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BREED BRAZIL-BOUND

Doctor Robert Breed, retired head of the Station's Bacteriology Division, is taking his red flannels out of moth balls, preparatory to a flight via Pan-American Clipper to Rio de Janeiro where he will participate in the 5th International Congress of Microbiology, August 17-24...the dead of winter in Brazil. At the congress, he will serve as secretary of the International Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature and will also report on studies which he and Doctor Pederson conducted on the lactic fermentation of vegetable materials. Host for the meeting will be the Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, the Brazilian counterpart of our Rockefeller Institute. This is the same institution at which Doctor Mack has been studying during his sabbatic leave. Following the Congress, Doctor Breed will spend three days at the British Colonial Agricultural Research Institute in Trinidad before returning to this country on August 28th.

FINGER LAKES GRAPE TOUR

The second annual Finger Lakes Grape Tour was held yesterday in Steuben County with several Station specialists participating. Growers from the area visited the vineyards of three wineries and tossed questions at the authorities present. Attending from the Station were Professors Wellington, Braun, Curtis, and Kimball.

VEGETABLE FIELD DAY

And this Saturday, vegetable growers will have their fling at the annual Field Day in Ithaca. Displays of new equipment, helicopter dusting, vegetable packing, other exhibits, and experiments are open to the public. In the exhibit line, the Geneva Station will be represented and several of our specialists are on the program. Doctor Schroeder will discuss the spraying of tomatoes for the control of blossom-end rot; Wayne Howe will talk about his work on the treatment of bean seeds; and Doctor George Johannesen, a former graduate assistant here, will be in charge of the various tours to be conducted. In addition to those on the program, indications are that a goodly number of Station people will attend.

POTATO FIELD DAY

Last week, potato growers held their field day at Chaffee, in Erie County. The Vegetable Crops Division was represented at the meeting by Ray Sheldrake, Bill Ryder, and Carl and Don Benkendorf.

NURSERYMEN'S MEETING

August is evidently the month for field days and meetings of all kinds. We've already reported several of them and we're still going strong. On Thursday and Friday of this week, the annual summer meeting of the New York State Nurserymen's Association will hold forth at Ithaca and Geneva. Karl Brase, in charge of arrangements for Friday's program here, has crammed several talks and demonstrations into a full schedule. Director Heinicke will address the group at 9:30 A.M. and will be followed by Professor Slate. At 10, the nurserymen will be indoctrinated into the ramifications of seed-testing by Professor Munn and Claude Heit. Following them will be Doctors Hamilton and Lamb discussing the breeding of disease-resistant apples and pears, and Professor Brase and Doctor Parker on the production of virus-free budwood. Then, Doctor Gambrell will take the group to his field plots where he is testing DDT and BHC on apple pests. Next, at the Fruit-breeding Farm, Doctor Curtis will relate his work on weed control. Luncheon at the Geneva Country Club will be followed by tours of Professor Brase's rootstock experiments, and Doctor Rodney's nursery stock survival work. Sounds like a big day.

STATE HORT SOCIETY TOUR

The two-day summer meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society will open at New Paltz in the Hudson Valley next Monday. Once again, talks and tours will be the order of the day as economists and scientists pool their information for the betterment of the industry. Expecting to attend from Geneva are Doctors Wellington, Lamb, Hamilton, and Braun.



THESE ARE NEW

August 4th was the birthday of Laurie Elizabeth Boyle, 8 pound 4 ounce daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle. The newcomer came into the world at the Geneva General Hospital. She'll be at home to visitors tomorrow.....And Mr. and Mrs.

John Addona introduced a new girl to the world. Their youngster was born Sunday. Our heartiest congratulations.

BETTY WINKEL RESIGNS

We regret to announce that Miss Betty Winkel of FS&T has resigned her position here in order to assume new duties at the Brookhaven Laboratories. She was appointed to the local bacteriology laboratory in November 1948 as a research assistant. Her new duties will begin on September 1st and she plans to spend the interim at the family home near Wilkes-Barre. Good luck to you, Betty.

VACATIONEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Court Hening are wending their way to Hawley, Minnesota, for a month's vacation. Enroute, they'll stop at Chicago.....The Avenes are sojourning at her home in Detroit.....The Hands left last week for a respite up in Maine... And we learn that Eddie Munzer of Pomology is in training with the National Guard for two weeks.

CANNERS DOINGS

C.H. Mahoney of the National Canners Association and Win Tyler of the New York State Canners Association took a look at some of the Station work last Thursday..... On Monday, the bean committee of the state association inspected Bill Tapley's work on bean breeding. Results of their evaluation were very encouraging.

OTHER VISITORS

Doctor and Mrs. A.J. Milbrath and son Gene visited the Brauns on Sunday. They were accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCord. Doctor Milbrath is a plant pathologist at Corvallis, Oregon.....Wisconsinites Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hoelsy are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Austin Wagenknecht.....Guest of the Kleins on Monday and Tuesday was Professor Chase of Ontario Agricultural College. Professor Chase is a soil bacteriologist and chatted with members of FS&T while here.

TOTMAN-PECK

Of interest to many Station people is the wedding of Bob Totman and Shirley Peck, scheduled to take place this Saturday. Bob has done summer work for the Vegetable Crops Division and Shirley is a sister of Beezy Peck who is currently working in the same Division. Bob recently graduated from Cornell and will teach this fall. Organist at the ceremony will be Mrs. M.T. Vittum.

KLASSIFIED KORNER

FOUND: Wrist watch; in front of the Lockett residence on West North Street. May be claimed in Editor's office.

WANTED: Crabgrass lawns. If you're lawn is bothered by this persistent weed, you can do yourself and research a favor by contacting Professor Munn. The Seed Laboratory recently received a shipment of a newly-introduced crabgrass eliminator and would like to conduct some trials with it.

OTHER STUFF

Doctor Palmiter of the Hudson Valley Lab was here last Thursday. He conferred with local pathologists and also visited test plots at Sodus.....Professors Wellington and Lamb are leaving tomorrow for a peach conference at Beltsville, Md. They'll attend the Hort Society meeting in the Hudson Valley on the return trip.... Congratulations to Bob Ransford who made the grade for his Master's degree last Saturday. The FS&T technician did his work at St. Bonaventure.....Foster Gambrell will be on deck for a twilight meeting of nurserymen at Dansville tonight. Discussion will center upon cooperative work in the control of insects and diseases of nursery stock....We noted that Bernice Traphagen was one-fourth of a quartette of vocalists who sang at the Ontario County Fair last Friday night.....The blackout which we experienced at the Station yesterday was necessitated by a rewiring job being done in back of Sturtevant. We finally got rid of that low-down wire which has snagged a countless number of trucks in years gone by...Ordinarily, we rely on Jim Moyer to supply us with fantastic tales of the impossible but Jeanne Smith is rapidly stealing his glory. Jeanne showed up last week sporting a mouse...which she got from a turkey. Seems as if anyone can bump into a door or run into a horse but our Jeannie got a shiner the Ripley-way. She claims she was fondling her Thanksgiving dinner, which is still on the hoof, when the Turk was fascinated by the twinkle in her eye--and took a peck at it. That's the way Jeanne tells it. At any rate, it might have been more serious and we're glad that it's healed up enough so that we can joke about it.....Word from the Gil Macks states that they're back in this country and spent yesterday with the Arthur Suits in Auburndale, Florida... And while we're on the subject of Florida and alumni, we learn that W.W. Dubois and family are now living in Winterhaven. He worked here with Doctor Tressler back in the young '40s.
