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WATCH YOUR PARKING

Along with the spring flowers and the birds comes the annual spring complaint about personal cars parked in the rear of Hedrick Hall. The court and the area immediately behind the building will be busy spots from now on with the going and coming of trucks, pick-ups, and other conveyance intent on Station work. Individuals are requested not to park any personal cars in the area. Also, another trouble spot is the court on the east side of the greenhouse. Here parking is "prohibited" even for trucks of those working in the greenhouse as the area must be kept clear for moving traffic. Please park in the area provided just east of the greenhouse.

IN CASE OF FIRE

If a member of the Station Safety Committee asks you some time where the nearest fire extinguisher is and how to use it, can you tell him? If you can't, you better make a point to find out because the Safety Committee decided at a meeting Monday afternoon to put the "heat" on fire extinguishers. There are several types of extinguishers around the Station. Everyone is urged to familiarize himself with the location, special purpose, operation, and care of the extinguishers near his place of work. Your representative on the Safety Committee will be glad to give you an assist. In case you don't know who he is, here is the list of the 13-man Safety Committee: Doctor Heinicke, Chairman, Charles Amidon, Robert Larsen, Roger Way, John Atkin, George Hervey, James Luckett, Ralph Stearman, Zoltan Kertesz, Wilson Hey, Herman Jahn, Roy Nittler, and Robert Gilmer.

ACCIDENT REPORTS

If you have the bad luck of getting hurt while on the job, be sure to notify Miss Holtby at once. She will ask the questions needed to get the necessary information for reporting the accident. But do not pay any fees. This includes the doctor, drugs, hospital, ambulance, or any other item connected with the injury. And remember that it is important to report even minor injuries as these sometimes require medical attention later on and the time and nature of the injury should be on record in Miss Holtby's files.

BROCCOLI GROWING

The Vegetable Crops Department staged a briefing session for broccoli growers, processors, and county agents in areas where this crop is assuming sizeable proportions. Last Tuesday, the group spent some time in the greenhouse viewing the results of an experiment on boron deficiency in broccoli before proceeding to Ithaca for an evening meeting with other vegetable crop growers.

CHERRY PROCESSING

The Special Commodity Committee of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association met here Monday afternoon to discuss the grade relation studies with sour cherries. The project involves investigations of factors affecting grade from the fresh fruit stage to the finished product.

TREE PROPAGATION

Professor A. M. S. Pridham of the Department of Ornamental Horticulture at Ithaca brought his advanced class in propagation to the Seed Lab yesterday. Claude Heit took over and explained the collection, testing, and growing of tree seeds in nursery propagation.

MISS RICKEY

Our sincere sympathy to George Rickey on the death of his sister Eileen in Syracuse last Friday. Miss Rickey was a clerk in the State Regional Health Office in that city.

THE 100th ANNUAL MEETING

The 1955 volume of the Proceedings of the New York State Horticultural Society came in this week. The 278-page document contains the proceedings of the Society's 100th annual meeting. Among the galaxy of speakers whose comments are enshrined in this historic document we find the names of Alvin Braun, Otis Curtis, Ralph Dean, Ed Glass, Jim Hamilton, Sieg Lienk, Bud Palmiter, Rudy Poray, Willard Robinson, Ed Smith, and Mike Szkolnik. And apropos of the centennial of the Hort Society, Doctor Heinicke, Leo Klein, Mike Szkolnik, and J. D. Luckett were in Ithaca yesterday afternoon for a meeting of the College-Station exhibit committee for the centennial celebration next January.

BETWEEN SHOWERS

The Vegetable Crops Department is dodging showers to get in peas and spinach on its experimental plots. A recent visitor to the Station was C. E. Morrison, chief engineer for the John Deere Company, who stopped in to watch operations of a precision pea drill developed by that company and now being tested on the Canning Crops farm. Only four of the machines have been built, pending a trial run at four points in the US. This Station was selected for the eastern section. Other trials are underway in pea-growing areas in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. The machine also does an excellent job of fertilizer placement for peas, the theory of which was worked out in experiments carried on here back in the '30's.

AN ALUMNUS

Word has just been received at the Station of the death on March 30th of Doctor William J. Schoene, entomologist at the Virginia Experiment Station from 1913 until his recent retirement. According to word from George Oberle, Doctor Schoene died of a heart attack at the age of 75 while on vacation in Florida. Schoene got his start here where he was employed as a student assistant in entomology from 1905-06 for his room and board. He was named assistant entomologist in July, 1906, and left here in 1913 to become entomologist at the Virginia Experiment Station in Blacksburg. Among survivors are his wife and three daughters.

TO TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

Mr. Ernest C. Johnson, Meteorologist in charge, US Weather Bureau Office in Albany, will be here today to discuss the suitability of this area for the establishment of a climatological bench mark station. We are one of six locations in New York State being surveyed by the Weather Bureau for this purpose. As a result of this survey, one or two bench mark stations will be set up in New York as part of a nationwide network to accumulate data on large-scale climatic changes taking place over the northern hemisphere.

HEARD AROUND THE HALLS

Nelson Shaulis has gone to Rochester for a medical check-up....Frank Lee was recently appointed Associate Editor of Food Technology....Word has been received that Gunter Jahn, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jahn, has been promoted to Associate Actuarial Director for the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Minneapolis. Gunter and his family were moved to Minneapolis from New Jersey last July with a promotion to Assistant Director....Juliao Oschery, fruit specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is spending several weeks in the Pomology Department.

SPEAKING IN NEW YORK

Doctor Hand and Doctor Kertesz are in the Big City for a meeting tonight of the Metropolitan Section of the Institute of Food Technology. They will speak on the general theme of "Food Technology Overseas",

QUITO HEARD FROM

Sandy Davis received a lengthy epistle (in more or less legible script) from Bob Wesselmann relating their experiences enroute to Quito and the first impressions of their new home and job. Also enclosed was a clipping from a Quito newspaper with a picture of the Wesselmann family and an account of "el senor Robert". Bob writes that, "the picture was taken the moment we arrived and we were all so sleepy, dazed, and sick that we didn't remember the photo being taken." The Wesselmanns are living temporarily in the home of a US family that has returned to the states for a visit. They find their new surroundings delightful in many respects and "unusual", to say the least, in other ways. (Sandy will let you read the letter if you really want to get the lowdown on life in Quito.) Bob's set-up is really something, though. "I have an assistant (Ecuadorean who speaks very little English)," he writes, "a secretary (Ecuadorean but bi-lingual, thank heaven), and a mimeograph operator. Plans call for hiring another secretary (can't wait to get at that job) and a combination photographer and artist. I'm in the process of building and equipping a darkroom...Next week, we....pick up a new Jeep station wagon plus enough audio-visual equipment to make it into a mobile unit...containing a 16-mm movie projector and sound equipment, a slide and filmstrip projector (2x2's only), record player, tape recorder, outdoor screen, and its own 110-volt generator. The unit will be used for giving shows and lectures in any part of the country." Sounds most interesting and we're sure Bob will give the natives a good show.

GEORGE HENRY HOWE

George Howe died in the Geneva General Hospital yesterday afternoon (Wednesday), following a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Lenore, a daughter, Mrs. John R. Horan of Honeoye Falls, and two grandchildren, Patricia Mary and David John. Private services will be held at the family residence Friday afternoon at 1:30. Friends may call tonight (Thursday) after 7:00 o'clock or tomorrow morning at the home at 681 Castle Street. The courtesy of no flowers is requested. Instead contributions may be made in Mr. Howe's memory to the Children's Room Project of the Geneva Free Library or to the Heart Fund.

Professor Howe was born February 9, 1888, at Jericho, Vermont. When four years of age, upon the death of his father, he went to Pittsford, Vt., to reside on the farm of an uncle where he spent his boyhood. He attended high school in Pittsford and received the B. S. degree from the University of Vermont in 1910.

From July to November, 1910, George was employed jointly by the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture on potato investigations in Vermont. On November 11, 1910, he entered upon service here at the Station as Assistant Horticulturist, an association that was to continue until the day of his death without interruption, except for a leave of absence during World War I. He was made Associate in Research in 1919 and Associate Professor of Pomology in 1946.

George enlisted in the Army as a private in March 1918 and was honorably discharged in May, 1919. At that time he was in charge of an agricultural reconstruction program of occupational therapy for disabled soldiers at the Walter Reed General Army Hospital.

He was a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the American Society for Horticultural Science and of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity.

Author of numerous bulletins and circulars from the Experiment Station, he also wrote extensively for popular farm publications, the press, and scientific journals. He was one of the co-authors of monographs on cherries, peaches, pears, and small fruits published by the Experiment Station.

He was married on September 3, 1927, to Lenore L. Treat of Spring Valley, N.Y.

Professor Howe was completely dedicated to his chosen line of work. Few, if any, horticulturists possessed his wide knowledge of fruit varieties and fruit culture, especially apples. Known generally as the "apple" man at the Station, his opinions were sought after far and wide and almost daily during the fruit season the mails brought specimens to his desk from distant points as well as from New York growers for identification.

Howe was the senior member of the Staff at the time of his death. He will be missed by all of us and especially by those who had the good fortune, as we did, to enjoy his close personal friendship. Our sincerest sympathy go to his dear ones in our mutual loss.

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