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"A" FOR ALERTNESS

Quick thinking and prompt action by Tom Murray, Jim Hefferon, Vic Hopkins, and members of the greenhouse crew prevented what might have been a serious fire in the rear of the old dairy barn last Thursday afternoon. Fortunately, the fire sounded its own alarm when a short circuit in a pick-up truck of ancient vintage which was parked alongside the barn set off an intermittent sounding of the horn. This attracted the attention of Tom Murray who discovered that the interior of the cab was in flames. He called Jim and Vic and together they dragged the flaming truck away from the building and with help from the greenhouse gang and water hoses squelched the fire. Damage was confined chiefly to the cab, although the side of the barn was badly scorched and might have caught fire with a little delay. Nice going, fellows!

INVENTOR

Congratulations to Doctor Kertesz on the announcement which appears in the May 20th issue of The Canner of his new device for measuring turbidity in solutions. The instrument is of plexiglass construction and uses a calibrated diagonal scale to indicate the degree of turbidity. It will be particularly useful in studies with tomato and fruit juices.

BACK ON THE JOB

Doctor Hamilton has returned to his office, following a siege of illness which confined him to Clifton Springs Sanitarium for the past few weeks.

THE 55 YEAR PLAN

Payroll deductions for the new 55-year retirement plan go into effect on June 1st for those who have signed up. Members have until December 31 to elect to go under the new plan.

TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Congratulations to the following members of the Staff who will be promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1: Dr. Frank P. Boyle, Dr. Alvin J. Braun, Dr. Robert W. Holley, Dr. Edward H. Smith, and Dr. Morrill T. Vittum.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Doctor Kertesz was elected Editor-in-Chief of Food Technology and Food Research at the meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists in Chicago last week. Both publications are sponsored by the Institute and are printed by the Garrard Press in Champaign, Ill.

RASPBERRY TROUBLES

Dr. E.F. Taschenberg of the Fredonia Vineyard Laboratory spent two or three days at the Station last week and, accompanied by Professor Hartzell, attended a meeting of raspberry growers in Penn Yan where he discussed the problem of thrips on raspberries. Tasch is scheduled for a repeat performance at Brant in Erie County later this week.

IN CHAMPLAIN VALLEY

Doctor Chapman spent two days last week inspecting apple orchards in the Champlain Valley with Dr. A.B. Burrell, College of Agriculture plant pathologist. He found fruit development about the same as in western New York.



A WELCOME RAIN

George Slate was smiling broadly Monday with the advent of a timely rain that assured good growing conditions for the 8,000 strawberry and 5,000 raspberry seedlings he set out last week. Strawberry picking will begin about June 15th, he says, two weeks later than usual.

LILAC SHOW

While Rochester is putting on the real lilac show, the Station lilac bed is well worth an inspection. Composed of representatives of a number of species, the collection presents quite an array of color and an abundance of bloom.

MEN GARDENERS

George Slate and Leo Klein are planning to attend an organization meeting of a federation of western New York men's garden clubs to be held in Syracuse next Saturday. Plans include several discussion groups, including one on small fruits which Professor Slate will address.

AMONG THE VISITORS

Last week's visitors included Dr. J.T. Martin of Herts, England, who was interested primarily in recent developments in insecticides and fungicides and in the inspection work involving pesticides; Mr. Edmund M. Merl, German seed analyst who attended the International Seed Congress in Washington earlier this month and who was interested in learning about the work of the Seed Laboratory here; and Mr. Barnard, USDA extension specialist with headquarters in the Santa Clara Valley in California, who conferred with Mr. Braso and Professor Slate.

NEW PARKING LOT

Jordan Hall will soon have the choice parking lot of the Station. Bob Larsen and his crew recently completed the erection of attractive rustic barriers for the area and now Traphagen's men have gone to work on the necessary grading and filling. Parking will be free to all those who labor in Jordan Hall or have business there; others will please keep out.

WEEK-END IN PARIS

A letter from Miss Jennings tells of plans to spend the Memorial Day week-end in Paris. Her visit thus far has been confined chiefly to the Lille area where her brother is stationed as a representative of the State Department. Wining and dining seem to be the major activities in France, at least they get the most play by our correspondent. It all sounds very interesting.

FRUITS FOR THE HOME

Under some such general theme, the Station will display a collection of fruit varieties as its part of the State Fair exhibit of the College of Agriculture. With the Fair set to start September 2, plans are already underway for collecting and freezing samples of the best of the small fruits as the season advances. These will be supplemented with plums, peaches, and early apples. A commando force to protect the exhibit is also in process of training.

HENS WILL BE HENS!

By way of the grapevine we learn of strange doings on the part of hens which supply eggs which, in turn, are peddled around the Station to trusting employees. It seems that recently, they, the hens, that is, have started laying hard-boiled eggs. At least reports to that effect have reached this office. We shall be glad to hear from other customers who may have been victims of this strange phenomenon. Also, we suggest that all eggs be opened up as soon as received to detect, if possible, the source of these pre-cooked eggs--unless of course you want your eggs hard boiled. We understand the price is the same, it's just a little something that has been added to those good eggs to make them different.

"FLY" FISHERMAN

Bob Wesselmann really goes all out when he goes fishing. Not only is he a devotee of the dry fly, but he flies to his fishing date. Bob spent the week-end in a remote spot in the Adirondacks accessible only by plane, where he hoped to snare his limit of trout, providing the special fly dope he took along keeps the flies away while he flings his flies.
