



A history of outreach and extension

The 1910 Gas Engine Institute occurred at Kansas State Agricultural College in late December of that year. The event was part of a weeklong state institute for farmers and was organized by what is now known as K-State Research and Extension. E. B. McCormick, dean of mechanic arts, organized the engine institute to provide training on the fabrication, operation and care of oil and gasoline engines. Several manufacturers provided lectures and demonstrations, such as the Rumely tractor demonstration in this photo. In the 1920s, the institutes for farmers were replaced by K-State Research and Extension county agents and county fair organizations. See page 36 to learn how Kansas State University continues to provide valuable training and knowledge for farmers across the state through research of new crops such as industrial hemp.

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Partnering for innovation

True innovation during a global pandemic takes teamwork. Kansas State University has a long history of diverse collaborations — from fighting infectious diseases to forming the newly merged K-State Innovation Partners. This tradition extends to interdisciplinary work such as designing sustainable homes and studying new crops that support Kansas farmers.

The K-State land-grant mission will continue in the decades to come as a student-centered, public research university that tackles the challenges our world faces.

Tomorrow's solutions come from today's collaborations. Read this issue of Seek to learn more.

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