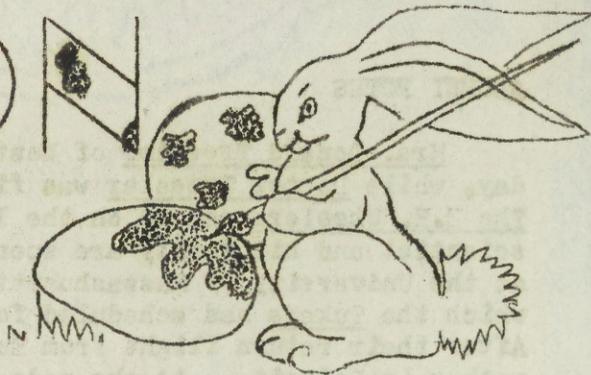


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TAPLEY RETURNS

Tomato planting time is here again so it's just natural to expect to see Professor Tapley back on the job. He and Mrs. Tapley returned last Friday night tanned and healthy, from a six-month's sabbatic leave in Arizona where Bill brushed up on his plant-breeding work. Conditions are excellent for this work in the land of cactus because of the continuous growing season. At any time of year, vegetables can be found in almost any stage of growth because land can be replanted immediately following a harvest. Principal vegetable crops of the state are lettuce, carrots, celery, cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower. Surface irrigation is a standard procedure in the region and Navajo Indians supply the main labor power. During their stay, the Tapleys visited frequently with the Carruths, and the Pews who left Geneva recently for positions in Arizona. They also visited Doctor Rankin of Tucson who was a plant pathologist here about 15 years ago. All are in good health and spirits. The Carruth youngsters lost no time in adapting themselves to the wild west for, when last seen, they were completely garbed in cowboy regalia, while Mr. and Mrs. Carruth were busily making plans for construction of a new home. We're glad to learn the news and to the Tapleys we extend a hearty "Welcome Home".

DEARBORN LEAVES

Doctor Curtis Dearborn has announced his resignation from his position in the Vegetable Crops Division at the Station. He has accepted an appointment as horticulturist at the Palmer Agricultural Experiment Station in Palmer, Alaska. Dearborn, who has done outstanding work in the chemical weeding of vegetable crops, will concentrate on the study of potatoes in his Alaskan assignment. "Curt" is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and was awarded his doctor's degree by Cornell University in 1939. Horticulture has been both a vocation and avocation for him since his spare time was spent working on his Seneca Castle farm. He will leave the Station about the 20th of this month for the post which will situate him thirty miles east of Anchorage. Mrs. Dearborn and their three children will join him when housing arrangements are complete. We join their many friends in wishing them happiness, health, and good fortune in their new endeavor.

SEED SITUATION AIRED

Professor Munn was the speaker interviewed on yesterday's farm research program over WGY Schenectady. He was interviewed by Ted Richards of the College of Agriculture Radio Service. His topic was "Tested Seeds for Good Crops".

KERTESZ ON FOOD TEXTURE

"Food Texture and its Measurement" was the title of a seminar given by Doctor Kertesz at Ithaca, yesterday. The local food scientist addressed the College of Home Economics seminar group.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

A new research associate has been appointed to assist Bob Holley and we've been interestedly watching the breaking-in process. Mrs. Robert Holley's appointment was effective the first of the month and we suspect that her supervisor will ask her to carry plenty of her work home. We're wondering who's the boss after working hours.....and could Bob fire her if his lunch isn't served on time? Looks like a sword-of-Damocles proposition but it's difficult to say who's under it.

CASTLE IN THE AIR

Just a week ago today, surveyors laid out the boundaries for the new central heating plant and activity has now reached a good, loud, hum. Two buildings to be used by the construction crew are nearing completion and earth-moving operations have begun. Needless to say, there will be plenty of critical inspectors watching the progress of the project. Thought we saw Frank Lee showing an acute interest in the developments but decided that he was just picking up fishworms.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mrs. Donald Tressler of Westport, Conn., visited friends in Geneva last Thursday, while Doctor Tressler was filling a speaking engagement at Alfred University... The E.H. Wheelers called on the local entomologists last Monday. The former Geneva scientist and his family are spending a few days in town. Professor Wheeler is now at the University of Massachusetts as extension entomologist.....That stopover which the Tukeys had scheduled for visiting Geneva friends had to be called off. After their return flight from Europe, Mrs. Tukey received word of the death of her mother in Detroit. As she made the remainder of the trip by air, Doctor Tukey and children motored the distance, spending Sunday night at the home of Doctor and Mrs. Breed. Doctor Tukey reported that spring is opening very early in Europe and fruit men are taking advantage of the shortage of imported fruits to develop their own orchards.....On their trip to Florida, Doctor and Mrs. Conn are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Suit, formerly of the Station.

THOMAS M. RECTOR, FOOD SCIENTIST

Well-known by many of the Station people, Thomas Rector, Vice-president of General Foods Corporation, died quite suddenly last week. The holder of more than a score of patents dealing with food-processing technics, he had been in charge of research and development for General Foods since 1927. At the Food Processing Meeting held here last fall, Mr. Rector delivered the dinner address.

WASHINGTON ENTOMOLOGIST PASSES

Word was received last week of the death of Doctor P.N. Ammand, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. Doctor Ammand was acquainted with many of the Station scientists.

CANNERS MEET HERE

The sanitation conference of the Association of New York State Cannerymen was held in Jordan Hall yesterday. The group is holding a similar meeting at Buffalo, today.

MURMURINGS

Doctors Hand, Pederson, and Moyer are attending a conference in Washington this week. The meeting deals with the PMA tomato processing project in which the local Station is cooperating.....George Slate has again been called upon to speak at Maine's Farm and Home Week. He's talking on "Lilies" today at the Orono affair and will treat "Small Fruits" tomorrow.....That high degree of tension which was evident all over the place last week has finally been relieved. Yep, the pond finally hit the overflow mark during Sunday night. Leo Klein, who named April 2nd as the day, raked in the shekles, just nosing out Dick Wellington's guess of April 5th. As we think back, wasn't it Leo who did all the promoting to increase the ante on the pond bets? Chief Watcher Otis Curtis says that the setting was completely transformed on Monday when he made his 5 A.M. check. Seagulls and other bird-life had moved in to make their habitats at the pond....Barbara Slate and Marlene Crozier are among the honor students of the class of 1950 at Geneva High School. Barbara's 97.4 topped the class and Marlene's 94.2 stood third.....The April issue of Farm Research is being distributed. Favorable comments about the new format continue to pour in. Continuous pressure finally forced us to print a picture of part of the Klein brood, on page 14 of the new issue. We had to put our foot down, though, on the cut-line which Leo submitted.....Congratulations to newly-appointed entomologist "Sandy" Davis. He left the Ithaca campus for his Geneva appointment last Friday---with a bit of PhD parchment tucked under his arm.

SPORTS COLUMN

The badminton meeting tonight will be the final one of the season and will feature contests between the Station aggregation and a group from Hobart. Time is 7:30 P.M.The undaunted "State Farm" bowlers have tossed a challenge to the Lutheran team, and the challenge has been taken up. The clash will take place on the Masonic alleys at 7 P.M. tomorrow night. In contests to date, the Lutherans have taken 7 points while the Braunian movement has copped 1.

SHADES OF U. P. HEDRICK

Fresh off the presses is a book on pioneer days in southern Michigan. "Timberland Times" was written by Eugene Davenport, one-time Dean of the Illinois College of Agriculture, and father-in-law of H.B. Tukey who edited the volume. Illustrations were done by Lois Tukey Baker.

"The wife who can get her husband to eat out of her hand certainly saves a lot of dishwashing"--H.R. Everhart in Sat. Eve. Post.