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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

March 19, 1959

Mr. J. Warren Smith, Director Vocational Education DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing with reference to the Summer In-Service Training Program for Teachers of Vocational Agriculture.

Last year, you may recall, that this College offered workshops in several different sections of the State for the benefit of Vocational Agriculture Teachers. I have just had a meeting with Dr. G. F. Rankin, Acting Dean of the School of Agriculture; Mr. W. T. Johnson, Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture; Mr. C. E. Dean, Professor of Agriculture Education, and these men are interested in knowing whether or not the College can furnish this type of service again for the 1959 summer session.

Mr. C. E. Dean and Mr. Arthur P. Bell, of the Agriculture Education Department, being on a twelve months salary schedule, will be available for professional services, but in view of the fact that our Agricultural Engineering Teachers are on a nine months salary schedule, funds are not available to use their services during the summer. Last year, this phase of the workshop program was financed by your Department, and I am hopeful that you will be able to continue this very important work this summer.

I can say that the Vocational Agriculture Reports which have been coming into my office this year show that these teachers derived much help from the workshops and they have been able to make use of such help in many ways. I particularly refer to Cleveland County where one adult class of 20 men repaired 13 tractors, cleaned and tuned the motors, painted and put new name plates on them. I thought this was very worthwhile. I have noticed similar reports coming from other counties.

The sum of about \$1,650 was used for this purpose last summer. If this amount could be allotted to the College, the same services could be made available. For this reason, I am writing to inquire as to whether or not you would be able to suggest some way by which the work could be carried on this summer. Your cooperation in this effort will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. J. Warren Smith

March 19, 1959