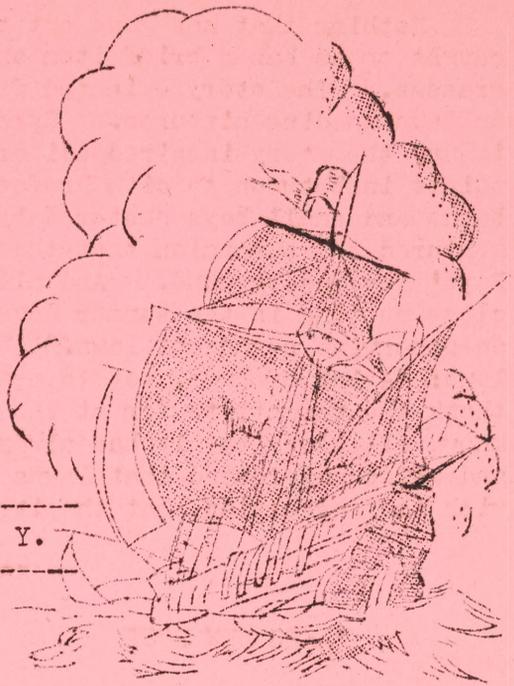


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THAT DINNER DANCE

Remember your date with Frank Fennell's orchestra next Wednesday evening at the Seneca Lake Country Club. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Reservations should be in the hands of the committee by Friday of this week. If you have any question about your membership status in the Station Club, consult Doctor Robinson or Mr. Heit; they have lists of paid-up members. But don't let that stop you from coming to the party, for everyone connected with the Station is cordially urged to attend. For your convenience the following persons have been named to accept reservations: Mrs. Pedersen, Mrs. DeWall, Miss Tills, Mrs. Wharton, Miss Chartres, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Robinson, and Mr. Heit.

NEW OFFICERS

Ceres Circle opened the 1948-49 season with a well-attended meeting Monday evening at the Director's residence. Mr. Clarence Oka, a Hobart student, talked on Hawaii. During the business meeting, Mrs. William T. Tapley was elected President; Mrs. Robert W. Holley, Vice President; and Miss Lucile Holtby, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Braun announced that the next meeting of the group will be held on Monday, November 1st, from 2:30 to 4:30 when the Agricultural Circle of Ithaca will be the guests of Ceres Circle at the Director's home. All Ceres Circle members are requested to make a note of the date on their calendars.

EXCLUSIVE AGENCY

Word about the onion juice concentrate developed in the laboratories of the Division of Food Science and Technology has spread far and wide. Last week a letter came to the Station from Bombay, India, that read in part as follows:

Dear Sirs,

Re: Onion Juice Concentrate

I shall be glad if you will favour me by return mail with your current catalogue and price list. I may point out that I can consume big quantities at factory prices. I can assure you of my steady support if the prices are found to be competative (sic). Please state trade terms and sole agency for whole of India.

DR. BREED HONORED

Doctor Breed is in receipt of a communication from Leeds, England, advising him of his election as an Honorary Member of the Society for Applied Bacteriology at the recent annual meeting of that organization. The communication states in part, "Members of the Society feel greatly indebted to you for the interest you have taken in our Society and the publicity which you have given us in the United States and Canada, from which we have gained a number of valuable members." Other organizations which have similarly honored Doctor Breed since his retirement last November 1st are the New York State Dairy and Food Sanitarians, the Society of American Bacteriologists, and the American Dairy Science Association.

A POPULAR THEME

Nothing that has gone out through the Station press service recently has quite caught on as has a brief item on the effects of too close clipping of lawns on lawn grasses. The story emanated from the Seed Division as a follow up on observations on lawn seeding mixtures. Spread far and wide by various press services that picked it up, the story inspired editorial writers from Los Angeles to New Orleans and points in between to cite Professor Munn as a benefactor of mankind, especially husbands and small boys pestered by their women folk to cut the grass. One writer even ventured the suspicion that the Professor was in the pay of the TBNU--the Teenage Boys' New Underground. And all because he said, "Heavy rolling in the spring and close cutting in the summer have ruined the best seeds planted and have ruined many an otherwise permanent lawn." The burden of the editorial comment is about as follows: "A lot of boys, not to mention quite a few husbands, at last have something to thank the scientists for at the State Experiment Station. It's something they've known all along but it has always been impossible heretofore to make their mothers and wives understand that lawns are injured by close clipping..." They wind up with the suggestion that the item be clipped for use next summer.

TAKES NEW POST

Doctor James Brew, formerly of the Bacteriology Division here and of the College of Agriculture staff, has accepted the position of Professor of Bacteriology at the Tennessee Polytechnical Institute at Cookeville. Doctor Brew has been associated for the past several years with the University of Tennessee from which he retired recently upon attaining the age limit for the University faculty.

DISCOURAGING--OR JUST INFLATION?

A professor in the Department of Sociology at Connecticut College is quoted by The New York Times as having discovered that, "The mean salary earned by male morons (I. Q. 50-60) is slightly higher than that earned by their intellectual superiors."

"SCIENCE ADOPTS THE BABY SITTER"

The following item from a recent issue of Refrigerating Engineering shows how time marches on:

"Scientific societies have come around to the belief that baby sitters are a very important part of our modern society and that no scientific body, however lofty, is immune to the practical exigencies of looking after baby. During the recent 114th national meeting of the American Chemical Society, a bevy of baby sitters was on hand to meet a demand voiced at previous meetings. Fathers and mothers who attended the sessions were able to give over their minds to science and bring Junior along, too. The Girl Scouts, or other qualified guardians, looked after him."

OUR MISTAKE

The name of Alvin Braun was inadvertently omitted from the roster of the Station bowling team in last week's NEWS. We are sorry. We are also sorry to note that the team met unexpectedly stiff opposition last Thursday evening, but why bring that up?

REALLY MISSED

With Miss Updike in Indianapolis visiting her brother on a well-earned vacation, things have almost ground to a standstill in FS&T, according to the Division's general chief.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss A. Lucella Vaughn of Geneva and Louis H. Eames were married October 4th at Wellsboro, Pa., and are now making their home at 141 Lyceum Street. Mr. Eames is janitor for the Entomology Building.

THE BIG PUSH

Returns on the Station's Community Chest contributions were so scattered at the time the NEWS went "to press" that we do not have any figures to report. The big push is on, however, and Doctor Hand urges everyone to get their pledges in as quickly as possible.