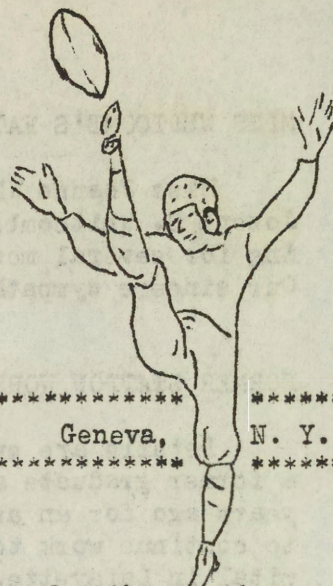


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SCIENCE GROUPS MEET AT ITHACA

More than 3500 scientists descended upon the Cornell campus for the meetings of the American Institute for Biological Sciences, which opened on Monday. Making up the AIBS are more than a score of scientific organizations affiliated with the AAAS, and about 1400 papers will be given before the windup on Wednesday afternoon. Most of the Station's horticulturists are attending the sessions and many of them are presenting papers. On Thursday, the scientists have been invited to visit the Experiment Station. It's expected that most of the visitors will be interested in personal consultations with Station specialists but general tours have been arranged for those who are interested in the physical plant.

SEMINAR SEASON STARTS

The Station's Seminar Committee announces the first topic of the new season, to be given a week from today in the staff room of Jordan Hall. Dr. D. C. Carpenter will use sound and color movies to describe the trip which he and Mrs. Carpenter made to South America on his sabbatic leave. The seminar is slated to begin at 3 P.M.

FS&T SEMINAR TOMORROW

Dr. Holley will speak about the chemistry of peptides and proteins, including questions concerning the origin of life on earth, at tomorrow evening's FS&T seminar in Jordan Hall. The talk will begin at 7:30 P.M.

STATE FAIR AFTERMATH

A group of tired barkers made quick work of the dismantling of Station exhibits at the State Fair last Saturday afternoon. The eight-day stand in the Horticultural Building was manned in 13-hour shifts by members of Veg Crops, Pomology, Plant Path, Seed Investigations, and Publications, as well as by Mr. Bennett of the Fruit Testing Association. On Thursday, a very interested visitor was Governor Dewey who spent some ten minutes examining the Station's wares. The Governor discussed the "Red Top" tomato with Professor Tapley and also questioned Mr. Klein about the possibilities of cultivating blueberries at his Pawling farm. Mr. Dewey reflected the general interest of the State Fair crowds in the new Geneva tomato which were attractively displayed in wooden bowls, loaned by Mrs. Tapley. On Wednesday, Prof. Luckett sported a bright blue ribbon in his capacity as a judge in the award of the Duncan Prize, to the exhibit which most appealingly displayed farm produce.

FRUIT TESTERS MEET NEXT WEEK

Members of the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative will hold their annual meeting at the Experiment Station on September 18th. The morning will be devoted to tours of the Station plantings and the afternoon will be used for the short business meeting and a critique on new fruits, originated here and elsewhere. The speaking program will be announced in next week's NEWS.

HEATING PLANT CREW TAKING SHAPE

Mr. Ralph Stearman, who has served the Station for many years as maintenance engineer, has been named to head the crew which will operate the new Central Heating Plant. His title will be Head Stationary Engineer. One of his many assistants has been named. He is Mr. John Chimera who has begun his duties as a Senior Stationary Engineer. Mr. Chimera was formerly employed at the Attica State Prison where he served in the power plant and heating plant. Additional appointees will be announced as they are approved by the Board of Trustees.

MISS WHITCOMB'S FATHER PASSES

Miss Joanne Whitcomb was called to Rochester by the death of her father, Joseph E. Whitcomb, on Saturday. The veteran Rochester newspaperman had been ailing for several months. He is survived by three other children and his widow. Our sincere sympathy is expressed in their hour of sorrow.

FORMER STATION WORKER STRICKEN

Details are sparse concerning an attack of polio which struck Maurice Becker, a former graduate assistant in Dr. Pederson's laboratory. Maurice left here a few years ago for an assignment in Florida and returned to Lafayette, Indiana, recently to continue work toward his doctor's degree. He is confined in St. Joseph's Hospital in Lafayette.

VISITORS

Dr. Arnold Mattson, formerly of FS&T, and Mrs. Mattson called on local friends last week. Dr. Mattson left the Station about a year-and-a-half ago to join the U. S. Public Health Service at Savannah, Georgia. He reports that Dr. and Mrs. George Pearce and family recently moved into their newly-built home on the seashore.Dr. and Mrs. George McNew of the Boyce-Thompson Institute are spending a few days as guests of the Herveys. Dr. McNew, former plant pathologist here, is now head of the Yonkers organization and is attending the AIBS meetings at Ithaca. Members of the interregional virus control group will come to Geneva tomorrow to view Professor Brase's work at the Rootstock Farm and to visit nearby orchards. And the Federal Seed Laboratory's chief analyst, Dr. O. L. Justice, will meet with Station analysts tomorrow in a discussion of flower seed germination tests and international rules for seed testing. He'll also examine the Division's field corn trials at the Darrow Farm.Dr. L. O. Weaver and family of the Maryland Extension Service were weekend guests at the Bigelows. Dr. Weaver was formerly on the Station staff. Utilizing the Hand's trailer during the slow season are Dr. Robert Wittenberger of the Eastern Regional Laboratory and his family. The Philadelphia specialist is spending some time here in connection with the tomato juice project in FS&T. Several other out-of-state visitors are house guests in Geneva for the duration of the science meetings at Cornell.

SUMMER ASSISTANT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

John D. Scott, who has been assisting in the Pilot Plant during the summer months, has been awarded the 1952 N. Y. S. Canners and Freezers Association scholarship. The prize is given each year to an outstanding Cornell student who is majoring in some phase of food science. John will begin his third year studies next week.

MISCELLANY

Professor Brase was the guest speaker at last Wednesday's meeting of the Rotary Club in Wolcott. He discussed some of his nursery stock work. Professor Luckett was a guest at an Ontario County Farm Bureau Meeting in the Bristol Hills on Monday night. The meeting served to outline the plans for the proposed new Farm and Home Center in Canandaigua. Congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. Heinicke who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary next Tuesday. And congratulations, too, to Prof. Luckett who made off with a third place ribbon in the vegetable competition at the State Fair. The Editor's okra entry was judged in the "unusual" class and was given the highest okra award. (There were no others entered). A sample of his specialty has been posted on the bulletin board in Jordan Hall, with the coveted ribbon. The prize premium check has been used to partially defray the cost of drinks, cigars, and candy which he was forced to buy for the hordes of hand-shakers at the Fair. Several other incidents befell the Station Editor during the hectic State Fair week, such as leaving his suitcase behind, locking himself out of his car, and tending a parking lot after hours--all of which would make interesting reading but we know on which side our bread is buttered so we won't mention them. And since we've advertised the produce of the Luckett Farms, it's only fair to note that a prize litter of German Shephard pups arrived Chez Wesselmann on Labor Day. This issue is the result of a highly selective breeding program and should revolutionize the shephard class.

Sympathy is what one woman gives another in exchange for details--Coronet