

WESLEYAN ACCEPTS FARM PRODUCE FOR TUITION !!!

“Copy” Concerning An- nouncement Printed by Metropolitan Papers

Much excitement has been created by the recent announcement that Wesleyan is accepting farm goods for tuition. On August 28 the Chicago Tribune printed a story concerning Wesleyan's desire to help the youth of the Corn Belt continue their higher education and the following day newspapers from coast to coast reprinted the story.

In the Los Angeles Times the copy was as follows:

“Expressing the desire to assist the farmers of the Central States in sending their youth to college during this period of depression, Dr. H. W. McPherson, president, and Nate Crabtree, business manager, of Illinois Wesleyan University, announced today the university will accept ‘farm produce to the full amount of the tuition per year and pay a premium above the market price’.”

This innovation, reminiscent of the earliest day of America, when Harvard University, one of the first colleges to be founded on the soil of the Western Hemisphere, permitted exchange of farm produce for tuition, is expected to establish a precedent in the central west.

“Illinois Wesleyan will accept farm produce to the full amount of tuition rates, paying a price above the market value, from the sons and daughters of bona-fide farmers in the United States, and, under special arrangements through the offices of the university, also permit any matriculating freshman girl whose parents are farmers the right to full board in the room in the college dormitories in exchange for farm commodities to the amount of said board and room,” President McPherson said.

After the New York Times had printed the above story, “Business and Commerce” asked and was granted permission from the university to publish an article regarding this novel plan for tuition fees in the forthcoming issue.

During the broadcast hour over WGN, the Tribune station, Mr. Ryan read the article appearing in the Chicago Tribune, thereby reaching a number of people.