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EXPERIMENT STATION CENTENNIAL YEAR

This year, 1975, has been designated as the Experiment Station Centennial. This sounds incorrect in view of the passage of the Hatch Act in 1884. However, the Hatch Act was intended to provide Federal funding for state agricultural experiment stations; several state experiment stations had been started before that time.

As a matter of fact agricultural experiment stations had been started by the 1850's in Saxony, Germany, and provided the prototype for discussions about the idea in the United States. The first such station in the U.S. was established in Connecticut, in 1875. Other states followed the Connecticut example and by the time of the passage of the Hatch Act 15 state stations had been established. The Nebraska Station was established in about 1886.

Several activities have been planned to commemorate this centennial. The 1975 yearbook of the USDA will feature research work in the state agricultural experiment stations. A centennial film also featuring station research will be released about July 1. A centennial medal, which will be illustrated in the summer issue of the Quarterly, has been struck. Congressmen and Senators are being invited as guests of the experiment stations to a dinner at the 1975 meeting of the National Association of Land Grant Colleges and State Universities in November.

The experiment station idea seems as relevant today as it did to the pioneers whose efforts brought the first stations to reality a century ago.

Howard W. Ottoson

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to those promoted in academic rank by recent action of the Board of Regents.

To Assistant Professor: J. R. Ellis, L. E. Stetson


Special congratulations to Vice Chancellor Acker on his promotion to President of Kansas State University. Unfortunately for us this action was by another governing board. We all regret our loss of this fine leader but we wish him well in his very important new role.

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PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Antes, Wesley M. - Professor (Ag. Extension)/State Leader 4-H Emeritus (retirement)
Brandle, James - Assistant Professor of Forestry (new appointment)
Cady, R. E. - Research Hydrogeologist of Conservation and Survey (new appointment)
Fitzhugh, Henry A., Jr. - Professor of Animal Science--USMARC (courtesy appointment)
Gormly, James R. - Hydrochemist of Conservation and Survey (new appointment)

Kleis, Robert W. - Acting Director, Agricultural Experiment Station (June 15--)
Ottoson, Howard W. - Acting Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agr'l and Natural Rsces. (June 15--)
Pederson, Darryll T. - Research Hydrologist of Conservation and Survey Div. (new appt.)
Rottmann, Leon Harry - Assoc. Prof. (Extension-State Specialist) Human Dev. (new appt.)
Sutton, Richard - Assistant Professor of Horticulture (new appointment)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Burnside, O. C. - Agronomy - U. S. Borax Research 750
Burnside, O. C. - Agronomy - Rhodia Incorporated 750
Burnside, O. C. - Agronomy - American Hoechst Corporation 500
Campbell, J. B. - Entomology (NP Sta.) - USDA, ARS 1,000
Chesin L. - Agronomy - LeDioyt Land Company 10,000
Clanton, D. C. - Ani. Sci. (NP Sta.) - E. I. DuPont DeNemours & Co. 6,000
Compton, W. A. - Agronomy - Miscellaneous Donors 1,150

Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - CPC International 6,000
Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - Distillers Feed Research Council 4,000
Larson, Larry L. - Animal Science - Mid American Dairymen, Inc. 683
Martin, Alex R. - Agronomy, Monsanto 500
Mayo, Z. B. - Entomology - E. I. DuPont DeNemours and Company 800
Moser, B. D. - Animal Science - Pfizer Agricultural Division 3,000
Peo, E. R. - Animal Science - Eli Lilly and Company 4,000

Peterson, G.; D. Sander & R. Olson - Agron. - Phillips Petroleum Co. 4,000
Sullivan, T. W. - Poultry and Wildlife Sciences - Occidental Chemical Co. 2,500
Twiehaus, M. J. - Veterinary Science - Miscellaneous Donors 615
White, R. & D. Danielson - Vet. Sci. and Ani. Sci. (NP Sta.) Merck & Co. 9,875
Wicks, G. A. - Agronomy (NP Sta.) - American Hoechst Corp. 500
Wicks, G. A. - Agronomy (NP Sta.) - NOR-AM Agr'l Pro. 500
Wicks, G. A. - Agronomy (North Platte Station) - Monsanto Company 1,000
Wiese, R. A. - Agronomy - U. S. Borax and Chemical Company 4,500

GENERAL NOTES

1. With the construction of the new Student Center, we will have much intensified parking stress. Dr. O'Keefe, as a member of the UNL parking committee, is chairing an ad hoc committee to formulate parking development recommendations for the East Campus and will be submitting a report in early June. He is willing to meet with departmental staff to discuss alternatives as their report evolves.

2. Sahs sez - If you haven't yet sprayed for musk thistle, do it soon. Use 1.5-2.0 lb. of 2, 4-D acid equivalent per acre. It is easier to spray them than to dig them out.

3. Agronomy and Animal Science have vacated the land and facilities on the north side of Adams Street. Agronomy has established a new limited operations base at 84th and Havelock. The 240 acres northwest of 84th and Havelock did not sell in the recent bid taking. It is still intended that this land will be sold in the future.

4. The second stage of construction of the new Veterinary Science facility (research building) has been bid within funds available.

R. W. Kleis
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