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DOCTOR BREED RETIRES

Doctor Robert S. Breed retired last Saturday, November 1st, at least with respect to his official status, but his plans for the future call for as full a schedule of activities as ever only with more time to do some of the things in which he is especially interested. Among his plans for the immediate future is an assignment with the Mayaguez Tropical Products Company in Puerto Rico, in cooperation with the Puerto Rico Experiment Station at Mayaguez, which will take Doctor and Mrs. Breed to Puerto Rico early in January. In February, Doctor Breed will deliver a series of lectures on the classification of bacteria at the University of Louisiana, and he has been invited to visit the Inter-American Experiment Station in Turrialba, Costa Rica, later in the spring. The Breeds expect to return to Geneva in May and will make their home at 6 Sunset Drive. May continued good health and the satisfaction of still further accomplishments be their good fortune, is our earnest wish for both of them.

Doctor Breed became head of the Division of Bacteriology in 1913, following several years on the faculty of Allegheny College. Prior to that, he had obtained his B. S. degree from Amherst in 1898, his M. S. from the University of Colorado in 1899, and the Ph. D. degree from Harvard in 1902. He also studied at the University of Gottingen in 1910 and the University of Kiel in 1911. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Phi Gamma Delta.

During his 34 years here at Geneva, Doctor Breed's work has received worldwide recognition and he has participated in many international gatherings in the fields of microbiology and botany in his capacity as permanent secretary of the International Commission on Bacteriological Nomenclature. He attended meetings of the World Dairy Congress in Berne, Washington, London, and Rome as an official United States delegate. He was also a member of the U. S. delegation to the second Inter-American Conference of Agriculture in Mexico City in 1942. And just this summer he flew to Copenhagen for the fourth International Congress for Microbiology.

Doctor Breed is also justly proud of his service since 1937 as editor-in-chief of Bergey's Manual of Determinative Bacteriology, the sixth edition of which will appear about January 1st. Of equal significance is his editorship since 1917 of the Standard Methods for Dairy Products of the American Public Health Association, the ninth edition of which will appear in December. He is the author of numerous Station publications and of many articles in scientific and technical trade journals.

We would be sadly remiss if we did not include in a review of Doctor Breed's career—even as fragmentary a review as this—some mention of his local, extra-curricular activities, for they have been varied and extensive. He has served for 25 years as supervisor of Geneva's milk and water supply. He has been active in the Geneva Rotary Club, the Geneva Historical Society, the University Club, and the First Presbyterian Church. And in 1941 he was recipient of the Kiwanis Award for outstanding service to the community. He also assisted Mrs. Breed for several years in Girl Scout work in Geneva, especially as chaperon of the girls who won trips to the circus as a reward for good work within their Scout troop.

During the past few months, international, national, and state organizations with which Doctor Breed has been identified have vied with one another in expressions of appreciation of his contributions. The citation by the Milk Industry Foundation, Laboratory Section, in Miami last week expresses the general sentiment in the following words: "A distinguished leader in the field of dairy bacteriology for forty years. Revered for his contributions to dairy science which are legion. Renowned for his part in the development of the Direct Microscopic Method for enumerating bacteria in milk, for his internationally recognized work on the classification of bacteria, for his untiring work down through the years in the standardization of official methods for the examination of dairy products and for his success in developing younger dairy scientists by his sound teaching, his steady influence, and his inspiring nature."

ELECTION RETURNS

Mrs. Alvin Braun beat the municipal election by a week when she was elected to the post of President of Ceres Circle last Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was the first for the group for the 1947-48 season and was held at the home of Mrs. Nelson Shaulis. Other officers elected were Mrs. Roger Bledsoe, Vice President, and Mrs. Robert Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Ross Bigelow and Mrs. C. H. Dearborn were the hostesses.

MR. AND MRS. ED SMITH

Miss Janet Ritchie of Aylmer, Quebec, and Edward H. Smith of Ithaca were married last Saturday, with Ben Clark formerly with the Seed Division here and now at East Lansing, Mich., as Ed's best man. Mr. and Mrs. Clark flew from East Lansing for the ceremony and Doctor Frank Lee was also among the guests. Ed Smith, formerly a member of the Entomology Division here and now Extension Entomologist at Ithaca, also just last week completed the requirements for the Ph. D. degree from Cornell University and acquired a new Plymouth in which to take his bride to their home in Ithaca. Our very best wishes and congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. Ed Smith!

HERE'S A GOOD NUMBER

If you call 7370, Miss Rosina Felice will probably answer for that is the new 'phone for Biotec and the Stain Commission headquarters in the Schine Building downtown.

SHIFT!

There has been considerable moving about on the second floor of Sturtevant Hall for more economical and efficient use of the space. You probably won't find 'em where you think they are the first time you visit the bacteriology quarters.

MARILYNN YOUNG

Our congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. Harry C. Young, Jr., on the arrival last Sunday of Marilynn Christine--7 pounds, 3 ounces of her.

PLANNING FOR HORT MEETING

The Director and Mr. Luckett are in Rochester today for a meeting of the Program Committee of the State Horticultural Society. Preliminary plans will be made for the Rochester meeting of the Society January 13 to 15, inclusive. Attention will also be given to the joint educational exhibits from the College of Agriculture and the Station.

PLANNING FOR POUGHKEEPSIE MEETING

Doctor D. H. Palmiter as chairman of the local committee and Doctor W. T. Schroeder as secretary of the Northeastern Division of the American Phytopathological Society are busy men these days, making arrangements for the second annual meeting of the Division scheduled to be held in Poughkeepsie November 25 and 26. The program will consist of presentation of papers and round table discussions on plant disease problems.

BY WAY OF FILLER

We are indebted to Extension Echoes for the following bit of grammatical lore: If someone asked you if it's possible to use the word "and" five times in succession in a correct English sentence, you'd probably say "no." But it is. Doug Hood, biology, tells of a time years ago when he stayed at a little Inn in Canada called the Pig and Whistle. In painting the sign, the painter neglected to put space between the words, so the proprietor advised him as follows: "You need more space between the pig and and, and and and whistle."