

TEACHER EDUCATION ON WHEELS

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In June 1961 a class entitled "Administration and Supervision of Vocational Agriculture" traveled some 3500 miles by chartered bus on an extended field trip from Kansas State University. The Professors, Dr. Ray Agan, Head Teacher Educator in Agricultural Education at Kansas State, and Clifford Eustace, State Supervisor of Kansas, taught the class via a public address system installed in the bus. The twenty-two students kept notes, took pictures for notebooks and participated in discussions relative to the merits of the programs visited. The State supervisors in each of the five states toured, assisted with the instruction and the scheduling of stops for the class. Night stops were usually in high school farm shops with the students and professors sleeping on bed rolls. Class started about 6:00 a.m. each day and concluded with an after supper session to 10:00 p.m. with the host teacher of vocational agriculture describing the local program. During the day, farming programs were analyzed on student's farms, and teachers questioned as to techniques used.

At the close of the course, a comprehensive final examination was given and notebooks graded. The students and professors felt the course was successful and worthwhile. Plans are underway to offer the course again in a similar fashion next June.