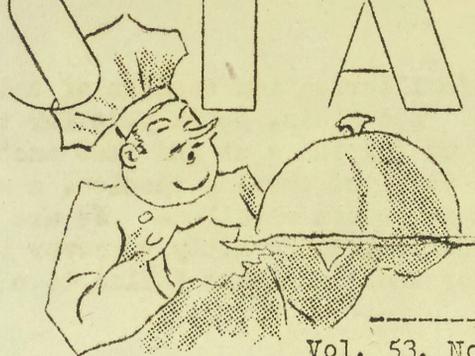


STATION NEWS



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TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Vittum, general chairmen of the Station Club Dinner which will be held this evening announce a menu which will run all the way from Tapley's tomato juice to Pederson's pickles. Here it is: tomato juice, boned and rolled smoked ham, mashed potatoes, snap beans, cabbage salad, sliced tomatoes, carrot sticks, sweet pickles, rolls, strawberry sundae, and coffee. Besides the Vittums, the committee includes Ben Clark in charge of reservations, Bob Lamb on decorations, Bette Cullinan and Carrie Legnini on music, the Cains in charge of the card game, the Boyles handling the punch, and Max Patterson chopping the wood for the fireplace. There will be a short annual meeting after the meal, to be followed with dancing and cards. Dancing will be enjoyed from 9 to 12 to the music of the Frank Farr trio. Estimated attendance is 140. And just a reminder---the party will be held at the Seneca Country Club which is on the right side of Route 14, heading south from Geneva. See you there.

STATION ACQUIRES LOOMIS LAND

A tract of 78 acres of land has been purchased by the Station from the Loomis estate through E. J. Cook, trustee. Included in the purchase is the rootstock farm which has been used on a rental basis until now, and additional land lying north and east of Karl's orchards. The only building included in the tract is a barn which will be used for storage purposes.

LILIES IN THE NEWS

The October 15th issue of the Saturday Evening Post carries a colorful article on the fast-growing hobby and business of lily-breeding. The story cites the work of George Slate as the originator of the Seneca strain of hybrid lilies and as editor of the Lily Yearbook. Also of local interest is an account of the exploits of Mrs. Slate's father, the late "Chinese" Wilson, whose findings in far-off lands are credited with accelerating the entire lily-breeding business.

CHEST QUOTA IN SIGHT

George Hucker, chairman of the Community Chest Drive at the Station, reported yesterday that \$950 of the Station's \$1,000 quota had been collected. With the campaign officially closing tomorrow evening, Chairman Hucker has high hopes of going over the top on the Station drive.

MUNNS RETURN FROM SABBATIC

Professor and Mrs. M. T. Munn returned last week from a sabbatic leave which began five months ago. Mr. Munn reports that they travelled 12,000 miles in visiting 28 seed testing labs and control stations and 17 experiment stations and farms. They spoke to Doctor Bevans and his associates at the new regional biochemical laboratory in Los Angeles. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the "Phytotron" at Cal Tech where work is being done on the seeds of desert plants. A good share of the time was spent at seed-growing fields in California, Oregon, and Washington where much of New York's seed supply is grown. In the non-academic line, the Munns visited their five children who were all in Southern California at the time and they also watched U.S.C. defeat Navy in football. An interesting sidelight to the trip took place on the long road home. Passing through Alamogordo, New Mexico, the Munns stopped at an eating place. Halfway between the soup and the entree, M.T. happened to glance at another table and spotted the Carruth family partaking of their daily bread. The Carruths were then on the last leg of their trip to Tucson. Needless to say, the remainder of the meal was punctuated with exclamations as to the magnitude of our planet.

CERES CIRCLE ELECTS

Mrs. Robert Holley presided at Monday evening's meeting of the Ceres Circle at the Heinicke residence. The entire slate of officers presented by Mrs. Ben Clark and Mrs. Ed Smith of the nominating committee was elected for the coming year. New officers are: President--Mrs. David Hand, Vice-President--Mrs. Walter Clark, Secretary-Treasurer--Mrs. David Rodney. After the business meeting, the thirty-five members heard a talk on "Proposed Amendments to the New York State Constitution" by Mrs. J. Lydenberg of the League of Women Voters.

BLOODMOBILE TO REVISIT

The Red Cross Blood Unit will make another visit to Geneva on October 28th. Headquarters will be at the Masonic Temple and donations may be made from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Several Stationites turned out for an informal familiarization session of badminton at the North Street School on Monday evening. Leo Klein, spark plug for the Station group, announces that 18 persons have signed up for the club and that another 15 are listed as probable members. Indications are that the opening session, a week from tonight, will find a fairly equal number of men and women enrolled. We are informed that there will be a registration fee of one dollar, and a kitty to cover the cost of shuttlecocks. The rosters are still open for those who have failed to make their desires known.

DONALD L. COLLINS PROMOTED

An entomologist at the Station in the early '30s, Doctor Donald Collins has been appointed Senior Scientist with the New York State Science Service, according to an article in the September issue of the Bulletin to the Schools. Collins taught at Hobart and at Cornell after leaving the Station and has been with the State Science Service since 1945. The same bulletin carries a report on the retirement of Doctor Robert D. Glasgow from his position as State Entomologist. This story was covered in a previous issue of the NEWS.

ORCHIDS TO CHUNKY

At the Dog Show held in Geneva last Saturday, Willard Robinson's English Bulldog, "Chunky", strutted off with the Reserve Championship of the breeders' bitches in her class. Willard is celebrating by buying her a brand new fire hydrant for her very own, and he's taking a three-week vacation himself to recuperate.

VACATIONERS

We thought that the season had long passed but vacationing seems to be as popular as ever. First of all, the Hervoy's have returned safely from their north country jaunt. They visited Mrs. Helen Streeter enroute....Herb Rietmann left us last week for a two-week convalescence from that tomato project....Mr. and Mrs. Louis Withers hid themselves away to Philadelphia for the week....Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith are spending the week in the Ottawa area visiting her home....The Ben Clarks are splitting a three week holiday between the home of his parents at Southampton, Long Island and her parents' home in Philly....The Lucketts, on their vacation, went straightway to a town in Virginia to find out who had taken their name in vain. The card is postmarked "Lucketts, Va." and the Editor certainly got his money's worth, cramming the glories of the hamlet on a penny postcard. He even had room for an ominous postscript, "Hope you are keeping busy!" !!!

SEEDSMEN'S DOINGS

Professor Munn attended the New York State Seedsmen's Meeting at New York's Hotel Statler on Monday. Meanwhile, this year's flower seed trial plots continue to get a good deal of attention from visiting seedsmen. Last week's visitors were Harry Glen and Richard Keith of Hart & Vick and on Monday, Mr. Mapstone of the Crossan Seed Corporation inspected the plots.

THE MAILBAG

"The members of the Men's Garden Club of Rochester who visited the Experiment Station recently (Sept. 24) express their hearty thanks to the members of the staff who were responsible for giving them such an interesting and instructive time. They appreciate the amount of time all of you gave and the fine cordiality accorded the group. Sincerely, S. P. Hines, Corresponding Secretary"....And from Larry Carruth: "Dear Friends, Just to let you know that we arrived safely, are getting established, and like it here very much. Our new home address is 2736 East Linden Street, Tucson. With kindest regards to all".....Another letter comes from W. G. Walter at Montana State College. He was in Bacteriology here from 1938 to 1942. He writes, in part: "Perhaps some of the group there would be interested to know that our fourth son, James Thomas, 8 lbs. 10 ozs., was born September 27. He and Mary are both doing very nicely. This occasion should help balance the world population which the Brooks had thrown out of line.....Please remember us to all of the group at the Station". We expected to be able to report a testimonial from Jim "Body Beautiful" Knapp but he apparently couldn't spare the time from his calisthenic routine at the Physical Culture Hotel.

AXINNS ON THE MOVE

George Axinn, former Editorial Assistant here, has accepted the position of Extension Editor and Experiment Station Editor at the University of Delaware, effective November 1st. George left Geneva just a year ago to become Bulletin Editor at the University of Maryland.
