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RESEARCH IN SWEDEN

Doctor Fredrick Nilsson, Director of the Alnarp Horticultural Experiment Station in Sweden, spoke at the Staff meeting Monday afternoon. He discussed particularly the fruit breeding work underway at his institution.

FOOD RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA

Today at 4:00 p. m. in the Staff room, Doctor Kertesz will relate some of his observations on food research in Australia during his recent sojourn in that part of the world. His talk will be illustrated with numerous pictures made in the course of his travels.

FRUIT TESTERS

The New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association will hold its thirty-first annual meeting and exhibit of new fruits tomorrow in Jordan Hall. Several out-of-state speakers will be on hand to address the gathering, and Professor Wellington and Mr. King will make their annual reports as officers of the Association. The 1949-50 catalog of new fruits has just been released. Everyone interested in new fruits is welcome to attend the exhibit and the meeting. The morning session will be devoted to tours of various phases of the Station's fruit work. The following men will lead the tours listed: Harry King--Fruit Testing Association nurseries; Leo Klein--apple seedling orchard; John Einset--grape vineyards; George Slate--fall-bearing raspberry plantings; Bob Lamb--peach orchards; Karl Brase--rootstock farm. These tours will start at 10:00 a. m. and 11:00 a. m. so that visitors may take in any two of the trips.

GOOD COME-BACK

After a lapse of eight years, the New York State Fair made a strong come-back last week and set some new attendance records. The Station exhibits received their full share of attention, and thanks are due the Visual Aids office at the College of Agriculture for their help in designing and making the displays.

ENROUTE

As we go to press we learn that the latest word from Otto Reinking comes from Honolulu. He is expected to arrive in Geneva within a day or two.

IN MIDWEST

Doctor and Mrs. Carl Pederson and daughter Caroline left last weekend for Ames, Iowa where Caroline will begin her fall studies. Carl plans to make stops at Mineral Point, LaCrosse, Milwaukee, and Tomah before returning this weekend.

MRS. RODNEY BEREAVED

Too late for publication last week, came word of the death of Mrs. Grace Singer, mother of Mrs. David Rodney. Mrs. Singer was a secretary at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium and made her home with the Rodneys.

CHEMISTS TO MEET AT ATLANTIC CITY

Three local scientists will attend a meeting of the American Chemical Society at the boardwalk city next week. On hand for the four-day session which opens on Monday will be Doctors George Pearce, Frank Lee, and Bob Holley. George will deliver a paper co-authored by Doctor Chapman and entitled "The Relation of the Constitution of Petroleum Oils to their Effectiveness as Horticultural Insecticides".

TRAGEDY IN MASSACHUSETTS

Word was received in Geneva Sunday of death from polio of William Senseney in a Salem, Mass., hospital. Bill Senseney was the husband of Joyce Streeter, younger daughter of Mrs. Helen Streeter and the late Leon Streeter who was a chemist at this Station at the time of his death in 1928. Joyce is also in the Salem hospital recuperating from an attack of polio. Mr. and Mrs. Senseney had intended to sail for England last Friday where Bill was going to enter Oxford University. Mrs. Streeter makes her home in Portland, Maine, and the older daughter, Anne, and her husband reside in Corvallis, Ore. Our sincerest sympathy to Joyce, Mrs. Streeter, and Anne.

NURSERYMEN'S CONFAB

Doctors Gambrell, Curtis, Young, and Rodney will attend the annual summer meeting of the Western New York Nurserymen's Association which will be held tomorrow at the Buffalo Country Club in Clarence, New York.

VACATIONISTS

Stationites are keeping the water boiling at Hyannis on Cape Cod. Latest processionists are the Tapleys who left last weekend to spend a few days at the resort. ...Erica Gaertner of Seed Testing sojourned at her Canadian home in Dundas last week.The Masons are seeing the Thousand Islands and Canada.John Wellington of Oklahoma is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wellington. Doris Traphagen is visiting in Albany and Lima this week.

SHADES OF PETER RABBIT

A saga of marrow-chilling adventure took place Monday morning in Foster Gambrell's cabbage patch...and serves to illustrate just how treacherous this business of vegetable-growing can become. The way we heard it, Foster got up bright and early Monday morning so that he could dust his cabbages while the air was quiet. He wants us to point out that it was several minutes before eight o'clock when he tried to get the dusting machine into operation. For some reason, the dust just wouldn't come out so Foster put through an emergency call for Red Clark to assist him. Neither of the two stalwarts could understand why the duster would not dust. Long after the hour for dusting had passed, our heroes were still examining the machine's innards, when a shaft of light revealed the root of the trouble. There, staring them straight in the eye, was a real live mouse! The persnickety little creature had built himself (or herself) a nest in such a position as to plug the dust outlet.. ..and was thriving in a den of PARATHION! Must be mighty powerful stuff.

THE SPORTS PAGE

Though the golf tournaments are entering their last phases, the city tennis tournaments are still going strong. In the mixed doubles class, Zoltan and Vera Kertesz have won their first contest, and Bob Brandow reached the finals in the men's doubles competition. Jeannie Smith and Bob were paired up in a mixed doubles contest which was played last evening and didn't finish in time for the NEWS deadline. Joe Alessi and Harrison Jahn were also entered in the tournament...in the bowling circles, the opening gun will sound tomorrow evening and both Station teams will be training for the crucial night of November 25th when they will meet each other in the battle of the century.

NUTS

Professor Slate attended the three-day meeting of the Nut Growers Association which was held at Beltsville, Maryland, last week. George gave a short talk on persimmons at the conference and also took the opportunity to inspect small fruit plantings at the Beltsville Station. The Nut Growers will hold next year's meeting at Poughkeepsie.

CANADIAN WINE MAKERS VISIT STATION

On Monday, the local Pomology Division played host to a group of twenty members of the Canadian Wine Institute. The group was led by E. F. Palmer, Director of the Horticultural Experiment Station at Vineland Station, Ontario and looked over the Station's seedling grapes.

DOCTOR RUTSCHKY

Word has been received that our former associate, Charley Rutschky, has successfully passed the final exams for his doctor's degree at Cornell University. The Rutschkys spent last weekend visiting in Geneva. And another former member of the Entomology Division, David Knight, has entered the graduate school at Rensselaer Polytech.

LOCK DRAWER 353

A letter of protest comes to us from Frank Newton whose ability was allegedly defamed in the letter we published last week from H. A. Harding. Frank points out that he handled all correspondence, including the Director's, and even though he admits some guilt, Frank is older and tougher now and resists any outside attempts to regulate him. Doing a little reminiscing of his own, Frank is wondering what ever happened to Harding's short-lived career as a preacher at the North Church. Okay, break it up now, boys.

The schoolboy's answer comes about as close as anything to hitting the nail on the head. "We call English our Mother tongue because Father doesn't get much chance to use it."