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FOOD PROCESSING

Atlantic City is the scene this week of a nationwide conclave of food industries, including such organizations as the National Cannery Association, the Institute of Food Technologists, and others. Doctor Kertesz is addressing the technical conference of the National Cannery Association today on his studies on the calcium firming of fruits and vegetables. Doctor Hucker is attending a session of the Council of the Institute of Food Technologists of which he is the President.

SCHOOL FOR CANNERS

February 10 and 11 have been set as the dates for the annual School for canning factory field men. For the past several years, the sessions have been held in Jordan Hall, but with the auditorium out of circulation the gathering next month will be held in the Civic Center. Several members of the Staff will participate in the program as usual.

SEED STOCKS CO-OP

Professor Sayre attended two meetings of the New York State Foundation Seed Stocks Cooperative last week—one in Ithaca and one in Rochester—where the maintenance of seed stocks of new varieties was discussed. The Seed Stocks Co-op is organized to multiply and maintain pure stock of new plant varieties, including grains and vegetables, which have been developed by plant breeders at Ithaca and Geneva.

116th ANNUAL MEETING

The New York State Agricultural Society is holding its 116th annual meeting and "farm dinner" in Albany today. The theme of this year's meeting is "Importance of New York Agriculture to New York Consumers". Governor Dewey will speak at the dinner and citations will be awarded to "Century Farms and Farm Families", a special feature of the Agricultural Society meetings. No one from the Station attended this year's event.

INSTRUMENT DESIGNING

The Division of Food Science and Technology is equipping a machine shop in the basement of Sturtevant Hall for the purpose of developing instruments and special equipment to be used in researches in connection with the pilot plant. Mr. George N. Bliss of Ithaca, experienced in tool making and in electronics, has been employed to design new equipment and has entered upon his duties.

REELECTED

Doctor Hofer was reelected president of the Geneva Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association at the annual meeting last week. Other Station folks included among the officers of the Chapter are Mrs. Wharton, Secretary; Professor Mundinger, Treasurer; and members of the Executive Council, Mr. Gainey, Mrs. Cass, Miss Warren, Mr. Bergstresser, Mr. Kokoski, and Mr. Pedersen.

SECOND GENERATION

Miss Isabelle Chartres has entered upon her secretarial duties in the Division of Food Science and Technology. Miss Chartres follows in her mother's footsteps, the late Mrs. Esther Hawkins Chartres, who was employed for several years as a stenographer in the Pomology Department here.

ANOTHER FRUIT MEETING

The Rochester meeting of the State Horticultural Society brought forth the usual crowds of fruit growers who eventually found the College and Station exhibits in their new quarters in the "Fire Hall" at Edgerton Park. Among the grand "old timers" who did considerable visiting with Station and College folks were Grant Hitchings, Ernest R. Clark, Roe Stevenson, Mr. Morgan of Lewiston, and others. Among those especially missed this year were B. J. Case who had departed for Florida prior to the meeting, and Roy McPherson, Secretary of the Society for the past 27 years who was confined to his home by illness. Special recognition of Roy's services was made at the dinner Thursday evening. Mr. Wellington and Henry Bennett drew the assignment of judging the fruit exhibits of the Future Farmers of America, really quite a job. Several members of the Staff will journey to Kingston next week for the eastern meeting of the Society, including the Director, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Braun, Dr. Chapman, Professor Harman, Professor Wellington, and Mr. Axinn.

GRAPE BREEDING

Doctor Oberle was guest speaker before the Geneva Kiwanis Club last week when he described the Station grape breeding program. This will probably mark George's last appearance on the speaker's platform in New York State as he leaves soon for his new position at the Virginia Experiment Station.

TOO HOT

Doctor Reinking writes from Texas about the heat wave in that area. The next stop for the Reinkings will be the Citrus Experiment Station at Riverside, California.

SWEDISH PLANT BREEDER

Professor Wellington has received word that Miss Berta Danielsson of the Horticultural Research Station at Balsgard, Sweden, will arrive in Geneva February 9th for a visit to the Station. Miss Danielsson is a cytologist and has been engaged in fruit breeding investigations along much the same lines as Doctor Einset who visited her laboratory while he was in Sweden last year.

CENTENNIAL EDITION

The January number of the American Fruit Grower is dedicated to the centennial of the American Pomological Society which will be celebrated this year. The issue has many references of interest to Station folks. For example, on a page of congratulatory statements from such notables as Senators Taft, Byrd, and Aiken and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, one will find the smiling countenance of Harold Turkey. On another page, Harold has a story on the Wilder Medal, with pictures of recipients, including Doctor Hedrick. There are also feature articles by Doctor Hedrick and Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey. The Station will have an exhibit of some of its new apples at the centennial meeting of the Society in St. Louis next month.

NEW JOURNAL

The new British journal--Research, a Journal of Science and its Applications--is now being received in the Station Library.

WE ARE INDEBTED

The Reading Room in the Library is sporting a new magazine rack, thanks to Professor Powell, Librarian at the College of Agriculture. The rack will make possible the display of a number of current foreign and miscellaneous domestic publications for which there has been no room in the past.

WHO'LL BE FIRST?

There is a telephone number on the back of the March-of-Dime boxes. When a box is filled, the number is to be called and the box will be collected. There is a prize for the first box filled!
