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ANOTHER STEP

Further progress toward the construction of the new Station buildings is indicated by advertisements for bids on the central heating plant. Bids will be opened in Albany on September 28th. Meanwhile, the contract for the painting job on the farm buildings south of Collier Drive has been let to the Creative Painting Company of Marlborough.

GONE FOR A YEAR

Doctor Guilford Mack has begun a twelve month sabbatic leave which will take him through the west coast states for about five months and then to Brazil for some further study. On September 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Mack and their two children will begin a motor trip to Washington, Oregon, and California. By far the greater part of their stay will be at Pullman where "Gil" will work with Doctor St. John in the further study of insecticides and fungicides. Some time in February, the family will sail for Rio de Janeiro for the duration of Doctor Mack's sabbatic leave. In Brazil, his headquarters will be at the Laboratory for the Production of Minerals in Agriculture. There, he will study with Doctor Fritz Feigl who specializes in the so-called "drop reaction", a method of determining spray residues by color registration....Gil will be concerned mainly with research on rotenone which is extracted from the root of timbo, a plant which grows in Brazil.

SEMINAR SESSIONS TO RECONVENE

Next Wednesday's seminar topic by Doctor Kertesz will mark the beginning of the season's schedule. Zoltan will report on his recent trip to the southwest Pacific area in his talk on "Food Research in Australia".

STATE FAIR DRAWS HUGE CROWDS

Reports from our vanguard state that attendance at the State Fair this year is surpassing all expectations. The Labor Day flood had traffic tied up both going and coming. Professor Luckett was in the advanced echelon which set up the exhibits and was on hand through Tuesday evening. Today, Bob Wesselmann will take over the police and guide duties at the Station exhibits for the next three days.

WEDDING BELLS IN SEPTEMBER

Two weddings of interest to Station people took place last Saturday. In a colorful ceremony at St. Stephen's Church, Christine Gigliotti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gigliotti, became the bride of Joseph Iaconis of Geneva. And at Batavia, Verna Mae Stroh became Mrs. George Butler. After their honeymoon, the Butlers will reside at 216 Linn Street in Ithaca. George will resume his entomological studies at Cornell when the fall term starts.

KEGLERS' KORNER

Co-captains Harry Young and Alvin Braun have succeeded in rounding up enough "volunteers" to form two Station bowling teams this season. When they took off their brass knuckles, they found these names on their lists: Team I--Braun, Boyle, Lamb, Curtis, Cain, Alessi, Klein, and Wesselmann; Team II--Young, Vittum, Robinson, Glass, Gambrell, and Ed Smith. Because of the tactics used in securing these candidates, there may be minor changes before the schedule gets underway on September 15th.

SCHWEIKERTS LEAVING

That second floor lab in the northeast corner of Sturtevant is really empty now. First, Bob Brooks left---and now, Marion Schweikert has submitted her resignation. Marion and Bill are moving to New York City where Marion has secured another position and where Bill will continue his medical studies. Another cheerful personality is leaving our midst but with pursed lips we wish you good luck, Marion and Bill. While we're on the subject, word has been received that the Brooks menage has arrived safely in Missouri and is resuming housekeeping at 108 Porter Street, Columbia, Mo.

VISITORS

The Bacteriologists were pleased to see Mrs. Hugh Travis of Saratoga yesterday. She's better known to us as Dorothea Metcalf who was formerly Doctor Hucker's laboratory assistant....The Seed Laboratory was given the once over last week by Mr. Walker of Northrup, King and Company's Minneapolis office....Doctor T. Helvey of McGill University called on Doctors Kertesz, Boyle, and some of the entomologists this past week.

HODGE-PODGE

It's high time we announce the arrival of Bill Tapley's grandson. He arrived back early in July, the son of John and Helen Van Fleet of Billsboro.....Insect characters don't recognize Labor Day as an official holiday so Larry didn't get any rest over the weekend. He spent his time on Long Island to aid in the fight against the corn borer which is particularly troublesome in that area this year....And Doctor Chapman went to Albany last Tuesday to try to clear up some of the European chafer business with A. B. Buchholz and C. H. Hadley.....Helen Ferris and Ruth Campfield were members of a party of nine who camped out the holidays at Old Forge....Farther north are Mr. and Mrs. "Bull" Durham---way up in Nova Scotia as a matter of fact. Bull is taking a ten-day change of scenery.....Red Clark was incapacitated last week as the result of injuries sustained while repairing the boiler in the Entomology Building....Betty Cullinane has come through with the championship in the third flight of women's golf at the Seneca Country Club. Betty copped the cup in a 20-hole match last Sunday.....Friday is the last day for signing up for the Blue Cross hospital plan for this period. See Al Braun for further info.

NOTE OF THANKS

August 29th--Dear Friends: I don't know how to express my thanks for the beautiful gift presented to me. I enjoyed working with you and am happy that I had the pleasure of knowing you all. I couldn't thank each of you personally but am asking Mr. Luckett to publish this note of thanks so you will all know how much I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.--Sincerely, Irene McDonald.

GOOD READING

That is the way USDA, the employee news bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture for August 15th, described the July issue of Farm Research. "The July issue of Farm Research, published quarterly by the New York Agricultural Experiment Stations, has just come to hand to remind us to recommend it once again as excellent popular science reading," says T. Swann Harding, Editor, of USDA.

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Another piece of correspondence from H. A. Harding, formerly of this Station and now at Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin, reads something like this: "Times have changed since Director Jordan had the only auto at the Station, and Frank Newton handled all the correspondence except that of the Director. On at least one such occasion I sent a hand written reply and received an answer to that before the original dictation came in transcribed form. In those days many of the personnel received their mail at the Station. You have undoubtedly heard of the time Frank found a letter to his wife in his pocket and delivered it. It contained a report of the vacation trip of her parents and was very interesting until she noticed that the letter was dated just about a year earlier. The Horticultural Department published a bulletin with the title, "Graft Union", and were well pleased with it until someone clipped the title and pasted it on the outside of their Office door. Items in a lighter vein have always been mingled with the work at the Station and probably it is well. It is just too bad when anyone takes themselves too seriously. Yours truly, H. A. Harding". And to his last thought, we add a lusty, "Amen!"

FRUIT TESTERS TO MEET

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Fruit Testing Association will be held a week from tomorrow at the Station. During the morning, exhibits of new fruit varieties will be inspected and a tour of the orchards and nurseries will be made. The business session will convene at 1:30 p. m. and three outside speakers are on the program. Doctor Fred Hough, New Jersey peach breeder, O. A. Bradt, grape specialist at the Vineland Experiment Station, and Doctor W. P. Judkins, Ohio strawberry breeder will be the out-of-state speakers, while Bob Lamb, John Einset, and George Slate will present the local slant on fruit-breeding.
