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THIS LAST WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE has witnessed the further consideration of the several bills affecting the interests of the Agricultural College. A violent attack was made on the Peninsular Branch Station. Assemblyman Holly, from Kewaunee, through the Committee on Municipalities, introduced a bill to repeal the maintenance appropriation for this newly established Station. The recommendation of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture to postpone this bill indefinitely was concurred in by the Assembly on May 17.

BILL 336, S TO APPROPRIATE \$5,000 AT THE HANCOCK BRANCH STATION passed the Senate by a vote of 21 to 10.

BILL 503, A (Holly) to compel the Station to render the State Department of Markets detailed figures on the cost of production of all farm products raised on all of our experimental stations (home and branch) was killed in the Senate on May 15 after passing the Assembly.

THE LAND CLEARING BILL, with another amendment by Senator Titus, has been referred to the Joint Committee on Finance. In the discussion in the Senate this week, one senator remarked that, if the senators had spent as much time in clearing land as they had in discussing this subject, a considerable part of upper Wisconsin would have been cleared by now.

THE COOPERATIVE WORK WITH THE DAIRY DIVISION of the U. S. Department of Agriculture on the introduction of bacterial cultures in the manufacture of Swiss cheese was resumed on May 15. Mr. C. M. Gere, formerly associated with us in this work but recently in charge of Swiss cheese making on the Pabst Stock Farms, returns to continue this work. He is to be located at Brodhead.

A GIFT OF \$600 has just been received by the Agronomy department from the Flax Development Committee, representing the paint, varnish manufacturing interests, and flaxseed crushing mills. This is to permit additional investigations to be undertaken in regard to flax culture in this state.

MARKETING METHODS PAY when the farmer gets a better price for his product. A premium of 30 cents to one dollar per cwt. has been paid Door County farmers by J. Chaudoir, Manager of the Kewaunee Grain Company for pedigree Scotch peas. One thousand bushels of these pedigree Scotch peas, a variety which has been improved at the Ashland Branch Station, have already been sold for planting by farmers this spring.

THE SUM OF \$1,500 has been placed at the disposal of the College by the Sewerage Commission of the City of Milwaukee for the establishment of a fellowship to study the best methods of using activated sludge as a fertilizer. This material is prepared in large quantities as a by-product in the disposal of Milwaukee sewerage. Mr. O. J. Noer has been appointed to the fellowship which will be under the jurisdiction of the Soils Department.

AT PRESENT 134 HIGH SCHOOLS and county schools of agriculture are giving agricultural instruction in Wisconsin. Of these 34 are "Smith-Hughes" schools, of which 20 are being taught by graduates of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture and 4 by graduates of other agricultural colleges. The remaining 10 are taught by Wisconsin normal school men (9 of them graduates of River Falls Normal and 1 from Platteville), 4 of which have been at Madison for summer school work.

There are 6 county agricultural schools; 54 high schools teaching two or more classes in agriculture, and 39 high schools teaching one class in agriculture.

DEGREES WILL BE GRANTED TO ABOUT 239 students by the College of Agriculture on commencement day, June 18. Of these 105 are in the Long Course of Agriculture, 23 in the Middle Course, and 54 in Home Economics. Fifty-seven graduate students majoring in Agriculture will receive higher degrees.

THE CUSTOM OF HONORARY RECOGNITION of farmers by Universities continues to spread. The University of Nebraska recently inaugurated this custom which was first founded at Wisconsin over ten years ago.

OVER 3,000 DRESS FORMS and a large number of garments were made by members of Home Maker's Clubs in five counties as reported at the "Get Together Meetings" which were recently held at River Falls, Onalaska, Sparta, Evansville, and West Bend under the auspices of the department of Home Economics Extension Workers. The aggregate saving to these rural women is estimated at \$29,000, though the saving in money is only one of the benefits derived from this kind of team work. Misses Gladys Meloche and Sadie McNulty were directly in charge of these activities, and Miss Cora I. Leiby, formerly with the University of Idaho, Mrs. Nellie Kodzie Jones, and the local county agents also addressed the meetings.

THE AGRICULTURAL LITERARY SOCIETY has defeated two of the three literary societies from the Hill in debate during the past two years. In recent years this student activity has had relatively little faculty encouragement. It is recognized that there is a distinct need for the training which this work provides for all of our students. In order to encourage the efforts of the Short Course and Long Course literary societies as well as other organizations on the Agricultural campus, room 314 in Agricultural Hall is to be specially equipped for their use.

(Items for this House Organ should be sent to H. L. Russell)