

3. Especially important with regard to the future is the fact that interruption in the training of a technical staff would result from cessation of temporary employment of students during the summer, which would have disastrous results. The demand has been for better trained specialists. Universities and Agricultural Colleges have attempted to meet this demand in Entomology, Plant Pathology, Genetics, etc.: but with their accustomed means of support, namely, summer work, discontinued, the students in question will abandon their careers, the investment in their training will be sacrificed and many years will have to elapse before a supply of well trained men can again be available.

It might be pointed out that the summer employment of senior and graduate University students is the most efficient and economical means of obtaining high grade assistance in seasonal agricultural work. Without such assistance the permanent and higher paid officials must be severely handicapped and a large part of the irreducible expenditures wasted.

4. In view of the fundamental nature of the Scientific Services and of the general excellence of the personnel thereof, it would seem wiser to economize in the secondary services, dependent on the Scientific Services and employing a less highly trained staff.

It is a matter of common knowledge that great economies could be made in the governmental expenditures on agriculture without loss of efficiency. Whether or not this is the time to tackle that larger problem is another question.