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THE BIG DAY

The Second Annual Food Processing Meeting gets underway at 9:30 this morning. Advance registrations indicated an attendance of over 200. The program runs something like this: 9:30 The Food Processing Research Program at Geneva--D. B. Hand; 10:00 Relation of Management and the Analyst in Controlling Tomato Mold--V. S. Troy of Continental Can; 10:30 Low Temperature Food Storage--W. B. Robinson; 10:50 Growth of Microorganisms in Foods--C. S. Pederson; 11:10 The Pilot Plant--Moyer and Holgate; 11:30 Food Processing in Australia--Z. I. Kertesz; 12:15 Noon Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church. F. F. Hill of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Ithaca will speak on Problems Facing Northeastern Agriculture; 1:30 Recent Advances in Nutrition--L. A. Maynard, Director of the School of Nutrition at Ithaca; 2:15 Insect Control Problems in Food Processing--P. J. Chapman; 2:40 Radioactive Isotopes in Agricultural Research--Boyle and Holley; 3:00 Taste-testing--J. C. Hening; 3:20 Forum on Trends in Food Processing--Stanley Macklem of Curtice Brothers, Garth Shoemaker of Hygeia Refrigerator Corp., Harold Humphrey of Birds-Eye Snider, Joseph Biehl of Comstock Canning Company, George J. Hucker, Moderator. Dinner is scheduled for 5:30 at the Geneva Country Club with T. M. Rector speaking on Research Needs in the Food Industry. Mr. Rector is Vice-President in Charge of Research and Development for General Foods.

MISS CURTIS

Miss Lena Curtis died in the Penn Yan hospital yesterday morning (Nov. 15th), following a brief illness. The date marked the fortieth anniversary of her appointment to a clerical position at the Station. She retired December 31, 1941, and made her home in Penn Yan since then. Most of her 32 years of service were devoted to the Entomology Division--and we really mean devoted, for no one ever gave more conscientious service to the Station than did Miss Curtis.

STAFF MEETING FRIDAY

Monday's Staff meeting, postponed due to conflicts with the insecticide and fungicide conference in Ithaca, will be held Friday, November 18th, at 3:30 p. m. The committee on the Graduate School will make a report on a recent meeting of the University Graduate School Committee.

SEMINAR MONDAY

Professor Sayre will speak at a Station seminar on Monday, November 21, at 3:30 p. m. His topic will be "Recent Developments in the Heat Unit System of Forecasting the Maturity of Crops", and he will discuss, among other things, the facilities and technics he employed in studying this subject at the California Institute of Technology last winter.

SIGMA XI TUESDAY

The local section of Sigma Xi is sponsoring a talk Tuesday evening, November 22, at 8:00 o'clock in the Staff Room, with Dr. J. C. Walker, professor of plant pathology, University of Wisconsin, as the speaker. His topic will be "Some Aspects of Disease Resistance in Horticultural Plants". Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

WGVA TODAY

WGVA will carry a special broadcast, beginning at 12:35, in connection with the Food Processing Meeting going on here at the Station today. The 15-minute broadcast will be in the nature of an interview of prominent persons attending the conference, with Doctor Hucker serving as the M. C. The participants will include Bill Sherman of the Association of New York State Cannerymen, Rochester; Garth Shoemaker, President of Hygeia Refrigerator Corp., Elmira; and Joseph Biehl of the Comstock Canning Company, Newark.

FAST COMPANY

Professor Hening met with top-flight statisticians at the Institute of Statistics, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., last week when he took part in a conference on "Taste Testing". The conference was designed to inform statisticians on the intricacies of food research and to inform food scientists how statistics might aid in interpreting their results. Professor Hening discussed "Triangular Taste Tests" as developed in the food processing investigations here.

BIOCHEMISTRY IN AUSTRALIA

Doctor Kertesz was in Ithaca Monday afternoon to conduct a seminar in Savage Hall on "Biochemical Problems and Research in Australia".

THE FLIGHT OF THE LEAFHOPPER

Whenever things get dull around the Station, we can count on Entomology to quicken the tempo. Last week's lulu began when George Hervey packed some live leafhoppers for shipment to a University of New Hampshire bug specialist. With the wrapping gaily bedecked with special stamps and warnings, the parcel was taken to the postoffice and forgotten.....until an overenthusiastic postmark set the insects at liberty. Uncle Sam's local office became almost a beehive of activity as the posts began filing themselves in the multitude of pigeonholes from which they easily ambushed passers-by. Pity the poor postal workers who didn't know whether the leafhoppers were tsetse flies or only malaria-carrying mosquitoes. After a phone call put them at ease, the clerks had to start offering explanations to a puzzled public. Your next Geneva letter may be postmarked "Geneva * New York". Moral: Read the Station Bulletin. Page 13 of Bulletin 737 gives complete instructions for the control of the leafhopper.

CCEA TO MEET

Geneva Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association will meet next Tuesday evening in Daguerre Hall at 7:30. Miss Helen Musto, President of the State College Chapter, is the scheduled speaker.

POLIO FATAL

Word has been received here of the death from polio of Ethel Huson Buchholz of Claverack last Saturday. Her husband, Lewis Buchholz, is currently waging his own fight against infantile paralysis in an iron lung at Albany Hospital. They are the parents of four children. Lewis is the son of Doctor A. B. Buchholz of the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

AT CHEM SOCIETY MEETING

With this week's NEWS pretty well punctuated with notices of meetings, this one comes under the heading of old business. Half a dozen members of FS&T took in last Saturday's meeting of the Western New York Section of the American Chemical Society at Rochester. Talks on "Cereal Technology" and "Food Law" highlighted the conference which was attended by Hand, Clark, Moyer, Ransford, Gibbs, and Robinson.

WHERE OH WHERE?

It didn't just walk off, that 24-foot extension ladder which was last seen outside the Chemistry Building. Please bring it back, it is badly needed by the carpenters.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

The Schrooders came back to Geneva last Saturday. Bill announced his return with a spiel at the fungicide meetings in Ithaca...Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klein will attend the annual reunion at their alma mater, Ontario Agricultural College, this weekend....George Slate is taking a week at the home of his parents in Bernardston, Mass.....Marlene Crosier has been elected to the Geneva High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Membership in the Society is governed to a large extent by scholastic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities....M. T. Mun is scheduled to speak on "Red Kidney Seed Production in California" at next Monday's meeting of the Cornell Seed School. On Tuesday, he and Willard Crosier will deliver a joint paper on "Sampling and Testing of Certified Seed". The school is being sponsored by the Certified Seed Growers Co-op, State Seed Association, Foundation Seed Stocks, Co-Op, Bean Shippers Association, and Cornell University....There's been so much speculation on when the Station's new pond will fill that someone has suggested we start a "Pool on the Pond". The object would be to guess the date on which water would first flow from the outlet. If anyone's interested in submitting a dollar with their guess, we'll hold the stakes (subject to audit by Frank Bowen).. Badminton resumes play this evening at 7:30. Promoter Klein is about to organize some kind of a tournament....Doctor M. W. Yale, former Station Bacteriologist, has taken himself a wife in Patterson, California. Doctor Yale is presently working on dairy products at the Arden Farms in Patterson.

ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGISTS MEET NEXT WEEK

With their heads still swimming from this week's stint at the Ithaca insecticide meetings, our entomologists will take part in the Eastern Branch Meeting of the American Association of Economic Entomologists at Baltimore on Monday and Tuesday. Papers will be given by Chapman and Lienk, Dean, Glass, and Butler. Taschenberg will deliver two papers, one in partnership with J. A. Cox of Pennsylvania State College. Cox was a graduate student here in the early '30s and visited the Station last Monday.

NECESSITY BEARS ANOTHER CHILD

A former Station worker, Leslie R. Hawthorne, has come through with an invention which he and his associates have devised. It is a deck reducer for the noted gravity seed separator (whatever that is). The reducer can be attached to the large mill for use in handling small experimental lots of seed. Mr. Hawthorne was a research associate in the Vegetable Research Division at the Station from 1925 to 1929 and is now at the University of Utah. The beauty of his new invention is that it really works, according to Professor Munn.