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OFF TO BOSTON

Professor Wellington left yesterday to attend the meeting of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to be held in Boston from Thursday through Saturday. Dick will set up exhibits from the Geneva Station and will also serve as a judge. Among the specimens which he carries with him are the September raspberry and seedlings of grapes, apples, persimmon, ornamental crab, and actinidia.

FOOD SCIENCE MEETINGS, PAST AND FUTURE

Attending last Saturday's meeting of the Western New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists at Ithaca were Court Hening, Frank Lee, Carl Pederson, and Zoltan Kertesz. And this Saturday, a meeting is scheduled by the Society of American Bacteriologists' Central New York Branch. Doctors Hofer, Conn, Breed, and Pederson plan to participate.

CLIFFORD HAND RECOVERS FROM INJURIES

In what could have been a far more serious accident last Saturday evening, Clifford Hand, 13-year-old son of Doctor and Mrs. Hand, received cuts, bruises and contusions which hospitalized him for several days. Clifford was returning from Camp Babcock-Hovey with Scoutmaster Stillwell and Kearn Brownell when a truck loaded with newspapers overturned on top of the light coupe in which they were riding. After being pinned underneath the debris for almost an hour, the occupants were treated for minor injuries at the Geneva Hospital. Although Stillwell sustained a broken collarbone, the trio is recovering in fine shape. Aside from a tooth which was lost somewhere in the area of the accident, and a few stitches in his lip and scalp, Clifford seems to be none-the-worse for the experience. Press-time reports say that the nurses at the hospital are unable to confine him and are therefore releasing him to his home today.

WANNA PLAY BADMINTON?

A great amount of enthusiasm seems to have generated spontaneously at the Station regarding the game of badminton. It all started when Leo Klein casually inquired whether there might be enough interest in the pastime to start a club at the Station. The idea has taken hold like wildfire and only the formal organization remains to be accomplished. Arrangements are being made to hold instruction for novices and organized play at the North Street School one night each week. A wide open invitation is being extended to all Station personnel, male and female, wives, husbands, children, grandparents, friends, and enemies to join in the organization. The game is as vigorous as the participants wish to make it and can be thoroughly enjoyed by both the absolute novice and the professional. The only expense involved will be the cost of the shuttlecocks used, assuming that you have a racket. Zoltan Kertesz, one of the pioneers of the sport in Geneva, traces the origin of the game to a group of British Officers in Poona, India, back in the 1880's. Those stalwarts started the whole thing in a bit of tomfoolery, using the cork from a champagne bottle, bedecked with some feathers. The game was first played in Geneva at Jordan Hall in 1931 by a group of Station enthusiasts. Zoltan says that the spiel brought down the house, figuratively and literally. All persons interested in renewing the sport are asked to give their names to Leo Klein or Bob Wesselmann before 5:00 P.M. on Friday of this week.

WEDDING BELLS IN OCTOBER

Betty Clark, Chemistry's newest stenog, will forsake her colleagues this Saturday to become the bride of Mr. Robert Brownell of Geneva. The ceremony has been scheduled for 3 P.M. at the Trinity Church in Seneca Falls, after which the couple will leave on a two-week honeymoon which will take them into Canada. Upon their return, they will take up residence at 441 Castle Street. Betty will be back with us on November 7th.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE OPENS

The opening gun of Geneva's Community Chest Campaign finds the Station's job of soliciting pretty well completed. Chairman Hucker set his bloodhounds—er, deputies, on the trail last week to clean up the Station's quota of \$1,000. Aides de camp include Bob Lamb, Mildred Wharton, Walt Clark, Jim Hefferon, Bob Wesselmann, Ben Clark, and Frank Lee. Everybody benefits—everybody gives.

CERES CIRCLE

The first Fall meeting of the Ceres Circle will be held next Monday at the Director's residence at 8 P.M. Election of new officers will be held and Mrs. John Lydenberg of the League of Women Voters will speak on proposed constitutional amendments.

JAMES CLARK AGAIN BEREAVED

The funeral of Mrs. Louis Reeves of Waterloo, who died last Saturday, was held yesterday. Ruth Reeves was the daughter of Jim Clark of the Food Science Division. It is with extreme regret that we again extend our deepest sympathy to Jim whose wife passed away very suddenly less than three months ago.

KERNELS, SCREENINGS, AND CHAFF

With apologies to H. E. Babcock for that bit of plagiarism, we'll give the lead line in today's pot-pourri to Maud Hogan who braved the waters of the Seneca last Sunday to enjoy a cooling (no doubt) swim after the sweltering afternoon. We hope that her innocent little act won't lead to anything drastic but George Slate is apt to attempt almost anything when he hears about this....While we're talking about Maud, we don't know if the ad in the STATION NEWS had anything to do with it but she found her wrist watch. The News will take the credit for it anyway....On Saturday, Damon Boynton will bring his class of Pomology 102 students to the Station to receive some first hand instruction on fruit breeding and rootstock culture. Guest faculty will be Karl Brase, Bob Lamb, and Leo Klein....N. H. Duckworth, retired manager of a large abaca plantation in the Philippines, stopped in last Wednesday to talk with Otto Reinking about his findings on his recent Pacific expedition....Jean Smith tells us that there will be a meeting of the Civil Service Employees' Association on October 25th. Time and place will be announced later....Doctor and Mrs. Ed Smith had as their guests last week Doctor T. F. Ritchie and George D. Ritchie, father and brother respectively of Mrs. Smith. The elder Ritchie is a retired member of the Horticulture Department at the Dominion Experiment Station at Ottawa and his son is currently in charge of the feed, fertilizer, and insecticide testing laboratory at that Station. While here, the Ritchie's inspected many of the local projects.

BOW-WOW POW-WOW

We didn't know whether to head this item "Rover's Romp", or "Fido's Frolic", or "Prince's Pageant" when we first learned that there is going to be a dog-show in Geneva this Saturday. But the fact that Willard Robinson is entering his biscuit-snatcher in the contest settled the matter. From now on it's "Chunkie's Challenge" as Willard's pride takes the stand in the competition which will involve around 400 woof-woofs from the Northeastern United States. This, the first annual A.K.C. dog show in Geneva, will be held at the Armory and tickets will cost \$1.20, including tax. Available from Willard Robinson--Adv.

MORE ON THE STATION PARTY

It happens a week from tonight--probably the most important social event of the season, the Station Club Dinner and Dance Soiree. The time has been set for 6:30 and all members are reminded that this is not a formal affair. President Heit points out that the reservation lists were made up some time ago and that newcomers to the Station are especially welcome to the party. Inasmuch as the Club's annual dues cover the twelve months immediately following the Autumn Dinner-Dance, personnel who are not paid-up will have to kick-in \$1.50 for this banquet. It'll be worth it and everyone is urged to join in the merriment.

LUCKETTS ON VACATION

After the Dodger Debacle in the World Series, Professor and Mrs. Lockett are embarking tomorrow on a three-week trip through some of the southern states and eventually to Lafayette, Indiana. The exhilaration which is felt by your reporter as he is released from his shackles is probably already evident in the air of levity which permeates this issue of the STATION NEWS. Included on the Lockett's itinerary are visits to Williamsburg, the North Carolina Experiment Station, the North Carolina State Fair, the Great Smokies, and Louisville. From Lafayette, Mr. Lockett will go to Milwaukee to attend the meeting of the American Society of Agronomy.
