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RURAL EDUCATION INTERNSHIP

Submitted By

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for

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CHAPTER I

As a partial requirement to complete my Specialist's Degree in Education Administration, I was admitted to an internship under the supervision of Dr. Robert Shuff, Chairman, Department of Education Administration, Eastern Illinois University. With the cooperation, help, and supervision of Dr. Shuff, I undertook a general observation and study of the area of rural or small school education with particular emphasis on downstate Illinois.

This background information was particularly suitable for me because of my present professional responsibilities as Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Southern Illinois Regional Office of Education. It afforded me the opportunity to visit many rural schools in problem solving situations.

I started an examination of rural schools in Southern Illinois in September, 1974, which continued through December, 1974. I also completed additional reading on the subject as well as meeting with educators with particular expertise in the field of rural education. I met with Dr. Kevin Swick and Dr. Grace Duff of Southern Illinois University. I also met and discussed rural education and its possibilities with Dr. Lewis Tamblyn, Executive Director of the National Rural Education Association. At the state level, I had rather long planning sessions with the Honorable Walter Bishop, Regional Superintendent of Montgomery County, who

was recently elected President of the Illinois Rural Education Association.

Dr. Shuff and I hoped that a general background study in the area of rural education would lead to some specific conclusions and would afford me the opportunity to select a specific topic or course of action that would fit the requirements of an internship. This background study produced several conclusions:

1. Rural schools in downstate Illinois have specific strengths and specific weaknesses different from larger schools and larger districts. There is a "uniqueness" to Southern Illinois small, rural schools.
2. There was a noticeable lack of support and assistance offered to small schools by both universities and the State Office of Education in Illinois.
3. There was a definite lack of alternatives other than consolidation to improve small, rural schools and their educational programs.
4. There seemed to be at least a start toward shifting away from bigness, and some people were looking at small and rural schools as a new horizon in education and community living. Enrollment data also indicated that, with particular emphasis in downstate Illinois, many people were moving from the city back to the small, rural communities.
5. Patrons of small, rural schools, for the most part, wished to keep their small schools in operation.

Based upon these observations, specific objectives and activities of my internship were to:

1. Complete general background study in the area of rural education in Illinois.
2. Develop a rural education conference in Illinois with the specific goal of forming a consortium of rural educators to work toward improvement of rural education in Illinois.
3. Develop a rationale for establishing a department of rural education in the Illinois Office of Education. Hopefully, this department would establish liaison with at least some of the universities in downstate Illinois. This liaison would produce cooperative efforts between both state office personnel and university personnel to improve rural education.

An examination of the results of these objectives would be used in part to determine the success of the internship.

CHAPTER II

As mentioned in Chapter I, two principle activities were to be carried out during the internship. The first of these was to plan and coordinate a rural education conference somewhere in the state to call educators together for the purpose of establishing a consortium to foster rural education. At the same time, the second major activity was being developed which was to prepare a position paper outlining a rationale for establishing a rural education department and/or effort within the Illinois Office of Education.

Our rural education planning conferences were held in Carbondale on April 11, 18, and 25, 1975, for the purpose of establishing a rural education conference. From this group of rural school superintendents, state personnel, and university personnel, a committee was formed consisting of Dr. Grace Duff, Southern Illinois University; the Honorable Walter Bishop, Regional Superintendent of Montgomery County; and Mr. Richard Haney, Assistant Superintendent of the Southern Illinois Regional Office of Education. This committee's responsibility was to plan and complete arrangements for a conference to be held somewhere in Illinois for the purpose of establishing a consortium of educators to foster rural education.

In consultation with staff members of the Illinois Office of Education and university personnel, I prepared a position paper in the form of a proposal outlining a rationale for establishing a rural education department in the Illinois Office of Education to be housed in the Southern Illinois Regional Office. This formal proposal was submitted to Dr. Cronin, State Superintendent of Education, on January 31, 1975.

CHAPTER III

The enclosed activity log marks my discussions under the general topic of rural education. Included in this activity log are direct meetings working with planning and development of rural education in Illinois. I have underlined those days in red to illustrate the ongoing work of my internship.

The length of time of my internship was extended because of the administration change in the Illinois Office of Education. It was necessary to place our rural education activities in a holding pattern until Dr. Cronin and the State Board of Education had time to acquaint themselves with Illinois education.

I am pleased that a formal report of my rural education activities was placed on the State Board of Education's agenda on March 11, 1976, in Springfield. At that time, Dr. Grace Duff and I presented our formal proposals for the Board's consideration. Members present indicated verbal support. A formal resolution approving the concept of rural education will be presented to the Board by June, 1976.

The following activity reports outline and document my efforts in working during this internship.

As discussed in Chapter I and as a direct result of the activities described earlier in this chapter, I have completed a

written proposal for a Department of Rural Education in the Southern Illinois Regional Office. A copy of this proposal was submitted to Dr. Cronin on January 31, 1975, and is enclosed as evidence of the formal report.

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DATE	PLACE	PURPOSE OF VISIT
September 2, 1974	Holiday	
3	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
4	Ullin	<u>Vienna Bloc Meeting</u>
5	Springfield	Meeting with Dr. Bakalis
6	Mt. Vernon	Meeting with S.I.U. officials
9	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
10	a.m. Centralia p.m. Mt. Vernon	Spoke at Optimist Club Law Day
11	a.m. Mt. Vernon P.M. Mt. Vernon	<u>Attended SESR meeting at Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon</u> Open House at our Office in Mt. Vernon
12	Carbondale	S.I.U. Board Meeting
13	Springfield	Coordinate Office activities

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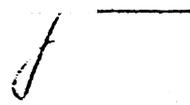
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September 16, 1974	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
17	Edwardsville	<u>Region V - SESR Meeting</u>
18	Benton	<u>Elvis Nolen - SESR</u>
19-22	Chicago	Special S.I.U. Board Meeting - Interviewed Candidates
23	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
24	Mt. Vernon	" "
25	Olney Springfield - p.m.	<u>Wabash Valley School Administrators meeting</u> Traveled to Springfield
26	Springfield	Coordinate Mt. Vernon Office activities
27	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
30	Carbondale	Coal Conference



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DATE	PLACE	PURPOSE OF VISIT
October 1, 1974	a.m. Marion p.m. Carbondale	<u>IASA Meeting</u> SIU - Coal 2 Conference
October 2, 1974	a.m. Cairo p.m. Mt. Vernon	<u>Vienna Bloc ESR Meeting</u> Office Duties
October 3, 1974	Springfield Office	<u>Springfield Office and IASA Meeting at Forum 30.</u>
October 4, 1974	Springfield Office	" " " " "
October 5, 1974	a.m. Springfield	<u>IASA Meeting at Forum 30</u>
October 7, 1974	a.m. Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn p.m. Mt. Vernon	<u>Region VI planning session</u> Office Duties
October 8, 1974	a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Rend Lake College Ina, Illinois	Office Duties <u>Jefferson County administrators meeting with Ogie Ellis, County Supt.</u>
October 9, 1974	Mt. Vernon Office late p.m. enroute to Edwardsville	Office Duties Executive Session of SIU Board of Trustees
October 10, 1974	Edwardsville	SIU Board of Trustees Meeting
October 11, 1974	Wolf Lake	Union County Teachers' Institute with Dr. Bakalis
October 14, 1974	Holiday	
October 15, 1974	a.m. Edwardsville p.m. Mt. Vernon	<u>Region V SESR Meeting</u> Office Duties

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October 16, 1974	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
October 17, 1974	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
October 18, 1974	Vacation Day	
October 21 - 23, 1974	Lake Geneva, Wisc.	Attended Illinois Optometric Association Convention on vision and reading-bicycle safety.
October 24 - 25, 1974	Chicago	Requested by Association to install officers. <u>Attended meeting of Illinois Council for Exceptional Children.</u>
October 28, 1974	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
October 29, 1974	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
October 30, 1974	a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Carbondale	Office Duties Attended reception and dinner for State Board of Education members prior to Regionalization Conference at Southern Illinois University.
October 31, 1974	Carbondale - SIU	<u>Attended conference on Regionalization.</u>

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November 1, 1974	Mt. Vernon	Office duties
2	"	" "
3	"	" "
4	"	" "
5	a.m. Marion p.m. Mt. Vernon	<u>IASA Meeting</u> Office duties
6	a.m. Harrisburg p.m. Mt. Vernon	<u>Vienna Bloc SESR Meeting</u> Office duties
7	Mt. Vernon	Office duties
8	Carbondale	<u>S.I.U. Innovation Conference</u>
11	Holiday	
12	Springfield	Coordinate Southern Illinois Office Activities
13	Carbondale	S.I.U. Board Meeting (Area driving from Carbondale to John A. Logan College for purpose of speaking to Southern Illinois Media Association)
14	Carbondale	S.I.U. Meeting
15	Mt. Vernon	Office duties

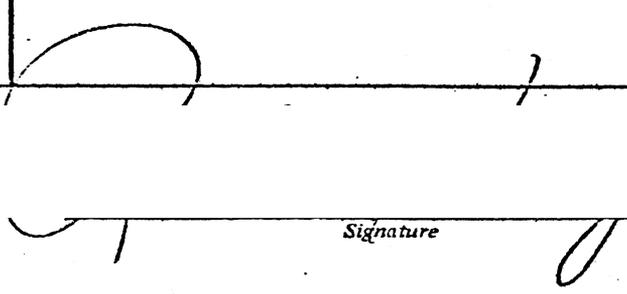
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November 18, 1974	Springfield	Coordinate Office Activities
19	"	" " "
20	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
21	Johnston City	<u>Johnston City faculty meeting - Teacher of the Year.</u>
22	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
23	Champaign	S.I.U. Board of Trustees business. University of Illinois Retirement Board
25	Springfield	Coordinate Office Activities
26	Carbondale	Met with Jim Brown - S.I.U.
27	Springfield	Coordinate Office Activities
28	Holiday	
29	Holiday	


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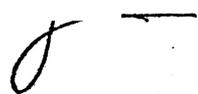
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September 2, 1974	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
3	Marion	<u>Southern Illinois Administrators Meeting</u>
4	a.m. Metropolis p.m. Enroute to Springfield	<u>Vienna Bloc SESR Meeting</u>
5	Springfield (Evening) Carbondale	<u>Coordinate Office Activities Educational Council 100 Meeting</u>
6	p.m. Marion Mt. Vernon	Williamson County Institute Office Duties
9	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
10	p.m. Marion Cairo	<u>Franklin County Audiovisual Evaluation Cairo Teachers Institute</u>
11	p.m. Marion Mt. Vernon p.m. Edwardsville (Enroute)	<u>SESR Task Force Meeting</u> Office Duties
12	Edwardsville	S.I.U. Board Meeting
13	p.m. Springfield Granite City	Met with Dr. Cronin <u>Madison County School Administrators Meeting</u>

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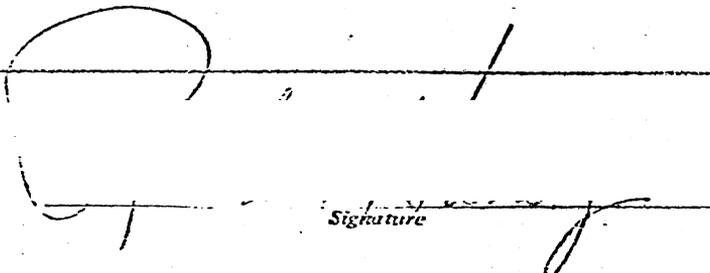
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September 16, 1974	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
17	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
18	Springfield	Coordinate Southern Illinois Regional Office Activities
19	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
20	Springfield	Coordinate Office Activities
23	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
24-25	Holidays	
26	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
27	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
30	Springfield	Coordinate Office Activities - Coordinate tour for Dr. Cronin
31	Holiday	


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January 1, 1975	Holiday	
January 2, 1975	Anna a.m., Mt. Vernon p.m.	<u>Vienna Bloc Meeting</u> - Office Duties
January 3, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 6, 1975	Edwardsville, East St. Louis, Hecker	<u>Accompanied Dr. Cronin on southern Illinois tour.</u>
January 7, 1975	Mt. Vernon, Johnston City, Carbondale	<u>Accompanied Dr. Cronin on southern Illinois tour.</u>
January 8, 1975	Springfield Office	Staff meeting with transition team.
January 9, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 10, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 13, 1975	Springfield Office	Board meeting
January 14, 1975	Springfield Office	Staff meeting with transition team.
January 15, 1975	Holiday Springfield Office	Staff meeting with transition team.

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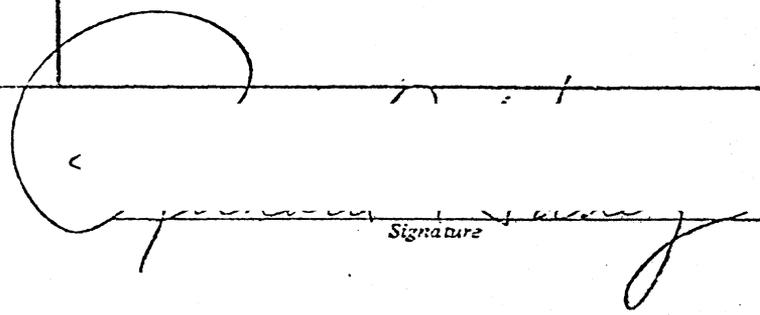
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January 16, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 17, 1975	Springfield Office	Transition team meeting
January 20, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 21, 1975	Springfield Office	Staff Meeting
January 22, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office Olney	Office Duties <u>Wabash Valley School Administrators Meeting</u>
January 23, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 24, 1975	a.m.-Carbondale p.m.-Mt. Vernon Office	<u>Rural education conference planning meeting</u> <u>Office Duties</u>
January 27, 1975	Springfield Office	Staff Meeting
January 28, 1975	Springfield Office	Staff Meeting
January 29, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
January 30, 1975	a.m.-Mt. Vernon Office p.m.-Giant City	Office Duties Attended Gifted Workshop
January 31, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties


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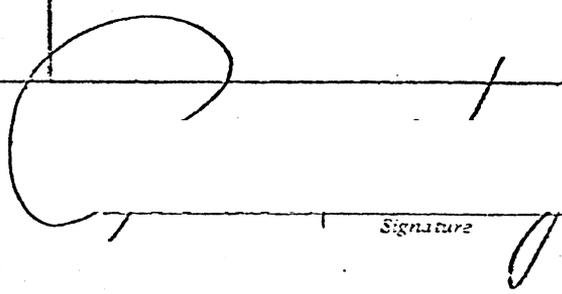
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February 3, 1975	Springfield Office	Attended staff meeting
February 4, 1975	" "	" " "
February 5, 1975	a.m. Vienna p.m. Mt. Vernon Office	<u>Attended Vienna Bloc SESR meeting</u> Office Duties
February 6, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
February 7, 1975	a.m. Mt. Vernon High School p.m. Mt. Vernon Office	<u>Attended School Problems Commission hearings</u> Office Duties
February 10, 1975	Belleville	Met with Belleville Dist. #118 and Senior Citizen Club representatives at request of Dr. Cronin.
February 11, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office late p.m. Carbondale	Office Duties Attended PTA sponsored lecture - Dr. Bakal
February 12, 1975	Holiday late afternoon - enroute to Carbondale	To attend SIU Board of Trustees Meeting
February 13, 1975	Carbondale late afternoon - enroute to Springfield	Attended SIU Board of Trustees Meeting To attend staff meeting
February 14, 1975	Springfield Office	Attended staff meeting



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February 17, 1975	Holiday	
February 18, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
February 19, 1975	a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Johnston City Carbondale	<u>Office Duties and Region VI SESR meeting</u> <u>Capital Development work with district</u> <u>Superintendent Remo Castrale</u> College of Education
February 20, 1975	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties - <u>met with Jefferson Co.</u> <u>School Administrators at Mt. Vernon</u> <u>Holiday Inn at 12 noon.</u>
February 21, 1975	Robinson	Spoke at Crawford County Teachers Institute
February 24, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
February 25, 1975	Mt. Vernon Office	Office Duties
February 26, 1975	a.m. Mt. Vernon Office p.m. Metropolis Carbondale	Office Duties <u>Met SESR Howard Trampe - Massac County</u> Stayed overnight
February 27, 1975	Carbondale Mt. Vernon Office Enroute to Springfield	<u>Attended meeting to plan Rural Education</u> <u>Conference</u> Office Duties To attend Friday morning meeting
February 28, 1975	Springfield	Attended staff meeting - <u>attended meeting</u> <u>regarding Mills Prairie</u>

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March 2, 1975	Late p.m. enroute to Springfield	
March 3, 1975	Springfield	Coordinators meeting - Program activities in the Springfield Office.
March 5, 1975	Carbondale Sub Office	Coordinate office activities - Plan GTP conference meeting.
March 6, 1975	Late p.m. - Carbondale	<u>Good Teaching Practice Conference</u>
March 7, 1975	Carbondale Late p.m. - Enroute to Springfield	<u>Good Teaching Practice Conference</u>
March 8, 1975	Springfield p.m. - Centralia	<u>DUE Meeting -</u> Centralia City Schools Banquet
March 11, 1975	Johnston City	<u>Rural Education Conference Discussion meeting.</u>
March 12, 1975	Springfield Belleville	Coordinators Meeting Belleville - <u>Southwestern Division School Board Association speech (Program remarks)</u>
March 13, 1975	Edwardsville S.I.U. Late p.m. - enroute to Mounds	Board of Trustees Meeting. Alexander and Pulaski County Teachers Institute (Institute cancelled due to weather - snow and ice storm.
March 14, 1975	a.m. - Enroute to Mt. Vernon Office	

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March 16, 1975	Enroute to Cairo	<u>Met with SESR Jerry Johnson</u>
March 17, 1975	a.m. - Cairo p.m. - Shawnee College 6:30 p.m. - Marion late p.m. - Enroute to Olney	<u>Visited with Bill Hill, Cairo Dist. Supt.</u> <u>Attended Vienna Bloc luncheon</u> <u>Dinner meeting with Southern Illinois Schoolmaster's Club</u> Overnight stay at Holiday Inn in Olney
March 18, 1975	a.m. - Olney 12 noon - Olney 2:30 p.m. Marion	Accompanied Dr. Cronin on tour of Olney Schools <u>Luncheon meeting with Wabash Valley School Administrators Association</u> Accompanied Dr. Cronin to Olney airport for flight back to Springfield Met with SESR, Leslie Stilley
March 19, 1975	a.m. - Marion a.m. - p.m. -Mt.Vernon	<u>Met with SESR, Leslie Stilley</u> Office duties
March 20, 1975	Mt. Vernon	Office duties
March 21, 1975	Mt.Vernon	Office duties
March 24, 1975	a.m. - Mt.Vernon p.m. - Belleville Late p.m. -Edwardsville	Office duties <u>Visited St.Clair County SESR, Les Ruester</u> <u>Enroute to Springfield</u>
March 25, 1975	Springfield	Attended Coordinators' meeting
March 26, 1975	a.m. - Mt.Vernon Late p.m.-Enroute to Edwards-ville	Office duties <u>Met with Madison County SESR, Harold Brigg</u>
March 28, 1975	Holiday	Good Friday
March 31, 1975	Mt.Vernon	Office duties

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April 1, 1975	Springfield	Dr. Cronin's Staff meeting and coordinate office activities
April 2, 1975	Carbondale	<u>Title I conference</u>
April 3, 1975	Collinsville Mt. Vernon Vienna Late p.m.-Enroute to Belleville	<u>Title I conference</u> Office duties <u>Met with SESR Glen Jones</u>
April 4, 1975	Belleville Mt. Vernon	<u>Title I workshop</u> Office duties
April 7, 1975	Mt. Vernon Late p.m.-Enroute to Cairo	Office duties
April 8, 1975	Cairo Joppa Brookport Vienna Marion	<u>Accompanied Dr. Cronin on Southern Illinois tour</u>
April 9, 1975	Mt. Vernon p.m. S.I.U.-Carbondale	Office duties Board of Trustees meeting
April 10, 1975	S.I.U.-Carbondale	Board of Trustees meeting
April 11, 1975	Carbondale Mt. Vernon Edwardsville	<u>Met with Dr. Grace Duff on Federal Project</u> Office duties Met with President Rendleman - Legislative meeting
April 14, 1975	Springfield	Staff meeting - Coordinators meeting - Coordinate office activities
April 15, 1975	Chicago	<u>Illinois State University Retirement System Board of Trustee meeting.</u>

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April 16, 1975 a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Carbondale		Office duties Special Education Department College of Education
April 17, 1975	Muddy Marion Carbondale	<u>Curriculum Leadership Conference</u> <u>Dr. Eileen Parker - Hearing impaired</u> <u>Regional program.</u> Carbondale Office of Education
April 18, 1975 a.m. Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon		<u>College of Education - Dr. Grace Duff -</u> <u>Federal Project.</u> Office duties
April 19, 1975	(Saturday) St. Louis	Enroute to Washington, D.C.
April 20, 21, 22, 1975	Washington D.C.	American Association of Governing Boards meeting - S.I.U. Business
April 23, 1975 a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Carbondale		Office duties <u>Rural Education Conference</u>
April 24, 1975	Carbondale	" " " RURAL Ed
April 25, 1975 a.m. Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon		" " " CONFERENCE Office duties
April 28, 1975	Springfield	Coordinate Office activities
April 30, 1975 a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Cape Girardeau		Office duties Stayed overnight for early morning meeting with SESR, Jerry Johnson.

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May 1, 1975	a.m. - Cairo p.m. - 1/2 vacation day	<u>Met with Alexander County SESR Jerry Johns</u> 1/2 day vacation
May 2, 1975	Vacation Day	
May 5, 1975	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon Office Duties
May 6, 1975	a.m. - Mt. Vernon p.m. - Harrisburg	Mt. Vernon Office Duties <u>Met with Saline County SESR Peter Gardner</u>
May 7, 1975	a.m. - Marion p.m. - Mt. Vernon	<u>Attended Vienna Bloc SESR meeting</u> Mt. Vernon Office Duties
May 8, 1975	Edwardsville	Attended SIU Board of Trustees' meeting
May 9, 1975	Springfield	Attended Staff Meeting
May 12, 1975	a.m. - Mt. Vernon p.m. - Johnston City	Mt. Vernon Office Duties <u>Met with District Superintendent Remo</u> <u>Castrale</u>
late	p.m. - Carbondale	Stayed over night
May 13, 1975	a.m. - Sparta p.m. - Mt. Vernon	Met with District Superintendent, <u>Loren</u> <u>Eddleman</u> Mt. Vernon Office Duties
May 14, 1975	a.m. - Rend Lake College p.m. - Carbondale	<u>Region VI SESR meeting</u> Carbondale Sub-Office Duties
May 15, 1975	a.m. - Carbondale p.m. - East St. Louis	Carbondale Sub-Office duties Met with school district officials

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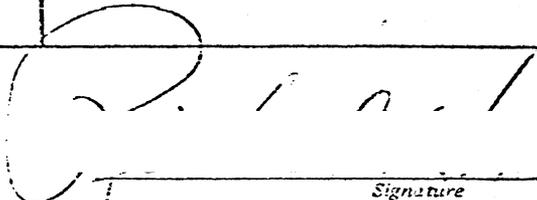
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Richard A. Haney

DATE	PLACE	PURPOSE OF VISIT
May 16, 1975	a.m. Anna p.m. Mt. Vernon	Met with Union County SESR George Otrich. Office Duties
May 18, 1975	Centralia	Represented Illinois Office of Education at retirement reception for Bill Walker.
May 19, 1975	Mt. Vernon late p.m.	Office Duties Enroute to Carbondale
May 20, 1975	a.m. Carbondale p.m. Edwardsville	Met with officials of College of Education at Southern Illinois University. <u>Attended Region V SESR meeting.</u>
May 21, 1975	a.m. Belleville p.m. Mt. Vernon evening Edwardsville	Met with St. Clair County SESR Les Ruester Office Duties Dr. Deane Wiley - State Board reception.
May 22, 1975	East St. Louis	Advisory Council meeting
May 23, 1975	Belleville - Augustines	" " "
May 25, 1975	evening Carbondale	Stayed overnight to meet Dr. Cronin.
May 26, 1975	a.m. Anna p.m. Mt. Vernon	Toured Anna schools with Dr. Cronin. Staff meeting with Dr. Cronin, advisory council meeting, office duties.
May 27, 1975	a.m. Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon	Worked in Sub-office. Office Duties
May 28, 1975	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties
May 29, 1975	Mt. Vernon late evening Goreville	Office Duties Goreville High School - delivered gradua- tion address.
May 30, 1975	Holiday	



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June, 1975		
2	a.m.-Mt. Vernon p.m.-Johnston City Evening-Carbondale	Office duties. Met with District Superintendent Dr. Remo Castrale. Overnight stay to work next morning in Carbondale Sub-Office.
3	a.m.-Carbondale p.m.-Mt. Vernon	Worked in Illinois Office of Education Sub-Office. Office duties.
4	Murphysboro Late p.m.-Carbondale	Attended Vienna Bloc regional superin- tendent's meeting. Overnight stay to work next morning in Carbondale Sub-Office.
5	a.m.-Carbondale p.m.-Mt. Vernon	Worked in Illinois Office of Education Sub-Office. Office duties.
6	Sick Day	
9	a.m.-Mt. Vernon p.m.-Johnston City Late p.m.-Mt. Vernon	Office duties. Met with District Superintendent Dr. Remo Castrale. Office duties.
10	a.m.-Mt. Vernon p.m.-Carbondale	Office duties. College of Education meeting.
11	a.m.-Benton p.m.-Carbondale	Met with Franklin County SESR Elvis Nole To attend SIU Board of Trustees meeting.
12	Carbondale	Attended SIU Board of Trustees meeting.
13	Springfield	Attended coordinators' and staff meeting

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June 16, 1975	Mt. Vernon late pm Marion	Office Duties enroute to Mounds
June 17, 1975	a.m. Mounds p.m. Cairo Carbondale	<u>Met with Pulaski County SESR Darrell Ferguson and Project Media Director Shirley Menendez</u> <u>Met with Alexander County SESR Jerry Johnson</u> Worked in sub-office
June 18, 1975	a.m. Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon late pm enroute to Springfield	Met with officials of Southern Illinois University College of Education Office Duties
June 19, 1975	Springfield	Attended staff meeting with Dr. Cronin
June 20, 1975	a.m. Springfield p.m. Litchfield	Coordinate Mt. Vernon Regional Office activities <u>Spoke at Rural Education meeting host by Montgomery County SESR Walter Bishop</u>
June 23, 1975	Springfield late pm Marion	Attended Assistant Superintendents' meeting with Dr. Cronin enroute to Carbondale
June 24, 1975	a.m. Marion Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon	Met with Williamson County SESR Les Stilley Attended meeting at Southern Illinois University College of Education Met with Bob Lyons in Carbondale Office Duties
June 25, 1975	a.m. Mt. Vernon p.m. Carbondale	Office Duties Worked in sub-office, interviewed Title III. ESEA candidate

June 30, 1975

Date

Signature of Traveler

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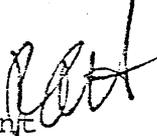
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June 26, 1975	a.m. Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon late pm enroute to Carbon- dale	Worked in sub-office Office Duties Southern Illinois University buffalo tro
June 27, 1975	a.m. Carbondale p.m. Mt. Vernon	Worked in sub-office Office Duties
June 30, 1975	Mt. Vernon	Office Duties

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Date: January 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Joseph M. Cronin
State Superintendent of Education

FROM: Mr. Richard Haney 
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Department of Rural Education
in the Southern Illinois Regional Office

Please find enclosed a proposal which outlines a rationale for developing a Department of Rural Education to be located in the Southern Illinois Regional Office. This proposal was developed with assistance of key members of the Southern Illinois Regional Office staff.

I feel the proposal has merit and offers several advantageous points. Noteworthy among these is that it requires no additional budget or personnel increases.

I would be personally delighted to discuss this matter further with you at your convenience if you feel it has merit.

Thank you.

RH:rg

Enclosure

Selected Recommendations
for a
RURAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM

in the

Southern Illinois Regional
Office of Education

submitted by

Mr. Richard Haney
Assistant Superintendent
Southern Illinois Regional Office of Education
Mt. Vernon

January 31, 1975

RATIONALE FOR A RURAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Approximately eighty percent of the population of the State of Illinois live in seventeen counties. In a state which has 102 counties, this simply means that the remaining 85 counties account for only one-fifth of the total population. Surprisingly, however, when one speaks in educational terms, it becomes apparent that rural Illinois, "the other fifth," may be one of the most seriously deprived or handicapped groups in our state's population. According to the United States Bureau of the Census, Illinois had 1,884,115 people in 1970 who were classified as rural; that is, they lived outside incorporated communities with at least 2,500 inhabitants.

While some rural areas of Illinois are relatively wealthy, especially in agriculturally high yield areas in parts of central and northern Illinois, the picture in southern Illinois is far different. In thirty-two counties served by the Southern Illinois Regional Office at Mt. Vernon, the majority are not only "rural," but beset by declining resources as well. The Department of Research and Statistics in the Illinois Office of Education has documentation which adequately corroborates the twin characteristics of ruralness and financial resources.

Where financial resource itself is not a major problem in some rural districts, their problems are nonetheless compounded

and aggravated by their very smallness and the effect that low enrollments play upon governance, administrative practices, participation in state and federal programs, the ability to attract and keep excellent teacher personnel, and, most importantly, the quality and variety of the curriculum itself.

Schools in Illinois have received a strong mandate from the Illinois Office of Education to improve the quality of their educational programs through long-range planning that will facilitate a better climate of learning for all students. This goal is elusive for many rural districts in southern Illinois because of a wide range of problems that are seemingly endemic to many parts of the lower one-third of Illinois.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF A RURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

In recent years the Illinois Office of Education has assumed that many of the problems of small, rural districts would automatically be corrected through school district reorganization into larger units. While activists and defenders of larger district formation have graphically documented the weaknesses which are implicit in many small school programs, they have failed to recognize the positive qualities of these districts. Some of these positive qualities are:

1. Informal staff and learner relationships because of small enrollments.
2. Opportunities for the individualization of instruction because of small teacher-pupil ratio.
3. Strong sense of identity on the part of citizens with their schools.
4. Recognition on the part of all individuals that the school is the focal point of the community.
5. Noticeable lack of disciplinary problems usually associated with larger schools.
6. Easy accessibility of the school publics to the board of education, administration, and staff.
7. Greater interaction and participation among students in a wide range of activities that help them relate to the total school program.
8. The determination of many excellent local administrators and teachers to stay in rural southern Illinois and develop sound educational programs.

9. Student performance levels that often compare favorably with those of students from larger schools.

In summary, I believe and feel available data will corroborate the fact that many small schools are good schools. The purpose of a rural education program is to utilize and illuminate our positive strengths and work collectively to minimize our liabilities.

VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF RURAL DISTRICTS IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

1. Inadequate financial base and low per-capita expenditures.
2. Small enrollments.
3. Limitations of administrative staffs.
 - a. Often deficient in vital areas of administrative expertise.
 - b. Inadequate in number to conduct a wide range of activities pertinent to goal setting, needs assessment, staff development, and the establishment of innovative practices.
 - c. Restricted by time because of a wide range of duties that are often non-administrative in nature.
4. Limitation of teaching personnel.
 - a. Often hesitant and fearful to implement innovative classroom practices.
 - b. Basically traditional in teaching methodologies.
 - c. Performance often limited by inadequate materials for classroom use.
 - d. Reluctant to capitalize on the very smallness of enrollment to individualize learning.
 - e. Often indifferent to the vertical and horizontal articulation of programs which smallness might otherwise facilitate.
5. Lack of library-media services programs.
6. Limited programs in special education.
7. Restricted programs in the guidance and counseling of students.
8. Wide range of deficiencies in meeting curriculum requirements of the Illinois Office of Education.

9. Outmoded and inadequate methods of evaluation of individual student performance.
10. Absence of programs of inter-district cooperation and lack of communication among districts on matters relating to common problems.
11. Presence of community elements which view the school in a traditional framework.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL OFFICE

The Southern Illinois Regional Office at Mt. Vernon, recognizing both the strengths and weaknesses of small rural districts, should develop programs to serve these districts in the following areas:

1. Budget procedures and accounting practices to streamline fiscal management.
2. Legal services related to school problems.
3. Assistance in the development of individualized programs.
4. Assistance in the implementation of mandated curricular programs.
5. Technical assistance in the preparation of forms and reports required by the Illinois Office of Education.
6. Assistance in the preparation of applications for state and federal categorical programs which pertain to special education and programs for the gifted.
7. Suggestions for developing professional competencies and job descriptions.
8. In-service programs in such areas as the writing of learner objectives, implementation of the Program Plan, and evaluation programs.
9. Recommendations and assistance on matters pertaining to Pupil Personnel Services.
10. Establishment of cooperative programs among rural districts.
- *11. Assistance in the improvement of rural school district support services, transportation, food services, and facilities maintenance.
12. Development of strong programs in library-media.

POSSIBLE STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
A RURAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM
IN THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL OFFICE

At the present time specialists in five program areas are assigned to the Southern Illinois Regional Office in Mt. Vernon: Curriculum Development, Exceptional Children, Safety Education, Adult and Continuing Education, and School Approval. In addition, a legal services representative is also assigned to this office.

While all staff members have served the needs of small districts in the course of their regular duties, there has been only minimal coordination and cooperation in the services provided by the various program areas in the Illinois Office of Education. Any attempt to implement a rural educational services program in this office must define, organize, coordinate and publicize the goals and aspirations of this activity.

In short, personnel for such a program are already available in the Mt. Vernon Office or, by request, from the Springfield Office. I direct this effort presently, although only informally, to serve the need. No additional personnel or increase in budget is needed. To serve rural districts, therefore, the following elements could be included to facilitate a qualitative program:

1. Establishment of a Rural Educational Services Advisory Committee, consisting of Educational Service Region Superintendents, administrators,

teachers, and citizens to meet with members of the staff on a periodic basis to offer proposals for the improvement of service functions by this office.

2. Periodic meetings of the staff assigned to the Southern Illinois Regional Office for the sole purpose of discussing the problems of rural districts and suggesting ways in which all activities of the office might be better coordinated to serve the needs of these districts.
3. Closer liaison between members of this office and Educational Service Region Superintendents (periodic meetings, etc., to discuss rural programs in their counties).
4. An annual conference devoted to Rural Educational Services with a program strongly relating to the issues of small districts. Participants might be Illinois Office of Education personnel, Educational Service Region Superintendents, school administrators, teachers, political representatives, and spokesmen for rural service institutions.
5. Close cooperation with individuals in colleges and universities sensitive to the needs of rural districts. Example: Dr. Kevin Swick, Department of Elementary Education at Southern Illinois University who is vitally interested in rural programs.
6. Establishment of in-service programs for school district staffs with the following objectives:
 - a. To familiarize workshop participants with current research and writings related to teaching in rural school settings.
 - b. To involve workshop participants in developing a conceptual and applicable strategy for improving the instructional climate of their rural settings.

- c. To assist participants in the writing of a strategy document for use in designing a model rural learning climate for their schools.
- 7. Establishment of in-service programs for Illinois Office of Education personnel in order to accomplish the objectives in number six above.
- 8. Promotion of membership and participation by rural school districts in the Rural Education Association.
- 9. Preparation of a list of ERIC publications and other bibliographical information that pertain to rural education.

CHAPTER IV

In support of my efforts while working on this internship, I submit the following information:

1. A rural education conference was held on June 20, 1975, in Litchfield, Illinois. In my opinion, initial efforts to form a consortium of rural educators to improve the quality of rural education was definitely established. Approximately 200 educators were in attendance representing a large part of the rural education community. Dr. Robert Shuff, Chairman, Department of Education Administration, Eastern Illinois University, was in attendance and, I believe, would agree with this opinion. In addition to Dr. Shuff's attendance, Dr. Cronin and three members of the State Board of Education also attended and gave their verbal support of the rural education concept.
2. On June 19, 1975, in Peoria, Illinois, Dr. Cronin announced that our office would establish the concept of rural education and work cooperatively with one or more universities. I have attached a copy of his remarks as supportive evidence in the appendix of this paper.
3. It is my hope that my formal proposal submitted to Dr. Cronin did have at least a small part in influencing him to move positively toward accepting the concept of rural education. I have enclosed a copy of that proposal.

In summary, it is my opinion that my internship has allowed me the privilege to work with other educators toward establishing some effort and improvement in rural education. I firmly believe

the consortium has been established and that the Illinois Office of Education, as well as the universities, will work collectively toward improving rural education.

APPENDIX

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS

The one greatest impression on me as I complete six months on the job is the fantastic productivity of Illinois agriculture. Visits to forty counties have given me the impression of a strong economy and scientific management of the highest magnitude.

Someone taught those farmers to farm. Someone taught tractor repair, business methods, and how to decipher the market. The Vocational Agriculture Teachers of Illinois deserve the praise of all education and of the State Board of Education.

I also commend you on the quality of the youth organization, Future Farmers of America. This activity helps to build character and commitment, citizenship and cooperation in a way which will help the nation, the state and the economy.

During the months ahead the State Board will consider several important measures which I want to discuss with you.

1. The continuation of vocational education as a top priority of the State Board. Among educational specialities, vocational education ranks very high with me and with the Board. The next version of the organizational chart will reflect that high priority among programs and services. We may add adult education programs as a concern almost as important as high school programs. We'll continue the current services and sponsorships because they are working so well. We hope to add four million dollars to the state share and will fight for the A.V.A. bill in Congress which is so much more progressive than the

H.E.W. version which actually cuts back on the federal share.

2. The state may move more of the staff into the field where we can help rural districts, as we do out of the Mt. Vernon office. Many of our curriculum specialists and our title program people along with D.V.T.E. regional staff should work together and with the local schools and vocational centers. The State Board very soon will hear details on two additional field offices, perhaps one in Urbana and one in DeKalb. Our major concern is improved services to local teachers and to regional superintendents and centers -- how to help local people help themselves.
3. A third concern is rural education, help to sparsely settled communities and rural schools. Most of our school districts are small, many are rural, and quite a few are isolated from large or medium-sized cities. They need help in the form of advice, research, information and solidarity.

I've asked Richard Haney of our Mt. Vernon office to develop the concept of a rural education center with one or more universities. Our office and higher education specialists could work on a range of issues including agricultural education, joint agreements, exchange of teachers and students, information seminars, special publications on rural education and related activities.

Meanwhile, Walter Bishop of Montgomery County tells me of the Rural School Association emerging as an instrument for communication and solidarity. This group will work with counterparts in other states and the nation in building links between rural educators.

All of this means a renewed concern with vocational education, agricultural education, field services and rural school cooperation. One of the more visible groups in any success strategy will be the Vocational Agriculture teachers. We hope your leaders will be visible and active in support of necessary changes and improvements in Illinois education.

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