

Smith Lever Act

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled That in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same, there may be inaugurated in connection with the college or colleges in each State now receiving, or which may hereafter receive, the benefits of the act of Congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two ... agricultural extension work which shall be carried on in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture:

"Sec. 2. That cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics to persons not attending or resident in said colleges in the several communities, and imparting to such persons information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications, and otherwise; and this work shall be carried on in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture and the State agricultural college or colleges receiving the benefits of this act.

"Sec. 3. That for the purpose of paying

Woodrow Wilson

May 8, 1914

President of the United States

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after a quarter century of extension*