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MORE VISITORS

Today the Station is playing host to a busload of teachers of agriculture and FFA boys from Pennsylvania. The party arrived in Ithaca Monday night and spent yesterday at the College of Agriculture. Next Friday members of the Northeastern Division of the American Phytopathological Society will spend the day here, inspecting the laboratory, greenhouse, and field work of the Plant Pathology Division, with side trips to nearby experiments.

THE FRUIT GROWERS

About 150 fruit growers from Michigan and western New York took part in the orchard tour and visit to the Station yesterday sponsored by the New York State Horticultural Society. Virginia growers withdrew from the tour at the last minute. Station contributions to the program included an inspection of the Rootstock Farm, demonstrations of experimental spray and dust equipment, and exhibits on new fruit products, fruit seed studies, fruit breeding, and fruit insect pest control.

FROM CANADA

Mr. Robert C. Lamb of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, has been appointed acting assistant professor in pomology, effective July 16th, and will be engaged in fruit breeding work here. He reported for work Monday morning. Mr. Lamb took his undergraduate work at the University of Saskatchewan and received his M. S. degree from the University of Minnesota where he was also employed on the Minnesota fruit breeding farm. He is a candidate for the Ph. D. degree at the University of Minnesota.

FROM AUSTRALIA

Mr. E. S. West, Officer-in-Charge of the Irrigation Research Station of the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research at Griffith, New South Wales, spent last Thursday at the Station. He was especially interested in work on soil moisture and plant relationships. He expressed himself as quite impressed with the extent and nature of the research program here.

FROM OUT OF TOWN

Among former associates and colleagues of Doctor Glasgow who attended the service for him in the First Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon were Dean W. I. Myers, Prof. Ralph Wheeler, Doctor Charles Palm, Doctor James Dewey, Doctor Ed Smith, Doctor James Brann, Doctor Leland Norton, Professor W. A. Rawlins, Professor T. C. Watkins, and Professor W. E. Blauvelt, all of Ithaca; Dr. R. W. Dean of the Poughkeepsie Laboratory; Professor Ellsworth Wheeler, formerly of the Entomology Division, of the University of Massachusetts; Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, formerly of the Seed Testing Laboratory and now in 4-H work at Concord, Mass.; Miss Lena Curtis of Penn Yan, formerly secretary to Doctor Glasgow; and Mr. William Sherman, Secretary of the Association of New York State Cannerymen.

IN THE NEWS

Doctor J. Alfred Adams of the Station's Poughkeepsie Laboratory broke into the columns of the New York Times in a big way in last Friday's paper in an interview on the Jap beetle and its control. The pest is beginning to appear in numbers in the metropolitan area, and the Times gave considerable space to information on the pest from Doctor Adams from workers at the Connecticut and New Jersey stations, and elsewhere.

WELL RECEIVED

Last week in Boston, the North American Lily Society awarded Professor Slate medals and citations for an exhibit of new lily varieties developed by him during the past few years. George also addressed the Society at its annual meeting. Lily breeding is George's hobby, or one of them, and he has perfected some very lovely hybrids. He is also editor of "The American Lily Year Book" sponsored by the Society. Just by way of variety, he took with him specimens of some of the more promising red raspberry seedlings growing in his Station breeding plots. So impressed were officials of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society who saw them in a wholly unofficial and off the record pre-view that they presented Professor Slate with the Society's certificate of merit.

WESTWARD HO!

Mr. and Mrs. Axinn left Saturday for Spokane, Wash., and intervening points of interest. The primary objective is the meeting of the Association of Agricultural College Editors to be held in Spokane and Pullman, Wash., the first week in August. The Axinns are planning to visit experiment stations enroute to and from the West Coast, and will return to Geneva about August 14th. George will enter a publications exhibit from the Station at the editors' conference.

TALENT SCOUTS, ATTENTION!

If it's stunting auto riders for the county fair circuit they are looking for, the booking agencies should be tipped off about our own devil driver, Bob Foster. According to the way we hear it, Bob really did things with the Station's 1929 Brockway 1-ton truck in a drive from Waterville to Geneva last week. The truck had been turned out to pasture for the past several years and was much the worse for weathering and neglect. It was Bob's job to get it back to Geneva for a trade-in--and he did.

NO VISITORS YET

Bill Tapley is progressing satisfactorily but is still on the "No Visitors" list at the Geneva General Hospital.

MR. SLATER HERE

Mr. C. S. Slater of the Soil Conservation Service research group visited the Station last week to renew contacts with former acquaintances here. Now located at College Park, Md., Mr. Slater was for several years in charge of the SCS research program in this area, with headquarters here at the Station.

"INSPIRATION" PIECE OR FILLER?

We are frequently put to it to fill out the page in the NEWS and must resort to the use of fillers, or "inspiration" pieces, as they are known to the "trade". Of course, what with the hot weather and all, perhaps our readers would be happier if we forgot about the whole thing and just left the page blank. Maybe they'd rather we tied a rock to the NEWS and dropped it in the lake to begin with--an idea that we have toyed with on many occasions. That other editors contend with the same problem is evident from the following clipping from Kalends, the house organ of the Williams & Wilkens Publishing Company received in our office, which we gratefully acknowledge in this time of need:

"Some magazines and all newspapers have editorial writers who specialize in writing what is known to the trade as 'inspiration pieces'. They are called inspiration pieces logically enough, since their purpose is to inspire. It matters little what the type of inspiration aroused will be, as long as the message is an inspiring one.

"Inspiration pieces are always written upon the death of a great man or woman, a new fashion in women's clothes, hot weather, cold weather, the World Series, the election of a new president, the last ride of a street-car line, the tearing down of an old building, Christmas, Easter, Groundhog Day--the list is endless.

"Who is supposed to be inspired by these essays and what they are supposed to be inspired to do isn't very clear, but they do take up space and taking up space is a very worthy quality to editorial writers. For example, see preceding material which fills space, while saying nothing."
