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ROCHESTER PREVIEW

With the 95th annual meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society only two weeks away, there is much activity in connection with Station exhibits. Combining forces with the College of Agriculture, there will be nine units in the educational exhibits in addition to a joint publications display from Ithaca and Geneva. The Fruit Testing Association will also have headquarters adjacent to the Station's fruit display. The introduction of "Monroe", the Station's latest addition to the apple kingdom, will feature a fruit exhibit which will include other new varieties and a collection of promising seedlings, as well as a whole "family" of seedlings from a single cross to illustrate what the fruit breeder is up against in developing new varieties. Entomology is showing how a mixture of species of peach tree borers complicates the control program. Plant Pathology is dwelling on red stele in strawberries and showing how the new fungicides fit into the spray program. Food Science and Technology will feature the new type apple juice and apple juice concentrate, the calcium firming of apples, and apple ice and ice cream. There will also be a small demonstration of candied fruits worked out in the FS&T laboratories. The Vegetable Crops Division will make its initial appearance at a Horticultural Society meeting with an exhibit illustrating how the new Gem tomato fits into the apple grower's schedule, with particular reference to the use of pickers who move from the tomato fields into the orchards. Most of the show will move on to Kingston the following week for the eastern meeting of the Society.

POX VOBISCUM

There's a rash of rashes breaking out all over the place these days. Whether they call them "chicken pots" or "chicken pops", the kids have got 'em. We're sure we haven't got all of the names and there are bound to be some new cases by now, but this list will give you an idea of how the stuff gets around: Mary Anne, Susan, and Donna Klein (Barry has wound up his case), Susan Boyle, Barbara Slato, Randy Moyer, David Rodney, (Jr.) Teddy Glass, Janine Wesselmann, Katie Shaulis, Clifford Hand, Kenny and Robert Braun, Allan and David Vittum, Karen Schroeder, and the Curtis youngsters. That was some Station Christmas Party, wasn't it?

GLASS SPEAKS IN WORCESTER

Doctor Ed Glass is addressing a meeting of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association in Worcester today. The local entomologist will deliver two topics, "Recent Developments on the Red-banded Leaf-roller" and "Limitations of Parathion".

WEED CONTROL SPECIALISTS MEET

Doctors Otis Curtis and Curtis Dearborn are participating in a meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference being held in New York City this week. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the New York State Vegetable Growers and the Empire Potato Club.

SEMINAR TODAY

Unless we can think up another good excuse, the Editor and his assistant will present their seminar on the background and functions of the Publications Division at 3:30 this afternoon. Ben Clark will start serving a high grade of chicory at 3:15.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Lester Atkinson, custodian of Hedrick Hall, expresses his sincere gratitude to the building's occupants for the generous gift with which they presented him at Christmastime. Pooled donations furnished the Atkinsons with a bushel of staple items of food plus a large ham for their holiday dinner.

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

At their annual dinner meeting to be held January 18th, results of the election for this year's officers of the NYSCSE Association will be announced. The list of nominees includes Jim Harlan for president, Bob Foster and Alvin Hofer for vice-presidents, Mildred Wharton for secretary, and Fred Mundinger for treasurer. The dinner will be held at the York Inn on Route 96 near Phelps.

BACK TO WORK

Miss Betsy Black, who has been assisting in Doctor Vittum's office for the past few weeks, has returned to Keuka College to resume her studies.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

On Christmas Day, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Gladys Gosper of Canandaigua to Morris Mevo, of the Station's maintenance department. No date has been set, as yet, for the wedding.

CHIT CHAT

Why did Leo Klein leave town last week?.....and why did he come back? Fred Hartzell and Foster Gambrell report that they spotted a snowy owl at the foot of Seneca Lake on Monday. The bird is comparatively rare in this section, being a native of Canada.....Betty Winkle is vacationing for a week at the home of her parents near Scranton.....Glad tidings from Florida concern the birth of Cynthia Louise to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Blodsee, formerly of the Pomology Division....Walter Clark, Jr., Jr., Jr., is recovering from a streptococcus infection of the ear..... Betty Brownell claims some kind of a speed record. She left Geneva, with Bob, on Sunday afternoon for New York City, saw everything worth seeing, and was back at her desk bright and early (well, early anyway) Tuesday morning.....Badminton resumes play tonight at 7:30.

CALLERS

A former Station secretary spent the weekend at the home of her son in Geneva. Mrs. Barrett left the Station to continue her work as secretary to Doctor Harold Tukey at Michigan.....Mr. and Mrs. George Axinn and infant daughter, stopped in at the home of the Editor. George was formerly the Editorial Assistant here and is now doing editorial work at the University of Delaware.

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN

A print trimmer, or paper cutter, was removed from the photo lab in Hedrick Hall several weeks ago and has not yet been returned. The trimmer was about 12 inches in size and is sorely needed in the darkroom operations.

LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY INJURED

A fall which befell him while he was attending the scientific meetings in New York last week has resulted in a broken leg for Liberty Hyde Bailey, Professor Emeritus and Director of the Bailey Hortorium. His host of friends wish him well and a speedy recovery.

The bride, white of hair, stoops over her cane,
Her footsteps, uncertain, need guiding,
While down the church aisle, with a wan, toothless smile,
The groom in a wheel chair comes riding.
And who is this elderly couple, thus wed?
You'll find when you've closely explored it,
That here is that rare, most conservative pair
Who waited till they could afford it.