

Grant awarded rural experience project

John L. Marsh and Karl Nordberg, both on the faculty of Edinboro State College, are the co-recipients of a grant from The Public Committee for the Humanities in Pennsylvania. Their project, "The Rural Experience in northwestern Pennsylvania; yesterday, today, and tomorrow," involves the detailed study of the Todd Goodell farm, Route 6N, the only farm in Washington Township owned and operated by the same family for over a hundred years. Once completed, their findings will be presented at a public workshop to be held at Edinboro State College this coming July.

Featured on the program with this example of a late Victorian farm will be George Fellows, Jim Skelton and Vere Woods—owners and operators of representative area farms today. Those

present will have an opportunity to hear the farmer speak directly to his own way of life and to inspect one of the farms in question. A final segment of the program will take a look at what the farms of tomorrow may well look like.

Professors Marsh and Nordberg, the creators of a pictorial history of the community—Edinboro, a dirt street town—are in the process of reprinting a nostalgic series of pictures of farm life taken by Lawrence V. Kupper (1864-1957), long-time local photographer.

These photographs visualize life as area farmers knew it at the turn of the century, and they will be featured at "The Rural Experience" as evidence of the way things were. Co-sponsors of the program are Edinboro State College, the Borough of Edinboro and the Edinboro Historical Society.

