

Begins Inquiry Into Farmingdale

E. G. Zimmer Loses No Time in Looking Into Official Records

Deputy State Controller's Arrival Here Stirs Officers of the Farm School

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Edward G. Zimmer, Deputy State Controller, reached New York to-day to begin his investigation into conditions at the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture at Farmingdale, L. I. Mr. Zimmer was appointed by Gov. Nathan L. Miller as investigator under the Moreland act upon the request of Col. C. R. Forbes, Director of the Veterans' Bureau, to whose attention had come the articles printed in the *Evening Post* charging mismanagement and misuse of funds.

Mr. Zimmer went at once to the branch office of the Controller in the Woolworth Building and lost no time in beginning his investigation. Papers bearing on the situation had been placed in his hands in Albany and he had gone over these and looked into official records before coming here.

"The investigation is going to be a thorough one," Mr. Zimmer said upon his arrival. "I have been going over the law and such facts as are already in my possession and plan some conferences to-day. To-morrow I am going to Farmingdale and I will know then when the hearings will begin. I hope to hold the first on Wednesday."

Mr. Zimmer will have his offices in the Woolworth building and hopes to hold most of the hearings there. Any persons who have information that they feel will assist the investigation will be shown every courtesy by the Governor's investigator.

At Farmingdale ever since the appointment of Mr. Zimmer there has been activity to meet the inquiry. The books of the institution, which are in arrears, are being brought up to date and copies of certain papers are being made. The Federal board dormitory, where the disabled soldiers are housed and which the *Evening Post* has called a fire hazard, is being painted outside to make it look presentable. Tuition fees are also being collected. Within the past week more fees have been collected than in the past six years. The institution was so hard put to it on this score that in one case it collected as little as \$1.64.

The collection of fees is one of the first benefits to come from the *Evening Post's* disclosures. The old custom of charging no tuition fees, except to the disabled soldiers, is past now. That is just the beginning of the good that is going to come out of a thorough airing of the management of Farmingdale.