

# Former GLF Official, Airline Leader Dies

E. Victor Underwood, 84, of 203 Ithaca Rd., honorary chairman of the Board of Directors of Allegheny Airlines, died today in Tompkins County Hospital.

Born Sept. 12, 1889, he was a graduate of Cornell University, College of Agriculture.

President of the American Agriculturist from 1920 to 1929, he was also secretary of the State Farm Bureau from 1929 to 1954.

In June 1964, Mohawk Airlines Inc. dedicated its new executive office building in Utica to Mr. Underwood. A bronze dedication plaque, mounted on a marble wall in the building's lobby, reads in part: "As a tribute to his early foresight, devoted and continuing interest and leadership, we dedicate this building to him." It also said he was "a pioneer in the widely diverse fields of agriculture and aviation."

"As chief financial officer and later as president of the Cooperative GLF Holding Corp. during its developmental period from 1929 to 1954, he helped build GLF into the largest farm

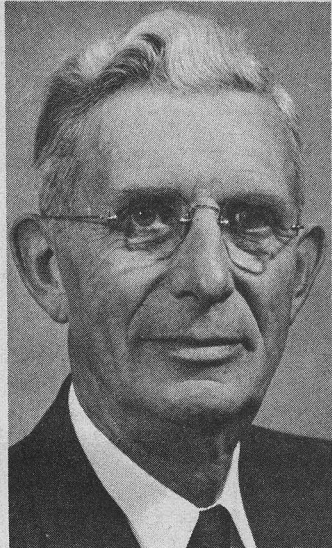
cooperative in the world," the plaque continues. "In 1945 he joined fellow Ithacans in organizing the first scheduled air transportation for the Southern Tier of New York State, which became Mohawk Airlines, Inc. Under his guidance, as president from 1952 to 1954, and as chairman of the board since 1954, Mohawk has become one of the nation's leading airlines".

In 1964, Mr. Underwood was presented a 50-year pin by Hobasco Lodge, F&AM. He had joined the Masonic Order in Moravia, and affiliated with Hobasco Lodge from Oswego. He also is a former member of Eagle Chapter, RAM, and St. Augustine Commandery.

Director Emeritus of Ithaca Savings & Loan Association, he was a former director of the Tompkins County Trust Co.

He was a member and past president of Ithaca Rotary Club, a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and a member of the Statler Club.

He is survived by a son, V. Stewart Underwood of Ithaca; a granddaughter, Karen Underwood of Ithaca; a brother, Harry C. Underwood of Los



**E. VICTOR UNDERWOOD**

Angeles, Calif.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with the Rev. G. Eugene Durham and the Rev. Richard McCaughey officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Wagner Funeral Home.