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WELCOME HOME, DICK

That was the caption which adorned two bright bouquets of daffodils which greeted Professor Wellington Monday morning upon his return from a six month sabbatic leave. The main purpose of his cross-country trip was to compare notes with other fruit-breeding specialists. His itinerary included a couple dozen states, mainly in the southern half of the country and his longest stop was in California. From that state he brings tales of 6,000-acre vineyards, grapevines which looked like trees, a 24 square mile peach orchard, peach yields of 20 tons per acre, and strawberry harvests of 24,000 quarts to the acre. Some of the highpoints on which the Professor dwelt were the large-scale productions in California and the fruit-breeding programs in California and at Mountain Grove, Missouri. Dick also reported that many of the fruit varieties developed at Geneva are faring even better away from home. And, of course, there was an important stop in Philadelphia on the return trip to get a good look at the latest grandson.

CANNERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

About 75 field men of the New York State Canners Association met at the Station yesterday for a short training course in the detection and control of insect pests of corn and peas. Exhibits were in charge of George Butler, while Larry Carruth handled the oratorical business.

DOINGS AT SEED CONTROL CONFAB

Professor Munn returned from the Seed Control Conference in Boston last week and reports that an official organization has been formed. Named the Association of Seed Control Officials of the Northeastern States, the body will be composed of all seed workers in the 13 states in the area. In the transaction of business, each state will be given one vote, regardless of the number of members or laboratories in the state.

MEN FROM MARS?

Those huge gadgets which you may have seen chewing away at the earth on the canning crops farm yesterday are being used in an experiment on deep tillage which is being conducted jointly by the Agronomy Department at Ithaca and the Veg Crops Division here. Some of the equipment which saw service in constructing air strips during the war has been adapted to the new experiments which involve double depth plowing and mixing of the hardpan with topsoil. Doctor M. D. Russell of Ithaca is collaborating with our boys on the work.

FRENCH VISITOR

Doctor Bustarret, Director of Horticulture at the Research Institute of Agronomy in Versailles, visited the Station last Friday. His main interest was in fruit breeding, although he also visited the Veg Crops, Pathology, and Entomology Divisions.

ENGLISH VERSION

The English version of our "Safety First" or "Drive Carefully", used in postal cancellations, was seen on a post card from England received by George Slate recently which read as follows: "Mind How You Go On The Road".



CHIT CHAT

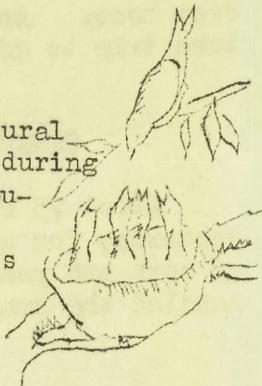
Personnel are to be commended on the orderly and successful operation of the chest X-ray project last Friday. More than a hundred pictures are reported to have been made...Dotty and Walt took the easy way out and named the youngster Walter Leighton, IV. The baby is doing fine and Dotty is coming along better....Grad student Ralph White did a little conferring with Bill Schroeder on the tomato anthracnose project last Saturday...Charley Stepanek has taken a new position with a Rochester concern. His work will revolve around fertilizers and soil conditioners....Doc Crosier has been temporarily evicted from his office while a new decorating job is underway.....Frank Bowen's appetite must be improving because we heard he had two dinners last Sunday. He can tell you the cost per vitamin on the first meal....Those "Babes in the Woods" the other day were none other than JoAnne and Ruth who decided to take a shortcut home and got lost somewhere in the jungle between Castle Street and Preemption Road.

ENTOMOLOGICAL DOINGS

Larry Carruth has moved his desk into the office formerly occupied by Chappie. And Gertrude Catlin has taken over at Larry's old stand. While Larry was going through some of the ancient documents in the office occupied by the late Doctor Glasgow, he chanced upon this gem: "We the undersigned, do hereby petition Dr. Jordan that we celebrate Lincoln's Birthday on Monday, Feb. 11, instead of Tuesday, Feb. 12, since Monday is a heatless day and Tuesday a showless day." -- (Signed) H. E. Hodgkiss, B. B. Fulton, H. Glasgow, E. Boyle, J. W. Bright, W. O. Gloyer, F. C. Stewart, R. S. Breed, David Hadlow, G. L. A. Ruehle, P. J. Parrott, M. T. Munn, M. Davis, G. A. Smith, R. L. Anthony, O. M. Taylor, W. C. Stone, G. H. Howe, Loraine Horton, J. W. Wellington, U. P. Hedrick, M. M. Melvin, W. Lydon, M. J. Murray, H. W. Hadlow. The document carried no date but a bit of research pins it down to the World War I days of February 1918 when "heatless Mondays" were the order of the day.

1949 PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the 94th annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society held in Rochester and Kingston last January has been received during the past few days. It is quite a sizable volume and contains contributions by Doctors Braun, Chapman, Dean, Hamilton, Heinicke, Munding, Palmiter, Parrott, Shaulis, Slate and Taschenberg. A few extra copies will soon be available in the Editor's office.



NEW BOOKS

The following titles are recent acquisitions in the Station Library:

- Sumner and Somers. Chemistry and methods of enzymes.
- Seymour. Favorite flowers in color.
- Franck. Photosynthesis in plants.
- Cold Spring Harbor Symposia on Quantitative Biology, v. 13, 1949.
- Vitamins and hormones, v. 6, 1948.
- Bartlett's familiar quotations, 12th ed., 1948.
- Barnes. Infrared spectroscopy.
- Weissberger. Technique of organic chemistry, v. 2, 1948.
- Organic synthesis, vs. 25-28, 1945-1948.
- Bear. Soils and fertilizers, 3rd ed., 1942.

THE ITHACA TEA

Just in case you haven't made arrangements for transportation to Ithaca next Monday afternoon for the tea that the Agricultural Circle at the College of Agriculture is giving for Ceres Circle, please call the wife of the head of your Division. There are ample accommodations and a good turn-out is indicated.

A quotable quote from you know whom: "The man who gives in when he is wrong is wise; the one who gives in when he is right is married."

