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WITH WELL OVER 2,000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE, STATION DAY on June 22 was probably the most successful ever held at the College. Upwards of 400 automobiles were parked on the grounds which is easily the largest number that have come for a similar event.

Especially instructive and unusually well attended were the exhibits at the Stock Pavilion. The demonstrations at the Hill Farm were also largely attended. A new and attractive feature was introduced in the rock blasting work by means of picric acid.

The unveiling of a painting of Prof. R. A. Moore early in the afternoon was an event of particular interest. Walter Hanchett of Sparta, who was Professor Moore's first student, was the principal speaker of the occasion. Besides paying a generous tribute to the early work of the men of this College the speaker related numerous incidents of interest in connection with the early history of the institution.

The number of women in attendance this year was greater than in former years. It is conservatively estimated that over 400 were present, and the special features that were prepared for them were very favorably received, according to Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, who was in charge of this work.

Members of the legislature also showed a distinct interest in the work of the College and Experiment Station. Ten senators and 37 assemblymen were present at the Hill Farm in the afternoon. Through the kindness of the Madison Rotarians, led by John S. Donald, transportation for the legislature was provided.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMES MANUFACTURING COMPANY AT FORT ATKINSON on Station Day suggested that their field men, numbering sixty odd, could be enlisted to help in interesting Wisconsin boys in the courses offered by the College of Agriculture. Accordingly arrangements have been made whereby the company will instruct these field men to survey their districts for prospective agricultural students and to send all names of interested parties to this office.

It is a matter of importance that each man on the College staff should keep constantly in mind the fact that he has a definite responsibility in interesting young people to take the courses which this College has to offer. If each staff member will assume the responsibility for one student in some one of the agricultural and home economics courses, very definite progress will be achieved.

THE RECORDS OF THE STATE SOILS LABORATORY show that during the past 12 months 301 farms have been examined; chemical analyses have been run on over 1,800 samples of soil from these farms and detailed reports written to the farm owners. In each case a comprehensive study is made of the soil problems of the individual farm. This past year has been the biggest in the history of the Soils Laboratory.

SIXTY-FIVE RURAL MINISTERS AND OTHER CHURCH WORKERS representing 11 states and 9 denominations are in attendance at the second Annual Rural Church Conference now being held at this College. This is a 25 per cent increase over the number enrolled last year when this course was given for the first time.

The number attending from the various states is as follows: Illinois 6, Iowa 2, Michigan 1, Mississippi 1, Nebraska 2, New Jersey 1, New York 4, South Dakota 2, Utah 1, Virginia 1, and Wisconsin 44.

Of the denominations present, the Episcopal and the Methodist are represented by 15 men each, the Congregational group has 13, the Presbyterian 12, and all others 10.

THE TEACHERS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE in the high schools and county schools of agriculture in Wisconsin, who in former years met at Madison, will meet this year at Janesville High School, which has been one of the leaders in this work, and at the Milwaukee County School of Agriculture. The meeting at Janesville is scheduled for the week beginning July 16 and that at the Milwaukee School of Agriculture for the week beginning July 23.

F. W. DUFFEE of Agricultural Engineering is assuming the task of finding outside work for needy students who are desirous of earning their way in whole or in part while taking courses in the College of Agriculture. Requests for help along this line and suggestions as to possible openings for part time employment may be sent to Mr. Duffee by staff members. It is desirable to have a number of openings for work at the beginning of the first semester.

H. W. STEWART of Soils will devote a part of his time during the late summer to attending county fairs with an agricultural exhibit in behalf of the Short Course. Suggestions as to the best means of handling this work may be sent to Mr. Stewart.

THE FINAL SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER DISTRICT FIELD MEETS for County Agents as reported by K. L. Hatch is as follows:

ASHLAND - Court House - Tuesday, July 10 - 9:00 A. M.  
STEVENS POINT - Hotel Whiting - Thursday, July 12 - 9:00 A. M.  
AMERY - Hotel Amery - Tuesday, July 17 - 9:00 A. M.  
NEILLSVILLE - Court House - Friday, July 20 - 9:00 A. M.  
JANESVILLE - Court House - Friday, July 27 - 9:30 A. M.  
MANITOWOC - Court House - Thursday, August 2 - 9:00 A. M.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT in agricultural courses is about 300, which number is nearly the same as last year.

In Home Economics there is about a 30 per cent decrease from the session of a year ago. The classes in Institutional Administration are splendidly attended, 15 full time people representing seven states being enrolled. A study of the situation seems to indicate that the decrease in the number of people enrolled in Home Economics is due largely to the fact that the pre-requisites of the academic year are being held to in certain courses this summer, which was not the case in previous summer sessions.

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