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IT'S OFFICIAL NOW

The repaving of West North Street was given the official stamp of approval Monday morning when the Mayor, the City Engineer, the President of the Board of Public Works, and sundry others assembled in front of the Station and had their pictures taken "operating" the drills and other machinery. For the next two weeks, the sidewalk engineers will have an unexcelled opportunity to pass judgment on the job, for with a break in the weather the contractor hopes to complete work on the road within that period. Light traffic will probably be by-passed over Collier Drive for two or three days during the final stages of resurfacing; otherwise, it is expected that traffic will be maintained along North Street.

AN INSPIRING FIGURE

About 250 favored guests assembled in the Memorial Room in Willard Straight Hall last Thursday evening to pay tribute to Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey in recognition of his 90th birthday. The anniversary itself had occurred several weeks earlier while Doctor Bailey was on a palm-collecting trip to the West Indies. Erect and vigorous, he responded to the tributes paid him by preceding speakers with his usual wit and mixed reminiscences of the past with plans for the future. Doctor Bailey's philosophy is that "Memories are of value to those who remember, but hope is dynamic and goes from man to man and from generation to generation." It was an inspiring experience for all of those present. Earlier in the day, the Men's Garden Club of America presented Doctor Bailey with the first award of the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Medal for "meritorious service in horticulture."

ALSO IN ITHACA

Also last week in Ithaca--on the 28th to be exact--alumni of the University of New Hampshire held a dinner in honor of Doctor Arthur S. Adams, Provost of Cornell University, who assumes the position of President of New Hampshire University in Durham later this month. Professor Tapley and Doctor Dearborn, loyal alumni of the U. of N. H., participated in the event. They were accompanied by Lyman J. Batchelder, Professor Emeritus in Mechanical Engineering of the University of New Hampshire, who has been visiting the Dearborns.

FROM LONG ASHTON

Professor Thomas Wallace, Director of the Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station at Long Ashton, Bristol, England, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at the Station. Wednesday afternoon he addressed the Staff on work underway at his institution on plant nutrition problems.

DR. TUKEY HERE

Doctor Harold Tukey paid a brief visit to the Station campus last Friday, his first visit since assuming his position as head of the Department of Horticulture of Michigan State College. Thursday evening he was the official representative of Michigan State at the dinner for Doctor Bailey, the latter having come to Cornell from the faculty of Michigan State College in 1888.

PROCESSING BEETS

Representatives of the canning industry spent last Friday morning at the Station in conference with Dr. Kertesz, Dr. Robinson, and Dr. Hand on problems related to the processing of beets, particularly the effect on the product of blanching in contact with air. Representing the canners were Morton Adams of the Alton Canning Company, G. E. Finch of the Edgett-Burnham Company, and R. Ganze and Charles Hill of the Comstock Canning Company.

OTHER VISITORS

Among recent visitors we note especially a group of five nurses from the Geneva General Hospital who made a tour of the Station last Thursday and found much of interest. Also, visiting the Division of Food Science, was Prof. A. de Vleeschauer of the Agricultural University of Ghent, Belgium.

OPPORTUNITIES

Doctor Hand was the speaker at the third annual banquet of the Dairy Science Association at Ithaca last Saturday evening, when he spoke on "Opportunities for Dairy Scientists in Industry".

MR. LARSEN

We extend sincere sympathy to Bob Larsen and other members of the family on the death of his father, Lars Peter Larsen, last Thursday following a short illness. Mr. Larsen was employed as a carpenter at the Station for many years and his skill in that capacity will long be remembered.

CERES CIRCLE

Monday evening at 8:00 p. m. Ceres Circle will hold a guest tea at the Director's residence, with Mrs. Claude Heit in charge of the program and the ladies in Administration serving as hostesses. It has been suggested that those who would like to see the rock gardens, which are now quite attractive, plan to visit the gardens between 7:30 and 8:00, when the program will get under way.

FOUND:A WRENCH

A crescent wrench has been found in the rear of Hedrick Hall and may be recovered from Jim Moyer upon proper and satisfactory identification.

REVENGE--SWEET REVENGE!

The Baptist bowlers challenged the Station team to a return engagement--and not content to leave well enough alone and rest on their laurels, the latter succumbed last Thursday night by a score of 2691 to 2679. Vittum paced the victors with a 496 and was followed closely by Emory with a 479. Young, Campfield, and Robinson also bowled for the Baptists. Captain Stepanek was top man for the Station team with a 417, with Curtis rolling a 410, and Cain, Foster, and Hening helping out. However, "Curly" Curtis, who really knows about such things, says that the difference in the score has no statistical significance. Just the same the Baptists won. Final League standing--Baptists in 9th place; the Station team in 12th place--the foundation of the League!

WE STILL SAY THEY'RE "NEW"

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutschky on the arrival of Charleen Isabelle and to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Schillhour on the birth of Kathy, both young ladies claiming May Day as their birthdays. In last week's Extension Echoes, mention is made of a protest from one of their readers on the use in that publication of the expression "a new daughter was born, etc." Birth is always new, it was pointed out. But the editor of Echoes maintains, and rightly we believe, that so far as the parents are concerned, babies are always "new", and certainly they are news!

WHY NOT?

Because our artist's conception of a staked tomato plant in last week's NEWS gave the appearance of a cross, we get a letter from "Anonymous" wanting to know if the 5,000 acres of Bill Tapley's tomatoes, "Include all those planted in graveyards (as illustrated)? Seriously, Prof. Tapley deserves all the credit you can give him for the wonderful strains he has developed". Well, Anonymous, Confucius is reported to have said, "Your story in pictures leaves nothing untold."

FACTS AND FIGGERS

Specifications for a so-called "Superior Type" of spray oil worked out here at the Station are now widely accepted by the oil industry and the new formula is in strong demand on the part of fruit growers. One distributor alone in New York State has sold over 100,000 gallons of the "Superior" oil for use this spring--sufficient to make more than 5,000,000 gallons of spray mixture. The new type oil is safer to use and is effective at lower concentrations than old type spray oils. The development is the result of years of intensive team work between Entomology and Chemistry, with Dr. Chapman, Dr. Pearce, and Dr. Avens carrying the ball.

