-1947


Curriculum

A new class was added after Ray Fife returned to Ohio State in 1938. This graduate course, 322 Teaching in Vocational Education, was designed to study the techniques and administrative aspects in teaching vocational education, and for developing appropriate supervision. Students did research with individual projects in planning, organizing, and evaluating academic classes in the laboratory. In the main halls, the number of credits required for graduation was increased to 120. A quarter of the students, called Applied Testing, was added in the 322 at the end of the year.

Training Center Locations

The first campus began with the following locations: Carol Winterer, Hiltop, Grove City, Westerville, and the newly added Allen pines. Grove City would close as a training center in 1941 and Summit Station would replace Grove City. Summit Station would also close after a year.

Department Location 1937-1947

At the start of this decade, the department had been in open: 322 Campbell Hall for 10 years. The department would move to Campbell Hall in 1948. Campbell Hall provided two classrooms for the Department of Agricultural Education. It also included a storage area - a private office for the chairman and a room for the executive committee and other members of the staff.