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100 YEARS

A "Centennial Fruit Congress" is to be held in St. Louis next week, February 17-19, inclusive, in recognition of the hundredth anniversary of the American Pomological Society. The theme of the meeting is "One hundred years of progress in fruit growing and a glimpse into the future". The "glimpse" will include a look at new varieties and will include, among many other entries, a collection of recent introductions from the apple breeding program of this Station. A display of Cortland, Kendall, Macoun, Sweet Delicious, Sweet McIntosh, and several unnamed seedlings was shipped to St. Louis several days ago by the Pomology Division. The Station was also asked to supply specimens of Baldwin, McIntosh, and Northern Spy--varieties that originated more than a hundred years ago--to be shown along with collections of the old varieties from all sections of the United States. Doctor Heinicke is planning to attend the Congress and to participate in meetings of the National Peach Council, the National Apple Institute, and of the American Society for Horticultural Science--all of which are taking part in the centennial.

VIRUS DISEASES

Representative nurserymen, nursery inspectors of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, specialists from the College of Agriculture and from the Station Staff met in Jordan Hall Monday at the call of Doctor A. B. Buchholz, Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, to consider the problem of virus diseases in stone fruits in connection with nursery inspection. Those from Ithaca included Doctor Guterman, Professor MacDaniels, Doctor K. G. Parker, and Professor W. E. Snyder.

WEED CONTROL

Doctor Dearborn is planning to attend the Northeastern Weed Control Conference to be held at the Hotel Commodore in New York City tomorrow and Friday. Along with Professors R. D. Sweet and J. R. Havis of the College of Agriculture, he will report results of a cooperative experiment on weeding sweet corn with 2,4-D. Dearborn is also planning to take part in a corn improvement conference to be held at the New Jersey Experiment Station in New Brunswick next week which will bring together plant breeders from the northeastern section of the country and the U. S. Department of Agriculture who are concerned with the breeding of sweet corn and field corn.

CLERICAL HELP

The Business Department of the Geneva High School has called attention to the availability of senior students in typing, stenography, and business machine operation who are seeking opportunities for work experience. They would be available from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. daily. A minimum wage of 50 cents an hour is expected. For further details, consult Mr. Lockett.

GOING STRONG

The 23rd annual Canning Crops Conference, formerly known as the "School" for canning crop growers, is well along on its second day's session at the Civic Center. Today's program consists mostly of Station talent. The Director was called to a conference of northeastern experiment station representatives in New York City and had to send in the editor to substitute for him this morning in extending official "greetings" to the conference.

MET WITH FORESTERS

Claude Heit of the Division of Seed Investigations who, among other things, works with tree seeds, attended the meeting of the New York Section of the Society of American Foresters held in Syracuse last week. Discussion centered chiefly around protection of forests from fire, diseases, and insects.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

W. J. Lutjeharms, Professor of Botany of the University College at Bloemfontein, South Africa, visited the Station last week to consult with Doctor Conn and Doctor Hofer on soil bacteriological projects under way here.

FROM MELBOURNE

From way down under comes a letter addressed to the editor of Farm Research which reads as follows: "Dear Sir, Some twelve months ago you were good enough to place my name on the circulation list for the official quarterly bulletin of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, and I have been receiving the publication with great interest for the past twelve months. I would like to thank you for the courtesy extended me in this fashion and to request that my name be retained on the circulation list. With the compliments of the Season, Yours sincerely, R. W. Spicer."

ALL'S WELL Sayre's

The story about Professor' luggage had a happy ending--his suitcase came back unharmed, even if no explanation was forthcoming as to what happened.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Grandpop Jim Hefferon and to Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead our congratulations on the arrival of Cynthia Jean. Mrs. Olmstead was formerly Marie Hefferon.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. George Chase are receiving congratulations on the arrival of Helen at the Geneva General Hospital last Sunday. Mrs. Chase was formerly Miss Betty Robinson and was employed in the Division of Food Science and Technology at the time of her marriage.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

This is the log of George Oberle's trip from Geneva to Blacksburg, Va., and should be a warning to those who leave the sunny clime of western New York for the "South". George left Geneva on January 31st with the thermometer at 5 below. When he reached Elmira, it was 9 below and at Williamsport 15 below. At Winchester, Va., he ran into twelve inches of new snow and had to buy chains for the car. But the real pay-off was when he reached his rooming house in Blacksburg--the folks had converted to oil last fall--and yes, they were out of oil!