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**Result of Operation of Smith-Hughes Bill Shown to Be of Great Benefit; How It Is Working**

Ten years ago the Smith-Hughes bill opened the doors of the nation's high schools and let education out among folks where it could teach them the things they really wanted to know. Today radio has lifted the roofs off these high schools and—in the middle west at least, clapped long distance "spears" on the noses of farm parents, so they may look squarely into the class rooms and see their youngsters at work.

If there is any lingering doubt in the minds of farm parents as to what the Smith-Hughes school is, and whether it is practical, all they need to do is tune in on the radio station which is known as "the voice of the farm," and find out.

**Interesting Feature**  
 Probably one of the most interesting innovations in radiodom is the series of broadcasts being put on by the boys and teachers in the agricultural, high schools of Illinois from station WLS, of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural foundation.

On alternating Tuesdays, the clang of the bell, announcing the regular Supper Bell program from WLS, finds a group of these bright eyed, eager farm lads before the microphone, ready, with that confidence which is born of "knowing how," to show the mothers and dads out on the farms and in the little towns within the radius of the station what they learn at school, how they learn it, and perhaps most interesting of all, how they put their book learning to practical use on the home farm.

It was in 1917 that the Smith-Hughes bill put nine million dollars in the hands of the high schools for vocational education and three million of that was to be used for courses in agriculture, provided the state would match the amount allotted to it. Today sixty-five thousand boys are taking these high school agricultural courses, learning the chemistry of soils, the physics of farm mechanics, the biology of building pure bred stock, along with the algebra, American history and English literature.

**Many Boys Interested**  
 In Illinois alone, during the first year that this fund was available, 15 schools established the prescribed course in agriculture; 243 boys were enrolled. In 1919, the number jumped to 42, with an enrollment of 675 boys. At the dawn of 1927 Illinois had 179 agricultural high schools, with 4530 boys taking the course.

The teacher of agriculture in these Smith-Hughes schools is on the job at least eleven months out of the year. His contract provides for a vacation not to exceed one month, including holidays used as vacation. And a part of his equipment is a little hard worked car which noses its way in and out among the highways and byways of his school district, visiting the farms to carry on his classwork in the real laboratory, the field, the pasture, the shop and feeding pen.

For the most important—and most interesting phases of this down-to-brass tacks brand of education is the project work carried on by the boys on their own home farms. In order to get his high school credit, each lad must carry on at least one "project," one practical experiment in farming. The majority of these projects are being carried on during the summer, and it is then that the "Ag teacher" gets out into the country, visiting the farm, talking with the boy and his father, and testing out this "book farming" to see its cash value.

**Do Good Work**  
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"completed" means turned into cash. Between July 1, 1925 and July 1, 1926, these 2,398 projects showed a total earning of \$264,419.10—an average of \$110.26 for each boy. In addition these lads carried on 266 projects in Farm Mechanics and Farm Management which did not show a financial return. During that year the combined state and federal appropriation for agricultural education in Illinois was \$250,000, \$10,000 less than these boys earned with their projects.

Most of the projects carried on at the present time are known as "short time projects," requiring one year to complete. During 1925 and 1926 Illinois farm boys seeded, cultivated, harvested and sold the produce from 7058 acres. Alfalfa, barley, corn, garden truck, oats, fruit, potatoes, strawberries, sweet clover, and wheat were the principal crops grown and more than half of this acreage went into corn. During that same year these lads raised, fed and marketed 49,210 farm animals, including beef and dairy cattle, poultry, sheep, swine, and bees.

**SEED CATALOGUES POINT TO SPRING**  
**Despite Zero Blasts Brilliant Prospects for Flower Gardens Light Gloom**

Although icy winds whip skyscraper corners, a glowing answer to the poet's question, "Can spring be far behind?" is found in the Chicago commuter's hand. Seed catalogues are out.

New flowers for 1927 are declared to have brighter colors and improved forms. An ostrich feathered, terra cotta aster is announced. A dahlia

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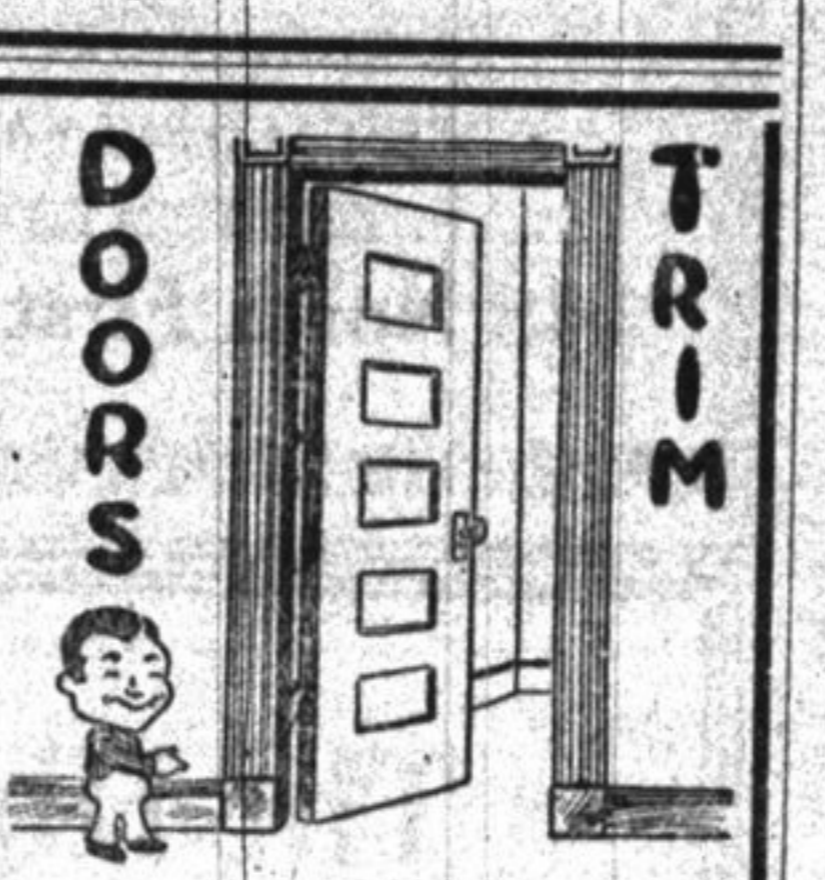


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called Stella is described as suggesting the starfish, due to the "peculiarly recurved shape of the ray petals which are of a different color on the reverse side." A pink forget-me-not is heralded. The fragrant petunia, a simple favorite of grandmother's garden, appears in many new forms. One is called "Romany Lass," and is pictured as a "large, fluffy-ruffled type," a velvety red with purple throat striped in black. Zinnia, once regarded as a homely bloom, whose place was by the kitchen door, is listed among the floral "four hundred" in seven fine colors.



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Kansas crops in 1926 were valued at \$470,000,000. Evidently somebody did something for the farmers out in the Sunflower state.

**Bad News Flies Fast**

WHEN a member of the family is traveling, those at home often worry. Reports of accidents cause apprehension. The seriousness of some trivial public disorder is often magnified by distance.

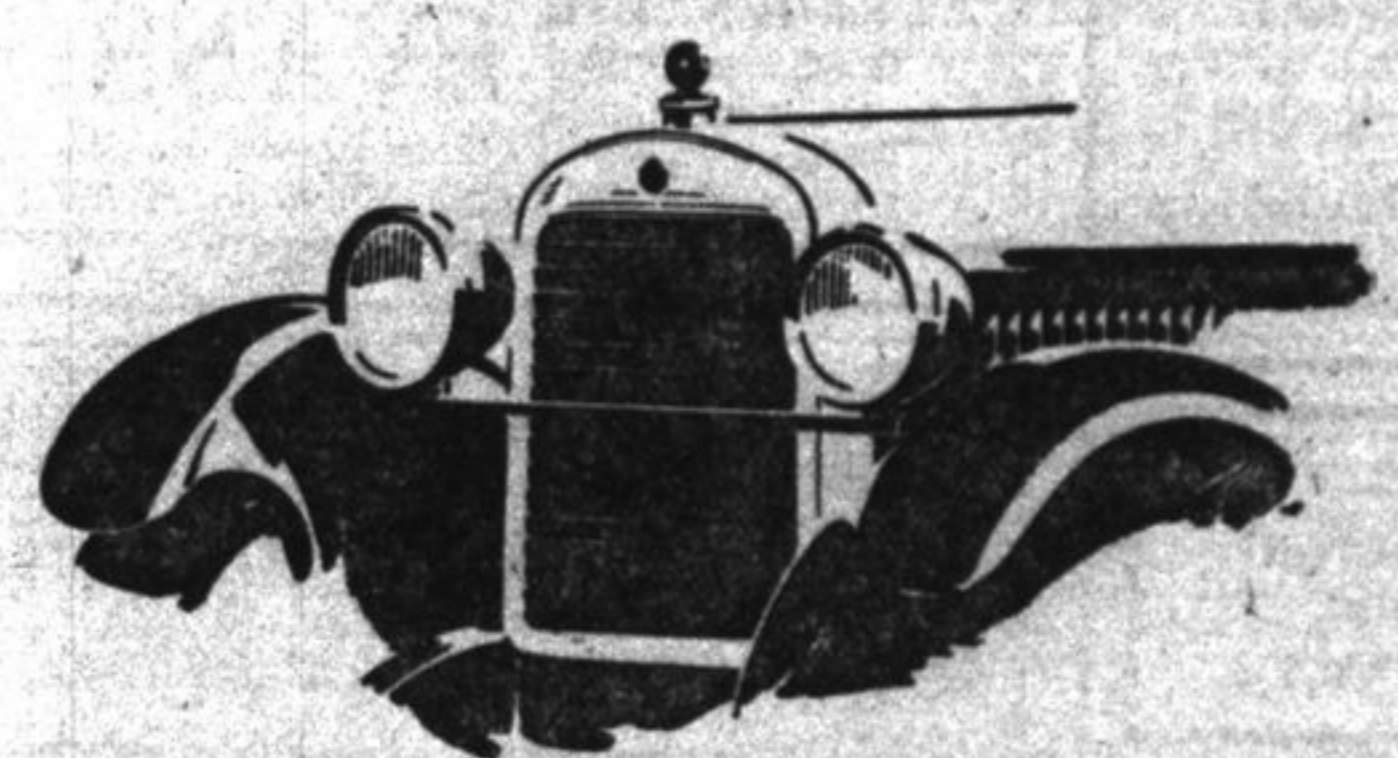
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