

The act prescribes that half the special research fund which it allots to the department must be used for these regional laboratories. For the fiscal year which ended on June 30, the total fund was at least \$392,000. The amount available for the regional laboratories was therefore approximately \$196,000. For the following year, if the law remains unaltered, there will be \$392,000; for 1938, \$588,000; for 1939, \$784,000 and for 1940 and each year thereafter \$980,000. The maximum thus will be a sum appreciably higher than the \$720,000 granted annually to the State Experiment Stations under the original Hatch Act.

No further restrictions are imposed by the act as to the number of regional laboratories, their location or the scope or details of their work. Three regional stations have been definitely provided for. These include a vegetable breeding laboratory near Charleston, S. C.; a cooperative soybean industrial research laboratory at Urbana, Ill.; and a grass-breeding and pasture laboratory at State College, Pa.

The vegetable breeding laboratory has for its purpose the breeding and introduction of high quality, disease-resistant vegetables especially adapted to the southern states, the states cooperating through an experiment station council. The experimental work is to be centered at the laboratory itself on a tract of about 450 acres acquired near the South Carolina Truck Experiment Station, but the materials produced there will also be tested in the cooperating states. The laboratory will be in charge of Dr. B. L. Wade, senior geneticist of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

For the Cooperative Soybean Industrial Research Laboratory the University of Illinois has made available laboratory space and other facilities. Dr. O. E. May, of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, has been appointed in charge of the laboratory, while the extensive breeding work contemplated will be under the direction of W. J. Morse, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. The research program is to be planned year by year by representatives of these bureaus and the twelve state experiment stations concerned and the director of the laboratory.

The grass breeding and pasture laboratory was established on recommendation of experiment station directors of the northeastern region. Facilities have been made available by the Pennsylvania Experiment Station, which has had under way pasture studies and other relevant work for several years. Among the objectives is the establishment of a nursery of all grasses and legumes adapted to the region and breeding experiments to develop new and better grasses. The leader of the general project is P. V. Cardon, in charge of the Division of Forage Crops and Diseases of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

THE CANCER INSTITUTE

THE first Cancer Institute will meet on September 7, 8 and 9 at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. William D. Stovall, director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene at the university, is chairman of the committee in charge.

Investigators from abroad who will speak at the general sessions and who will lead round table discussions include: Dr. Liev Kreyberg, of the University of Oslo; Professor Henry Coutard, chief of the department of x-ray therapy for cancer of the Radium Institute at the University of Paris, and Dr. Madge Thurlow Macklin, associate professor of histology and embryology at the University of Western Ontario.

Americans who are expected to present papers are: Dr. C. C. Little, director of the Roscoe B. Jackson Laboratory for Cancer Research at Bar Harbor, Me.; Dr. Edgar Allen, chairman of the department of anatomy of the Medical School of Yale University; Dr. H. B. Andervont, biologist of the U. S. Public Health Service at Boston, Mass. Dr. S. P. Reimann, pathologist and director of the Research Institute of the Lankenau Hospital and professor of experimental pathology in the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Emil Novak, associate gynecologist at the Johns Hopkins Medical School; Dr. J. B. Murphy, director of cancer research at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Dr. James Ewing, professor of oncology at the Cornell University Medical School, member of the staff of the Memorial Hospital for the treatment of cancer, New York; Dr. Gioacchino Failla, physicist at the Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Warren H. Lewis, of the department of embryology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, at Baltimore.

The expenses of the conference are being defrayed by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY CONGRESSES

THE second International Forestry Congress will be held in Budapest from September 10 to 14. This will be preceded by a meeting and tour of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations from August 25 to September 8.

The first International Congress of Forestry, held in Rome in 1926, urged the holding of similar conferences periodically and entrusted the calling of such meetings to the International Institute of Agriculture. Through the request of the institute the Hungarian Government has called this meeting.

One of the main objectives of the conference is to bring about a proper balance between forest growth and timber consumption through the efforts of international cooperation. Discussion will center around