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ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF DR. CALVIN K. JAYNE of Madison, a sum of money to be known as "Cora I. Jayne Agricultural Student Fund" is to become available as a loan fund for students from Wisconsin in the College of Agriculture upon the final settlement of the estate, amounting to approximately \$70,000. If the income from this money, after certain payments are made to certain heirs, is not required for a loan fund, it can be made available for scholarships at the discretion of the Board of Regents.

ROBERT B. OGILVIE OF CHICAGO has been instrumental in developing the idea of a portrait gallery of the early workers in the Wisconsin College of Agriculture. In addition to the portrait of former Dean Henry presented to the institution by him, Mr. Ogilvie has this past year presented portraits of Col. Wm. F. Vilas, who was one of the originators of the Short Course in Agriculture, also that of Wm. H. Morrison, our first superintendent of Farmers' Institutes. A duplicate of the portrait of Dean Russell recently presented by his friends to the Saddle and Sirloin Club in Chicago has just been hung in this new Agricultural collection. These portraits are from the brush of the Swedish painter, Orvid Nyholm, whose work in the Chicago gallery has commanded much attention.

With these beginnings it is hoped that substantial progress can soon be made in securing portraits of other early members of the Agricultural staff.

MAKING THE WEATHER TO ORDER for experimental purposes is possible with the equipment that has been recently installed in connection with the bank of Agricultural greenhouses. Four rooms representing in general the various climatic conditions which obtain in Wisconsin during the growing season both as to temperature of soil and air and humidity were installed last season. These have now been in operation long enough to indicate whether the temperature and moisture variations can be sufficiently controlled to serve the purpose. Detailed studies in the relation of environment to plant diseases and plant growth can now be carried out without waiting for the occurrence of the seasons in nature. Many observations which would ordinarily require years of time and much travel and expense can be now made in the greenhouse in a few months and under much more carefully controlled conditions than would be possible in nature.

Work by the departments of Agronomy, Agricultural Chemistry, Horticulture, Applied Botany, and Plant Pathology, as well as cooperative work with several divisions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is already under way with this new equipment. At present the studies are mostly on seedling blight of wheat and corn, cold resistant corn, onion smut, clover mildew, mosaic diseases, and tobacco problems.

OVER A MILLION POUNDS OF PICRIC ACID and about a million blasting caps are already going into Wisconsin for land clearing purposes. Of this amount about 200,000 pounds goes into the older southern counties of the state, where there is greater interest in this material this year than ever before. The distribution of this material in spite of the long freight haul from the magazine in New Mexico will result in a net saving of over \$100,000 to farmers of the state.

It is noteworthy in passing that, of the 2,300,000 pounds of this material distributed last season, Wisconsin used more than all the remaining states of the Union.

AGRICULTURAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS for the next college year, according to the recommendation of the Agricultural Faculty are to be awarded to eleven of the fifty-one applicants as follows:

<u>Fellows</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Where Degree was obtained</u>	<u>Graduate work</u>
Link, Karl P.	Agr. Chem.	Wisconsin, '22	Wisconsin
Owen, Forrest V.	Genetics	Utah, 1921	Oregon Agr. Col.
Conant, G. H.	Plant Path.	Ripon, '20	Wisconsin
Johnson, Geo. F.	Agr. Econ.	Ohio, 1919	Wisconsin
		Wisconsin M.S. '22	
Cape, Jane	Home Econ.	Wisconsin, '14	

Scholars

Fulton, Helen B.	Agr. Bact.	U. of Wash. '22	Washington) Oregon )
Gardner, F. E.	Hort.	Pennsylvania	
Ammon, Ralph E.	Agr. Jour.	Illinois, '23	Wisconsin
Thomas, Byron H.	Animal Husb.	California, '22	
Brooks, A. N.	Plant Path.	U. of Cincinnati, '21	Cincinnati
Elmslie, W. P.	Agr. Chem.	Wisconsin, '23	

BILL (223a) TO REPEAL THE FARMERS' INSTITUTES was killed by the Senate last week. The vote was as follows: Shall the Assembly bill be non-concurred in? Ayes 15; noes 9. Senator Johnson moved a reconsideration. Ayes 11; noes 13. Next day on point of order made by Senator Garey, effort was made to reconsider the matter again, but the Senate refused by a vote of 17 to 7.

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(Items or suggestions for the House Organ should be sent to H.L.Russell)