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BORNEO BOUND

The drums are throbbing, spelling out the BIG news, the pot is boiling--or rather we mean the forests are steaming--and next Friday Doctor Otto Reinking will wing his way to northern Borneo for a sojourn of three or four weeks. The occasion is an outbreak of disease in extensive Manila hemp plantations near Tawau in British North Borneo. The plantation was set out by the Japs during the war and is now operated by American interests. Arrangements for Doctor Reinking's services were made by the promoters through the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the United States Department of Agriculture.. While in the Philippines, Doctor Reinking will also make a survey of conditions in hemp plantations in the Gulf of Davao area where production is not up to expectations, possibly due to disease. Doctor Reinking visited Borneo in 1921 and again in 1926 while associated with the United Fruit Company and made a study of diseases of abaca, the plant from which the Manila hemp of commerce is derived. He has also observed the diseases of this plant and their control in Central America and the Philippines. In fact, in 1941-42 he was sent to the Republic of Panama by the Board of Economic Warfare to advise, among other things, on the control of diseases in newly set abaca plantations in that country. And so Doctor Reinking's selection for the present mission is readily understood. Here's wishing for a safe and comfortable journey and every success.

FIELD DAY

The Niagara County Vegetable Growers Association are all set for their annual Field Day to be held here at the Station Saturday, August 13th. Estimates of attendance range from 100 to 150, counting women and children. Plans call for inspection of vegetable crop work on the Wellington tract, the Canning Crops farm, and the Darrow farm, with a picnic lunch on the Station grounds. Doctor Frank Lee and the Editor are planning entertainment for the ladies in the morning--no men allowed, that is no other men.

FOLLOW-UP

Not to be outdone by Niagara County, Ontario and Wayne county Farm Bureaus are combining forces for a vegetable growers tour of the Station on Monday, August 15th. Much of Saturday's program will be repeated, except that the ladies will be on their own on Monday.

ON HORT SOCIETY TOUR

Director Heinicke attended the Massachusetts tour sponsored by the New York State Horticultural Society. The tour started from Amherst last Sunday and wound up yesterday. Included on the itinerary were stops at four leading apple orchards, a packing house, and the University Experiment Station at Amherst.

MR. HINCER

It is with regret that we record the death of Millard F. Hincer at his home near Hamlin last Thursday. Mr. Hincer was known by many at the Station as a leaving fruit grower and a former President of the State Horticultural Society.

GUEST EDITOR

The summer issue of Plants and Gardens, official publication of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, has just appeared under the editorship of Professor George Slate. Appropriately enough, the number is a lily number with contributions from authorities on lilies selected by Professor Slate. He has contributed articles himself on "How to Grow Lilies", "Reliable Lilies for the Garden", and "Lily Crosses". A copy of the number may be seen in the Library.

CONFERENCES SLATED

Karl Brase will be all tied up with conferences for the next few days. The New York State Nurserymen's Association will meet at Ithaca tomorrow and will spend Friday at the Geneva Station inspecting Karl's work on rootstock culture and propagation. And next Monday and Tuesday, representatives from the north-eastern experiment stations and the USDA will hold a rootstock conference here.

GLAD TIME

Pomology's Leo Klein is gaining wide recognition for his outstanding work in the breeding of gladiolus varieties. Leo started this avocation in Canada and transferred his work to a plot at George Slate's residence when he joined the local staff. At last Saturday's Seedling Exhibition of the Empire State Gladiolus Society held at Ontario, New York, Leo's new varieties captured three out of the eleven ribbons which were offered---more than any other entrant. Next Tuesday and Wednesday, he will serve as a judge at the International Glad Show being held in Binghamton, and the following weekend he will judge and have entires at the Canadian Gladiolus Society Show to be held in Guelph, Ontario. Leo has already introduced several crosses which have been acclaimed by flower lovers.

VISITORS

Doctor Bruce Gleisner of American Cyanamid spent the early part of this week with members of the Entomology Division, the subject being experimental work with insecticides....Doctor Cain's guest on Monday was Jean Mustard of the University of Miami. Miss Mustard was interested in various phases of horticulture...Yesterday and today, Leo Klein has as his guest, Mr. E. R. Chudleigh, prominent fruit-grower from Ontario, Canada. Mr. Chudleigh owns the largest Malling IX orchard in Canada and is a recognized authority on rootstocks. He is also visiting George Slate and Karl Brase during his visit here.

HEARD AND OVERHEARD

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark upon the arrival of little Bonnie Kay last Wednesday. She was born in Penn Yan....The Becker menage will leave for Florida tomorrow to organize for Maurice's new position. Good luck to all three of you and we're sorry to see you leaving....Friends were surprised and sorry to learn that Henry Bennett, a former associate, broke his leg recently. We haven't obtained the details yet but wish him a rapid recovery....Recuperating in fine shape is Parks Traphagen. He was able to take a ride to the Station last Friday to say hello to a few of his friends. It was good to see you again, Trap... The Hands have departed on a month's vacation to Cape Cod. They left last Thursday and made the trip via Canada and New England....And George Pearce left yesterday for a week's stay at his home in State College, Pa....Speaking of vacationists, we haven't heard a peep from that real honest-to-goodness dirt-farmer, Willard Grosier. Hope someone is keeping track of his time....And from the country club links comes word that Irene McDonald is coming true to form in the season's tournament. Last Sunday she won her match in the quarter-finals.

WORK EIGHT HOURS...etc...

Last week's thought for the day about working eight hours a day so you could become boss and work twelve hours a day provoked two more anonymous letters which bear quoting: "Your old saw busted a tooth this time...Name me three of them, I challenge ya (referring to bosses)". That letter was quite obviously from an employee! The other reads thusly: "TODAY'S GEM got all mixed up when it left out an important item of the quotation, viz... 'Work 8 hours a day and don't worry, soon you'll be a boss, work 12 hours a day and have all the worries'. AnonymousII". Sounds like that one came from a boss. h well, li po so bast. Let's see what you kibitzers can do to the one below!

THE LIFE OF AN EDITOR

Getting out the STATION NEWS is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious. If we stick close to the office all day, we ought to be out hunting material; if we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius; and if we do print them, we're using junk. If we edit the other fellow's article, we're too critical; if we don't, we're asleep. If we clip things from magazines, we're too lazy to write them ourselves; if we don't, we're stuck on our own stuff. Now, like as not someone will say we swiped this from another publication---which we did.

"Nothing will break up an ordinary conversation quicker than for someone to drop into it an intelligent remark".
