

STATION NEWS

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Work done here under Doctor Conn's leadership in developing pure culture technics with bacteria was widely acclaimed by delegates from thirty countries meeting at the International Congress for Microbiology in Copenhagen, Denmark, in a discussion of plans for the development of an international type culture collection to be established at Lausanne, Switzerland, under the auspices of UNESCO. Word to this effect was conveyed in an air mail letter from Doctor Breed received here Monday. "There was much enthusiastic discussion of Doctor Conn's work," writes Doctor Breed, who adds, "I was called upon to explain how this work had developed at Geneva, and a motion was made that the International Association of Microbiologists accept the work done under Doctor Conn's leadership as the basis for the international work."

Doctor Breed also wrote that the report to the Nomenclature Committee made by himself and Dr. St. John-Brooks of the Lister Institute in London as the two permanent secretaries of the committee, was well received by the forty-four delegates from twenty countries who took part in the meeting of that committee. The next International Congress for Microbiology is to be held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in 1950. Doctor Breed warns the Station pomologists to look to their laurels for he says he has never seen such raspberries as have been served up to the visiting scientists in Copenhagen.

Doctor Breed was to leave Copenhagen yesterday by air and is expected back in Geneva tomorrow.

TO ACCOMPANY GROWERS

Doctor Heinicke is planning to accompany members of the State Horticultural Society on their tour of fruit areas in Michigan next week. The group will assemble next Monday morning on a fruit farm near Grand Rapids and will spend the next two days visiting apple, peach, and cherry orchards. The invitation to the New York growers to come to Michigan was issued by Doctor Tukey and the Secretary of the Michigan State Horticultural Society.

HIT 50

Registration at the tenth annual mold counting school which is now in progress in Daguerre Hall has hit an all-time high of 50 technicians from food processing plants in this and other states.

SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS

A group of soil conservation specialists interested chiefly in the technical phases of soil conservation research will assemble in Mr. Carleton's laboratory next Wednesday for a meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America, Empire State Chapter, with John Lamb, Jr., of Ithaca, in charge.

FRUIT STOCK CONFERENCE

Horticulturists from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture have already indicated their intentions of attending the Northeastern Fruit Stock Conference here on the evening of Tuesday, August 5th. Most of them are expected to arrive in time to visit the root stock investigations prior to the evening conference. The group will move on the next day to Vineland, Ontario.

FRUIT TREE NUTRITION

Doctor Cain is participating this week in a meeting of workers interested in fruit tree nutrition investigations under way at the USDA horticultural station at Beltsville, Md., and in Virginia.

BACK HOME

Doctor Carruth returned home from the Geneva General Hospital on Sunday and is reported to be well along on the road to complete recovery from the operation he underwent recently.

OTHER VISITORS

This week's visitors include such distinguished "alumni" as Mrs. Lida Thatcher Barber of Arlington, Mass., who, accompanied by her husband and son, Glenn, is visiting friends in Geneva; and Doctor Ross Suit and family of Lake Alfred, Fla. Mrs. Barber's father, Doctor R. W. Thatcher, was Director of the Station from 1921-27. Doctor Suit, formerly in charge of small fruit disease investigations here, is now engaged in studies of diseases of citrus fruits at the Florida Citrus Experiment Station. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chanderlin of the Chanderlin Seed Company in New York City and Miss Helen Engbretson of the Engbretson Seed Company in Eugene, Oregon, who visited the Seed Laboratory; and Mr. D. J. Freese of the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works of New York City, who conferred with Doctor Kertesz on tests with organic calcium salts in the calcium treatment of apples.

A FLASH FROM CUPID

We see by the Geneva Daily Times that last week's rumors that Miss Eunice Van Riper of the Pomology Division was wearing a diamond are confirmed by an announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Van Riper of their daughter's engagement to Richard S. Haight of Clyde, N. Y. Congratulations!

ANOTHER PICNIC

The Ithaca and Biggs chapters of the Civil Service Employees Association are sponsoring a meeting and picnic of the Central Conference at Taughannock Falls State Park on Sunday, August 10th, to which members of the Geneva Chapter have been cordially invited. Tickets are available from Miss Jeanne Smith and Doctor Hofer.

CITE CONFUCIUS

The Station has received numerous requests for aid from libraries in war-devastated areas, but none quite so appealing as a recent communication from the College of Agriculture, National Northeast University, Shenyang (Mukden), China. Addressing the Director, the Dean of the College writes, "We desire to inform you that this university was once well equipped but suffered a great loss during the past long resistance war against Japan. Our buildings have been partly destroyed, our books and equipment all gone. We are now trying to do our utmost to build up this university, especially our library. We have men here and we all have a strong will for reconstruction and yet we are facing financial difficulty. We Chinese always believe the famous saying of Confucius, 'All under the heaven are brethren'. We are writing to our friends far and near for their cooperation and kind help in building up our university. We shall be more than happy to have you give us whatever books, bulletins, etc., that you can spare for our Agricultural College Library. Your kind, timely help and cooperation will be not only greatly appreciated by us but also by all the people in China." A quantity of available publications are being forwarded to the university at Mukden through the International Exchange and the library of the Agricultural College put on the mailing list for all future bulletins from this Station.

DISCUSSED BLANCHING

Doctor Roy E. Marshall and Professor William F. Robertson of the Department of Horticulture and Doctor Pauline Paul and Miss Kelly of the Department of Foods and Nutrition of Michigan State College spent two days last week conferring with Doctor Moyer, Doctor Robinson, and Doctor Kertesz on blanching investigations under way here.

HOUSE CLEANING

The Pomology Division plans to shut off the compressor for the 32 degree room in the basement of Hedrick Hall next Monday, August 4th, for a general house cleaning of the room. The compressor will be shut off for several days and all those who store material in the room are requested to look after it at once in order to prevent spoilage.
