

AATEA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be looking forward to seeing many of you at the AVA Minneapolis meeting in December. In our July JOURNAL eight items were listed for consideration, and I have since received additional suggestions and ideas.

The advisory council for the National Center for Advanced Study in Agricultural Education has listed a national seminar on teacher education as one of the top priority projects. Travel money and time seems to be our major problem in promoting this activity. The executive committee would appreciate a check in each local state by teacher educators planning to attend the AVA convention in regard to travel money available for a seminar of this kind. If university travel budgets are not adequate to finance travel of this nature, perhaps state directors would consider allotting some of the additional vocational funds for this purpose.

A well known publisher has expressed an interest in our planned publication consisting of a compilation of articles written by various authors for use in our profession as a much needed reference. This interest was expressed even though this publication may not be considered a profit item. While in Minneapolis you will be asked to review a suggested list of chapters for this book and also estimate the number of copies your department would order. In order to make this venture successful, it will be necessary to sell at least one thousand books.

I have had an opportunity to review a copy of the recent Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Vocational Education. It is indeed gratifying to note a number of modifications dealing with teacher education made since the earlier drafts of this document. We are indebted to Dr. W. M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner of Vocational and Technical Education for his consideration of suggestions from our teacher education organization.

In addition to the important matters of business, I am certain we are all looking forward to our Annual Breakfast and the MYSTERY SPEAKER. Charles W. Hill, our president-elect, with the help of Milo Peterson, our secretary, who is at the convention site, are making final arrangements for this meeting.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you in Minneapolis, December 7-11, and please send me any suggestions or ideas you may have in regard to the AATEA's responsibility in strengthening teacher education now and in the years ahead.

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