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The Oberly Memorial Award Citation for the best bibliography submitted in the field of agriculture or the related sciences was awarded posthumously to Helen Purdy Beale, at the program meeting of the Association of College and Research Libraries Agriculture and Biological Science Section, on June 18, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Detroit.

The Eunice Rockwell Oberly Memorial Award consists of a citation and a cash award from the income of the Oberly Memorial Fund "presented to an American citizen who compiles the best bibliography in the field of agriculture." The bibliographies are judged on accuracy, scope, usefulness, format, and special features such as explanatory introductions, annotations, and indexes. The bibliography compiled by Helen Purdy Beale is Bibliography of Plant Viruses and Index to Research, published by Columbia University Press, 1976.

Dr. Beale received her A.B. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. During her professional career, she was assistant plant pathologist at Cornell, instructor of botany at Vassar College; and plant pathologist at Boyce Thompson Institute. She received grants for her work from the American Association of Advanced Science; Markle Foundation, and from the National Institute Health for the preparation of her bibliography on plant viruses.

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The monetary award is being given to the Boyce Thompson Institute with which Dr. Beale had a close association.

Dr. Beale was a resident of Ridgefield, Connecticut.