

NEW BUILDINGS AT THE CITRUS EXPERIMENT STATION

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Deans Study Need for Buildings at Citrus Station

Preliminary studies of a postwar building program at the Citrus Experiment Station were conducted the past week by Dean Claude B. Hutchison of the University of California at Berkeley and Assistant Dean Robert W. Hodgson of UCLA, with Dr. Leon D. Batchelor, director.

Units contemplated are a new plant science building, an additional insectary and an insecticide laboratory, plus a heating plant. The officials declined to discuss figures on the cost of the projects, because of the rapidly changing picture in the field of construction.

The state's postwar building plan, it was stressed, is designed in part to cushion unemployment which may result from postwar reconversion, and therefore there has been no date set for it to start.

Funds for the projects have still to be appropriated, although the last session of the state legislature did provide slightly more than \$1,000,000 for drafting plans for state projects, including those of the university, so that they will be ready when the need arises.

A local architect will be employed, it is believed, on the basis of past policies.

December 15, 1945

New Buildings for Citrus Station Here

Two projects costing \$1,715,000 for the Citrus Experiment station are included in a request sent Friday by regents of the University of California to the state legislature, according to a

United Press report from Los Angeles.

While no details of the Riverside building program were revealed, it is known that deans of the college of agriculture have been planning a new plant science building, an additional insectary and insecticide laboratory, and a new heating plant....

December 29, 1945

Citrus Station May Receive \$1,715,000

Riverside's Citrus Experiment station may benefit from a \$1,715,000 construction program within the next few years, according to details of the postwar plans of the University of California, presented this week to the state legislature in Sacramento. The list of projects has just been received from Sen. Nelson S. Dilworth of Hemet.

While the entire sum is provided from horse racing funds already appropriated, according to the statement from the state director of finance, only two buildings valued at \$480,000 are on the overall priority list for completion by 1950.

They are a plant pathology and physiology building, with current estimated cost \$400,000, which is No. 12 on the university's priority schedule, and a heating plant, \$80,000, No. 21.....

The balance of the program for the Citrus Station includes:

Shops for metal and woodwork, No. 60, \$30,000.

Main building remodeling, No. 65, \$40,000.

Plant breeding greenhouse, No. 72, \$30,000.

Glasshouses for soil chemistry division, No. 79, \$70,000.

Temperature control expansion, No. 85, \$30,000.

Library and auditorium, No. 93, \$400,000.

Entomology division completion, No. 98, \$135,000.

Service shops and residences, No. 104, \$105,000.

Environmental control laboratory, No. 112, \$335,000.

Greenhouses, No. 134, \$60,000.

There are 156 projects mentioned for the eight campuses of the university. Dean C. B. Hutchison and Assistant Dean R. W. Hodgson of the college of agriculture have conferred at length with Dr. L. D. Batchelor, director, and others concerning the projects here.

The state report points out that because of the first the depression and later the war, there has been little construction since 1931, while even then facilities were far from adequate as a whole, the state's population has gained 50 per cent in the intervening years, making the building program even more urgent.

The state program calls for \$154,000,000, of which \$30,000,000, the largest share, is for the university.

January 12, 1946

\$90,000 Insectary at Citrus Station Looms

With an emergency appropriation of \$90,000 by regents of the University of California, work is going forward as rapidly as possible on a new insecticidal research unit at the Citrus Experiment station, according to Dr. Leon D. Batchelor, director.

Plans are being drawn by Architect G. Stanley Wilson of Riverside, and bids will be called as soon as specifications are available.

The two-story structure, near the present entomology building, will be in charge of Dr. Alfred M. Boyce. An insectary, laboratory and greenhouse are planned. Proposed some time ago, the project

was held up by the war.

When quarters are ready, the division staff will be considerably expanded. Studies of new products coming into the market in numbers during the postwar era will be accelerated. In some cases, it is expected the research may be partly financed by the companies introducing the chemicals, while in others it will be to the growers' advantage to investigate.

New insecticides already are at hand for controlling scale, red spider, bud mite and other citrus pests. The studies will be directed toward supplanting oil sprays which are now known to detract from the quality of fruit and often lower its sugar content.

The new insectary will fill an entirely different need than the one now operated by Prof. Harry S. Smith's division of beneficial insect investigation. The latter propagates parasites for liberation in the biological control of insect pests.

In the new building, pests themselves will be bred for research, and plants will be infested with them in the new greenhouse. However, only pests already common here will be used in the greenhouse, so it ~~will~~ need not be insect-proof, Dr. Batchelor said.