

AATEA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past year has been very interesting for me serving as your president-elect. Although a comparatively young organization the American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture is proving its worth, not only to our own professional welfare, but to the general advancement of our vocational fields. It is my hope to continue the good work of Cayce Scarborough and the presidents who served before him.

Through Cayce's well directed efforts we have been promised some very desirable changes in the Rules and Regulations for the Administration of P. L. 88-210, dealing with the evaluation and supervision of teacher training programs. Also, through letters from teacher educators, Deans of Agriculture and Deans of Education which were directed to his office, your past president has been able to make additional valuable suggestions to Dr. Arnold our Assistant Commissioner. I have asked Cayce to continue as a liaison officer in relation to this matter, so if there are any additional suggestions please send them directly to him.

Our President Elect Dr. C. W. (Charlie) Hill is finalizing plans for our AATEA breakfast meeting at Minneapolis in December and is rapidly assuming his official duties. We have missed the presence of our secretary Milo Peterson at our various meetings this past year because of his responsibilities as president of the AVA, but he is now doing double duty in preparing for our convention in Minneapolis. Our capable treasurer, Ray Cardozier, always keeps things moving and provides a needed stimulus for us all. Much of our strength lies in the Regions and our vice-presidents are to be commended for their fine sectional meetings held at the Regional Conferences.

There are many things developing in agricultural education at the present time and this calls for all of us to be objective, scientific, and courageous. Some of the items on the 1964-65 agenda which we all can help accomplish are as follows:

1. Provide a plan whereby time and financial aid can be secured for a National Agricultural Education Seminar.
2. Provide closer working relationship with the Land Grant College Association.
3. Continue to explore the possibility of funds for research and other phases of teacher education.
4. Promote a year book or similar publication consisting of a compilation of articles written by various authors for use in our profession as a much needed reference.
5. Develop a brochure on AATEA for promoting membership and for public information, and continue to use our career brochure.
6. Develop closer coordination between the AVA teacher education committee and the AATEA.
7. Develop stronger Regional AATEA organizations with closer coordination among Regions.
8. Submit quality articles to our AATEA JOURNAL and secure an additional source of funds to help finance the JOURNAL.

Your suggestions are most welcome.

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