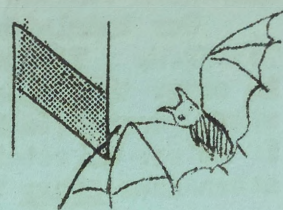




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BIG DOINGS IN WISCONSIN

Meetings of the American Society of Agronomy and the American Society of Horticultural Science in Milwaukee this week are being attended by several Station scientists. The Vegetable Crops Division is completely deserted this week with the Messrs Sayre, Vittum, Dearborn and Patterson in attendance at the meetings. Professors Sayre and Dearborn will deliver papers. For the Pomology Division, Professors Shaulis and Rodney will present papers for themselves and for John Einset, George Slate and Claude Heit, and Professor Wellington and Bob Lamb. Professor Luckett, who is currently on vacation, is also taking in the Agronomy meetings. And by the time he gets to read this item, he will have been given a surprise presentation of a pocket watch by the members of the American Society of Agronomy in appreciation for his many years of service and guidance as Editor of the Society's Journal.

AFTER THE BALL

If there's a Station Club member who didn't enjoy last week's Fall Banquet, it's because he wasn't there. About 150 people complimented the Seneca Country Club caterers on the excellent meal and then heard the annual reports from the retiring officers of the Station Club. The nominating committee's proposed panel of officers for the coming year was unanimously approved. New President is J. C. Cain, Vice-President is Vic Hopkins, Secretary--Barbara Imhofe, and Treasurer--Curtis Dearborn. Newcomers to the Station in the past year were introduced to the group and there were indications that a Sadie Hawkins' Race might result from the introductions. The short, snappy speeches were followed by dancing and card playing until the party broke up at the witching hour. The outgoing officers are to be commended on the fine program given us during the past year and the Vittums, who were chairmen of this Fall Dinner-Dance, join us in commending the committee which made the evening a complete success.

CASTLE IN THE AIR

Bids were opened at Albany last week for various phases of the work to be done in the construction of the new central heating plant at the Station. Low bids totalling \$658,688 were presented by firms in Buffalo, Rochester, and New York City. Contracts will be awarded in about a month to cover the work on heating, chimney, sanitation, electrical, coal-handling, and ash-handling. We're hoping that there will be some arrangement made for the construction of the building itself!

DOCTOR CARPENTER'S SABBATIC

Doctor and Mrs. D. C. Carpenter will board a Grace Liner at New York City on November 4th to begin a six-month sabbatic leave which will be spent for the most part in South America. A 21-day cruise will carry them to Valparaiso, Chile, from where they will go to Santiago and then fly the hump of the Andes to Buenos Aires. Subsequent stops will be made at La Plata and Montevideo. Doctor Carpenter will study food processing technics in Chile and will also lecture on protein-chemistry at universities in Santiago, Buenos Aires, La Plata, and Montevideo. In the sight-seeing line, the Carpenters will travel to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest lake, and will take a side-trip from there to Cuzco, Peru, which was one of the last hideouts of the Inca Indians after the Spanish conquest in this hemisphere.

TOMKINS' RESIGNS

John P. Tomkins, research associate in Pomology, resigned on October 15th in order to complete the last two terms of work for his doctor's degree at Ithaca. John has been specializing in the study of grapes since beginning his work here in April 1946.

GLAD TIDINGS

A blue-edged card from Dresden announces the birth of a six pound three ounce boy on October 19th to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hessney. Mrs. Hessney was better-known to us as Carabelle Ware who worked in Doctor Avens' laboratory up until June 1948. Congratulations to the parents of Eric Joseph.

BADMINTON TONIGHT

Our badminton group plays tonight at the North Street School (rear entrance) at 7:30 P.M. We would like all who have indicated their desire to play to be on hand in order that we may register our group with the Adult Education Program. There are other groups (basketball, etc.) who would like to use the gym on Wednesday nights so if we are to retain it for badminton, it is necessary that we have a reasonably good attendance every Wednesday night. If you haven't signed up yet, or if you haven't as yet equipped yourself with a racket and sneakers, come along anyway. Instruction for beginners starts tonight.

THE LILY YEARBOOK

A copy of The Lily Yearbook of the North American Lily Society has come to our desk. The book, edited by Professor George Slate, contains more than forty articles on lily culture in various states and foreign countries as well as on breeding and cultural experiments. We were pleased to see the name of Slate appear several times in the awards section on the Lily Exhibition (and George didn't write the article, either). He was the recipient of the top awards of the silver and the bronze medals.

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a meeting to be held at the Geneva Civic Center tomorrow evening for the purpose of acquainting local voters with their candidates. George Hucker will introduce the candidates from both parties for the offices of Mayor, President of the Common Council, District Attorney, City Treasurer, and Alderman. The general public is invited to the meeting which will convene at 8:00 P.M.

VISITORS

Doctor and Mrs. W. P. Tufts visited the local orchards and fruit-breeding projects last Wednesday. Doctor Tufts is head of the Pomology Division at the University of California.....Also here on Wednesday and again last Monday was Professor R. D. Anthony of the Pennsylvania State Conservation Department. Mr. Anthony retired from his position as horticulturist at Penn State and is currently making a bird survey for the Pennsylvania Conservationists. He was employed in the Pomology Division at Geneva during the years of World War I.....Last week's visitors to the Entomology Division included W. W. Aldrich of the American Fruit Growers, Hagerstown, Maryland. Topic under discussion was next year's spray program.....And the Messers Healey of London and Stevens of New York came here in the interests of the Shell Oil Company, to confer with Doctors Chapman, Pearce, Hamilton and Shaulis.....From Hawaii came Doctor E. C. Auchter, Director of Research at the Pineapple Institute.....And on Tuesday, Doctor Robert C. Hockett, Director of the Sugar Research Foundation at New York City, called on Doctors Hand and Kertesz and other members of FS&T.

AND SO FORTH

The mass exodus these last few days wasn't restricted to the Veg Crops Division. With Ben Clark still on vacation, the Seeds Division was further depleted when Carrie Legnini took time off to prepare her home for winter hibernation, Claude Heit knocked off to recuperate from the Battle of the flowers, and Stewart Patrick headed for the north country to hunt moose. He's chosen the Adirondacks for his hunting grounds and if he's looking for moose, methinks he'll be lucky to come back with a brace of gray squirrels.....Parks Traphagen is spending a few days at the Strong Memorial Clinic for a checkup.....Doctor Chapman spent Monday and Tuesday at the Poughkeepsie Laboratory.....Frank Boyle will return to work tomorrow from a trip to Montreal.... After cleaning out most of the fish in the Great Smokies, the Editor and Mrs. Lockett have wended their way to Indiana. While the professor takes in the Agronomy meetings in Milwaukee, Mrs. Lockett is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Williams, Jr., in Lafayette. The Williamses have spent their summers in Geneva and are well-known by many of the Station people. Last summer, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Lockett home.....The Station turned in 101% of its \$1000 Community Chest quota.....And don't forget--the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be looking for blood on Friday from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. Headquarters will be at the Masonic Temple.

BUFFALO GROUP SEES STATION

Thirty-three members of the Alleghany Field and Trail Club of Buffalo spent Saturday afternoon seeing some of the sights at the Station. After a brief indoctrination at the museum, the group visited the greenhouse, the bug nursery in Entomology, the Seed Laboratory, fall-bearing raspberry plantings, and the rootstock farm. Piloted by Bob Wesselmann, the group heard talks by Professors Munn, Slate, and Brase.

There was sufficient comment on Chunky's Dilemma of last week's NEWS to warrant another tall one by ye scribe: Three turtles were on a shopping excursion when it suddenly began to rain. They stepped into an ice cream parlor to discuss their plight over chocolate sundaes. After some discussion, they decided that one of the group should return home for an umbrella. Being outnumbered, the youngest of the turtles was delegated to make the trip. He protested on the grounds that the other two might eat his sundae while he was gone. When they promised that he need not fear, he started after the umbrella. After three weeks had elapsed, one of the turtles at the ice cream bar said, "Look! Chunky's sundae is getting soft. It'll be molted pretty soon, so why don't we eat it?" Then a voice from the far end of the room shouted, "If you do, I won't go after that umbrella!"

