

..... HILL, Herbert Staples, 1883- Maine born. Farm reared.  
 : Runs "by remote control" farm bought in 1922. Bowdoin  
 : College, A.B., 1905. Univ. Maine: special ag. teacher  
 CUT : training course, 1910. Summer School courses in ag. ed.:  
 : Cornell, 1919; Harvard, 1926; State College, Pa., 1942.  
 : Taught ag.: Eastern Maine Conference Seminary, 1910-1911;  
 ..... Wells High School, 1911-1914; and Foxcroft Academy, 1914-  
 1918. First State Supervisor Ag. Ed. in Maine and first Head Dept. Ag.  
 Ed. at Univ. Maine, 1918- Sound in his doctrines (1) that ag. units  
 of instruction must be taken from long-term programs for upgrading  
 local farming, and (2) that the time allotments to these units must  
 be adjusted to the relative difficulty in gaining better ideas and to  
 the comparative amount of drill required for the mastery of better  
 farming skills. His sharp eye for local needs resulted, for example,  
 in his approval of a high school ag. evening course for 100 eager  
 French-speaking potato growers in the St. John section of Aroostook  
 County, taught by aid of an interpreter. Since 1918 he has trained  
 agricultural teachers for Maine and supervised their work in the schools  
 of Maine. He has been a leader in School and Home Farm Cooperation,  
 whose voice at Regional conferences has been the voice of progressive  
 and successful experience. -- Payson Smith, Acting Dean School of  
 Education, Univ. Maine, and R. W. Stimson.



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 Hill, H.S.