

AATEA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a very interesting year for me in serving as your president. I want to thank the officers of the association for being so cooperative and prompt in their answers to my many letters.

Since our meeting in Los Angeles last December our association has formally been incorporated under the laws of Minnesota. During the year we have seen the birth of our AATEA Journal, the first issue of which was edited by Dr. Milo J. Peterson and carried the splendid talk of Dr. H. M. Byram of Michigan State University, who served as "mystery speaker" at our teacher training breakfast last December at the AVA Convention. Dr. R. W. Cline agreed to serve as editor for this second issue of the Journal.

Early in the year I wrote to Mr. Shriver, head of the Peace Corps, offering the services of our organization. I received a reply from Mr. Larry Dennis, Associate Director, thanking us for the kind offer and assuring us that we would be called upon for our advice and counsel in the near future. In August I visited with Dr. Mobley, Dr. Spanton, and the new Acting Head of the Vocational Education Division, Dr. Arnold. In September I was invited to represent our association at the Rural Education Conference in Pittsburgh. This group is a division of the NEA.

Dr. Swanson of the University of Minnesota, at my request, has prepared a draft of recommended operating policies for our organization which will be presented at the meeting in Kansas City for consideration by the association. Dr. G. E. Timmons of Michigan State University served as chairman of a committee for giving recognition to outstanding teacher trainers in agricultural education each year. The proposed plan will be presented at the meeting in Kansas City.

During the year our association has also formally affiliated with the Rural Education Branch of the NEA and with the Associated Organizations for Teacher Education. This action was approved at our Los Angeles meeting. I have asked Dr. Milo J. Peterson to be our official representative to the ACTE meetings. He is currently serving on the Advisory Council of this organization. He will also attend the meeting of the Land-Grant College Association in November and will represent our association if the need arises.

Dr. G. F. Ekstrom of the University of Missouri has prepared an interesting program for the meeting of the teacher trainers in agricultural education during the AVA Convention, and the breakfast meeting which will take place on Wednesday morning, December 6. I hope as many teacher trainers as possible can attend and I shall be looking forward to renewing old acquaintances at that time.

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