

AATEA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There has been much activity within the American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture since the annual meeting held in Kansas City.

The committee headed by Dr. Charles W. Hill, to draft a proposal for the selection of an outstanding teacher educator in agricultural education has completed its work and has submitted a proposal to the Executive Committee of the association. The committee headed by Dr. Milo Peterson, to obtain a financial sponsor for the award has not been successful to date. Action taken at the annual meeting at Kansas City and recommendations of Hill's committee will make it possible to recognize an outstanding teacher educator at the time of the 1962 AVA Convention providing a sponsor and funds are obtained.

The Executive Committee of the American Vocational Association is giving consideration to the formation of a council on teacher education within the AVA. It is being suggested that each of the four recognized teacher education groups name two representatives to the Council and that this group meet at the time of the annual convention. The members of the Executive Committee of AATEA authorized your president to notify Mr. Burkett of AVA that we favor the organization of the proposed Council.

Your president reviewed with Dr. Milo Peterson the returns on the mail ballot regarding the revisions to the Constitution. Seventy-four of the seventy-five votes received were favorable. Ten of the voters made suggestions concerning editorial changes which would clarify the intent of the Constitution. These changes are being made and the final draft will be submitted to the members of the Executive Committee for approval.

The committee headed by Dr. Leo Knuti to prepare a brochure relating to Career Opportunities in Agricultural Education has obtained recruitment materials from the states in the various regions and a final draft is being prepared. Teacher education representatives of the respective states will be notified concerning the availability of this brochure as soon as final arrangements have been made.

Vocational agriculture courses in many states are being revised to give more emphasis to basic science principles, and such courses are being accepted in lieu of biology in some schools. It has been suggested that financial aid through the National Science Foundation be made available to teachers of agriculture for advanced study. Your president has asked Dr. Henry Brunner to assist in exploring the possibilities.

We congratulate Dr. Milo Peterson on his election to the Presidency of the American Vocational Association. Milo has asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of the committee to secure the funds for the AATEA Awards Program. Dr. Ralph Woodin of Ohio has been asked to assume the chairmanship of this committee.

I have appreciated very much the fine cooperation received from the officers and members of AATEA. Please continue to forward to me your suggestions for the improvement of AATEA.

Clarence E. Bundy