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FOOD SCIENCE

A practical demonstration of what is meant by "Food Science and Technology" was spread out before some seventy-five members of the Staff and their wives last Wednesday evening when the Food Science Division held "open house". The series of well-organized talks and demonstrations gave the visitors an excellent perspective of how bacteriology and chemistry, and even engineering, enter into the varied program of food processing research under way at the Station. It was interesting and enlightening to learn what the other half is doing with the curious gadgets in the various laboratories. Then as a fitting climax, Doctor Hand in a few well-chosen words indicated how the work of the Division fitted into the overall research program of the Station. Those taking part in the demonstrations included Guilford Mack, Frank Koski, Zoltan Kertesz, George Pearce, Jim Moyer, Frank Lee, Willard Robinson, Ken Holgate, Dwight Carpenter, Bob Brooks, Arthur Emory, Alvin Hofer, and Carl Pederson. A social hour with refreshments featuring Professor Hening's fruit ices concluded the program.

DOCTOR CONN TO RETIRE

Doctor Conn has requested retirement on May 1st in order to give full time to the interests of the Biological Stain Commission and Biotech Publications which he heads. Doctor Conn came to the Station from Cornell in 1911 as an Associate in Bacteriology and rapidly achieved distinction as a soil bacteriologist. He has numerous Station bulletins and technical articles to his credit. In 1923, he was named Chairman of the newly organized Biological Stain Commission which was designed to assure to the United States complete freedom from outside sources of the all-important stains used in medicine and by scientists generally. The Station sponsored this work as a public service to agriculture and biology until it became self-supporting. The work of the Commission was greatly stimulated with the advent of World War II, and the Commission was incorporated under the New York State Board of Regents and Doctor Conn's title changed to that of President. In 1938, he was named Treasurer and Executive Secretary of Biotech Publications which was created to handle publications of the Committee on Technic of the Society of American Bacteriologist, of which he was Chairman. The surplus earnings of this enterprise go toward the support of the work of the Stain Commission. One of the publications handled by Biotech is "Stain Technology" founded by Doctor Conn in 1926 and edited by him continuously since then. Doctor Conn is serving as President of the Society of American Bacteriologists this year and will deliver the Presidential address at the annual meeting of the Society in Minneapolis next month. Upon retirement, Doctor Conn will make his headquarters in the office of the Stain Commission in the Geneva Theater Building, where Miss Rosina Felice and Miss Beatrice Saso are employed as assistants. He and Mrs. Conn will continue to reside at their home on Castle Street. We extend congratulations to Doctor Conn on his accomplishments as a member of the scientific staff of the Station and wish him success and happiness in all of his undertakings in the years ahead.

UNOPPOSED

Our congratulations to Doctor George Hucker upon his election as Governor of the 171st District of Rotary at the recent meeting of Rotary International in Montreal. The honor comes largely in recognition of outstanding service to the local Club and community.

EDITORIAL CLINIC

George Axinn was in New York City last week for a regional meeting of the Association of Agricultural College Editors at the Hotel New Yorker. Bulletin layout, exhibit designing, visual aids, radio, and other matters of interest to experiment station and extension editors came in for discussion.

ROAD BLOCKS

To preserve what is left of Collier Drive, for after all it is not a public thoroughfare, road blocks will be put in place at each end at 5:00 p. m. daily--and will be left in place from Friday p. m. till Monday a. m. and on holidays. At least the barriers will remain in place if Station employees will refrain from opening them up and leaving them wide open for passing motorists to make a shortcut through the Station grounds. Entrance to the grounds is always available from Castle Street by means of the drive adjacent to Professor Howe's residence or from North Street by way of the drive alongside Hedrick Hall or the Chemistry Building. If you simply must come in and leave by Collier Drive, please replace the barrier after you have passed through! Thank you!

MR. CHRISTENSEN

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Roy Bergstresser and the family on the death of her father last Friday as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident the day before.

A GUEST TEA

The May meeting of Ceres Circle will take the form of a guest tea at the Director's residence on Monday evening, May 10th, at 8:00 p. m. The program will consist of an illustrated talk by Miss Helen Brown, public school art teacher in Geneva, on "Art, the Experiment Station of Life". Ceres Circle members and their guests are cordially invited.

STAFF MEETING

Prof. Wallace of Long Ashton Institution, Bristol, England, will speak to the staff in Sturtevant Hall at 3:30 this afternoon on plant nutrition.

WUXTREE! WUXTREE! WUXTREE!

Experiment Station Bowling Team Blasts Baptist Bombers.-- In a whirlwind finish, the Experiment Station team took 4 straight points from the powerful (?) Second Station team, sometimes known as the Baptist Bombers. In an exclusive interview with the NEWS, Captain Stepanek said "Great team--they did as they were told--not as I did." Lead-off man "Powerhouse" Cain, commented "Shucks, t'weren't nothing. We just got there firstest with the mostest." "Curly" Curtis, exclaimed "I got so excited, I forgot to pay my fee." "Court" Hening, said "Proud to be a member of the team." Al Braun, "The best game I ever bowled." For the losers, all that Captain Robinson could say was, "Is there a doctor in the house?" The other members of the losing team, Vittum, Young, and Campfield, disappeared into the night with no comment.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

Our heartfelt thanks to Miss Jennings and George Axinn for keeping the NEWS so much alive during our recent indisposition. Some day we are going to run a special on our operation!

SOCIETY NOTES

The Geneva Daily Times last week recorded the announcement of the engagement of Miss Dorothea Metcalf, formerly of the Division of Food Science and Technology, to Hugh Travis of Kalamazoo, Mich. Miss Metcalf is at present registered in the Graduate School at Michigan State College. Then too, we read in the Times of a dinner held in honor of Miss Lynette Ward, also of the Division of Food Science, whose marriage to Dr. Robert F. Witter of the University of Rochester, will take place early in June. Miss Ward terminates her work here at the Station on April 30th.

FACTS AND FIGGERS

Did you know that more than 5,000 acres of commercial tomato plantings this season will consist of Bill Tapley's new varieties--Long Red, Gem, or Red Jacket? Long Red has "caught on" especially well in Chautauqua County, and all three varieties are now carried in several seed catalogs. There's no knowing how extensively the new sorts will be planted in home gardens. This is the first season that seed has been generally available. (NB. We will pay our usual high rates for suitable topics for use in this new department on interesting accomplishments.)

