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EXHIBITS ADMIRER

The Station was represented by two exhibits in a series of displays from State institutions administered by Cornell University set up for a meeting of the Board of Regents in Ithaca last week. The exhibits were shown in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, with a professional staff member in charge of each exhibit. The Station exhibits dealt with the calcium firming of tomatoes and apples and with fruit ices, samples of the latter being made available to the visitors. Ken Holgate was in charge of the Station display and Directors Guterman and Heinicke acted as guides for the Regents who apparently were much interested in what they heard and saw about the work of the State colleges and experiment stations.

CANNED FOODS

About 100 representatives of New York State canning factories attended a demonstration of the federal grading of canned foods in Daguerre Hall Thursday and Friday of last week, under the auspices of the Association of New York State Cannerymen. Arrangements for the group were made by Doctor Pederson, with representatives of the federal inspection service in charge of the discussion and demonstration.

FROM PARIS

Mr. L. Audidier, Chief Agronomist of the Societe Commerciale des Potasses d'Alsace, with headquarters in Paris, spent Thursday and Friday at the Station, with Doctor Shaulis and Mr. Brase. He was interested chiefly in the use of fertilizers for grapes.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT

Doctor Muensch's class in economic botany at Cornell, 24 strong, spent an afternoon in the Seed Laboratory recently under the direction of Miss Gortner, Doctor Muensch's assistant. Among those in the group was Jack Heinicke.

FROM BOYCE THOMPSON

Mr. John Harry of Boyce Thompson Institute spent Monday in the Plant Pathology Division discussing recent developments in fungicides.

SETS NEW RECORD

According to reports reaching this office, Fred Hartzell set a new record for a bird census on a recent trip of the Eaton Bird Club to Sandy Point. For details, consult Fred.

NUTRITION FOUNDATION

Doctor Hand was a guest of the Nutrition Foundation at the annual meeting of the industrial members of the Foundation in Hershey, Pa., last week. Among topics discussed at the meeting were nutritional status by clinical tests, the program of the Food and Drug Administration with relation to food plant sanitation and food standards, and the development of new food products through industrial research. Among the guests were Doctor Maynard of the School of Nutrition at Ithaca and Doctor Stotz of the University of Rochester.

MISS DIMMICK HONORED

Miss Isabel Dimmick, formerly associated with Doctor Conn here at the Station, was recently made a member of Sigma Xi at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles where she is engaged in graduate study. As part of the initiation ceremony, she was awarded a medal for outstanding work in bacteriology. In writing to friends here, Miss Dimmick says, "I think they must have meant the work I did at the Station at Geneva".

HE DOES IT AGAIN

Harrison Jahn has done it again! This time he was awarded the athletic cup as this year's all-around athlete at Geneva High School. The choice was made by representatives of the student body and faculty and was based on scholarship and athletic leadership. Jahn was a member of the track team and the varsity basketball squad. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Senior Class, and is an Eagle Scout. Congratulations, Harrison!

MINE SWEEPING?

The word comes in that Doctor Carruth and Doctor Hervey attempted to put on a pea-sweeping demonstration last week, but instead were thoroly soaked by rain.

NO COMMENT--PERIOD

Lewis van Alstyne had "no comment" for our reporter when asked for a statement about last week's commentary in these columns on the family name. In fact he conveyed the general impression that the whole thing was a lot of silly nonsense--only Lewis put it in more colorful words.

ENROLLMENT IN HOSPITAL GROUP

Applications and transfer for enrollment in the Rochester Hospital Service as members of the Experiment Station Group must be returned to the Station Committee--Dr. Braun, Chairman--by June 5th in order that the necessary arrangements for the formation of the Group may be completed by June 15th. The policies of new members accepted by the Rochester Hospital Service will become effective July 15th. Enrollment is entirely voluntary. Information on benefits, eligibility, etc., may be obtained from E. A. Wick, Geneva representative of the Rochester Hospital Service, phone 2127.

ON VACATION

John Wellington arrived home from Colorado yesterday for a vacation. He is employed as a geologist for an oil company.

TRAGEDY ON THE PORCH

Mrs. Wharton and Miss Holtby have been deeply concerned over a family of robins which make their home on the porch of the Entomology Building, especially since the arrival of four babies. They were promptly named, Eeny, Meeny, Miney, and Moe--but Moe died, and now Moe is no mo!!

: FACTS AND FIGGERS :

How many corn plants to the acre for maximum yields? Professor Vittum has some figures on this. The optimum planting rate for different varieties of sweet corn probably varies considerably, he says, but in 1947 sweet corn fields in western New York would have yielded more if there had been more plants to the acre. The best rate for Golden Cross Bantam, for example, would have been 14,500 plants to the acre, but some stands had as few as 7,000 plants to the acre. How much seed will give 14,500 plants? Well, that depends on number of seeds per pound, the germination percentage, and an estimate of how many corn plants will actually be produced. Laboratory tests will give the answers.

