



PLANS PERCOLATING

More details concerning the annual dinner of the Station Club have been revealed this week by general chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klein. Arrangements have been completed with the management of the Seneca Lake Country Club and the time is set at 6:30 P.M. on October 24th. The Kleins have named subcommittees as follows: Decorations--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lamb; Music--Claude Heit; Punch--Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle; Game Room--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holley; Reservations--Ben Clark; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wesselmann in charge of starting the fire. It is hoped that some harmonizing will be provided by a barbershop quartet which Otis Curtis is organizing.



AT BAYSTATE HORT MEETING

Professor Wellington is spending a few days at the meeting in Boston of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. He took with him several Station seedling apples, grapes, and fall-bearing raspberries as well as some recent introductions which will be displayed at the meeting. The local pomologist will also serve as one of the judges.

STEPHEN BABCOCK EULOGIZED

Accounts in the life of the "laughing saint of Science" appear in the September issue of Food Technology. "Laughing saint" is the soubriquet of Stephen M. Babcock, known the world over as the inventor of the Babcock Test for milk fat. Doctor Babcock worked on his idea during his years at the Geneva Experiment Station before the turn of the century and subsequently went to Cornell and the University of Wisconsin. Each year, an award is made to the originator of an outstanding contribution in the field of nutrition as it is allied to the food processing industry. This award is known as the "Babcock Award". The journal account was prepared by one of Babcock's colleagues, Professor E.B. Hart of the University of Wisconsin, and was presented at the recent Babcock Award Luncheon. The Wisconsin professor delves into Babcock's life story to reveal some intriguing accomplishments and idiosyncrasies which are well-blended into a story of a man who "was himself greater than anything he did".

BACTERIOLOGISTS TO MEET

The Central New York section of the Society of American Bacteriologists will hold a meeting at Buffalo on Saturday. Local scientists who expect to attend include Doctors Pederson, Hofer, Conn, Breed, and Andrew Rice. Doctor Pederson will deliver a paper prepared by himself and Margaret Albury.

BACK TO THE BOOKS

Max Patterson of Veg Crops, is combining vacation and leave of absence to absorb another semester of higher learning. Max is attending the current semester at Cornell where he is taking courses in veg crops and plant physiology. His family has moved to Ithaca for the interval.

CAMPBELL TO CAMP CAMPBELL

Unless deferment of orders comes through in the next few days, Bud Campbell will report to Camp Campbell, Kentucky on Sunday. Bud is a reserve member of the Medical Corps and tentative orders have assigned him to active duty with the 11th Airborne Division. Similar orders to report for active duty were received recently by Paul Kirchner, another member of FS&T, but were later deferred.

THE PRODUCE MARKET

Apples and grapes are currently being picked on order by the Pomology Division. The apples are being sold at \$1.50 a bushel and include a good many varieties such as Redford, Redfield, Redhook, Opalescent, Tompkins King, and Gravenstein. In the grape line, Niagara and Westfield are being featured at 10¢ a pound. Orders should be given to the Pomology office.

SEE PLANT BREEDING PROJECTS

About fifty members of Doctor Munger's plant breeding classes at the College of Agriculture motored to Geneva last Saturday. The students were conducted through the Station plantings and were given talks by Professors Wellington, Slate, and Leo Klein.

SEED ASSOCIATION SCHEDULES MEETING

The 16th annual meeting of the New York State Seed Association has been set for October 16th at Rochester, to which members of the Station's Seed Division have been invited. Included on the program is Doctor Ben Clark who will discuss "Seed Control Plantings" with the help of a series of Kodachrome slides.

UP A RUNG

Professor Hervey gives us word that Elton Clark passed the qualifying test for his Ph D degree at Ithaca on Saturday. Elton is a graduate assistant in the Entomology Division.

NOTES

October is moving month for two Station families. USDA entomologist Tashiro has moved his family into the Station house formerly occupied by the Masons. And word that the Shaulises are on their way home is prompting Sandy Davis to establish housekeeping in the George Pearce's house. Doctor Shaulis indicated that he was on his way eastward with a package of baggage sent to Pomology. Either there was a shortage of large denomination stamps in Washington when he made the shipment or there's a shortage of three cent stamps now, for Nelson's parcel was posted with no fewer than 173 of them. Latest word is that the family has arrived at Fredonia and will spend a few days there before the final leg of the trip to Geneva. They're expected here on October 26th.....We hope that Marion Holland and Bette Cullinan are enjoying their vacations. The weather certainly isn't conducive to outdoor activity.....The Lambs are out to pasture--which is just another way of saying that Bob and Barbara Lamb are on an outdoor camping trip in New England. They plan to endure the hardships of nature until the 18th but we prophesy that they'll be back long before--unless they develop webbed feet.....We're heartened to hear that Barbara Brase was able to return to school this week. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brase was rendered unconscious last week by a nasty fall at the school playgrounds.....Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holley had, as weekend guests, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dworkin of Jamaica.....Get-well wishes go to Paul Smith of the field crew. The "Mayor of Oaks Corners" is out with a case of pneumonia.....A familiar face is no longer with us. Pete DeMaria of the greenhouse was called back into service with the Marine Corps recently. And Bob Hefron was ordered to report for a physical examination last week.....Working on a part-time basis in the Seed Lab these days is Marlene Crosier, daughter of Doctor Crosier. Marlene is working here afternoons and is taking graduate work at GHS mornings.....Doctors Chapman and Gambrell are spending a couple days at the Fredonia Lab where they are checking on some work with Doctor Taschenberg.....The Fruit Testing Association reports that it is sending a large shipment of fruit trees of various kinds to a mission in China.....We note that Otis Curtis was one of the participants in the Red Feather quiz which is being conducted in Geneva. He is a member of the team representing the SPEBQSA.

BELGIAN VISITOR

Doctor Edward Delvaux of Belgium arrived at the Station yesterday. He is in charge of the Laboratory of Applied Chemistry of the Agronomic Institute at Louvain and is touring this country under the sponsorship of ECA to study the production of insecticides and herbicides.

AT ITHACA MEETING

Professors Tapley and Ben Clark will travel to Ithaca tomorrow where they will attend a meeting of the College Seed Committee.

"Where did I come from, Mother?" inquired a 6-year-old just home from his first day at school. This is it, thought his mother. She had read widely on the subject and knew exactly how to unfold the story of the birds and bees which she proceeded to do until she had told everything. Then, curiously, she awaited his reaction.

"I just wondered," the child said.

"The boy who sits in front of me in school came from New Jersey."

"I crossed a potato with a beet,
Now I've got a potato with bloodshot eyes!"

- Dale McFeather in *Quelch Daily Mirror*

