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AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD

The regular fall meeting of the Council for the College of Agriculture and the Experiment Stations met in Jordan Hall on Monday with Dean Myers presiding. The committee, composed of representatives of the Cornell Board of Trustees, the College faculty, the State Department of Education, the State University, the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and elected representatives of the leading agricultural organizations, serves in an advisory capacity to the College and Experiment Station administration. The morning was devoted to a business meeting, followed by luncheon at the Seneca Hotel. In the afternoon, members of the council were conducted about the Station by Doctor Heinicke. Included on the tour were the new construction work, projects in FS&T, and a visit to the greenhouse where Doctor Schroeder explained his work on developing late blight-resistant tomatoes and Wayne Howe told about the control of the corn seed maggot.

PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING MEETING

The organization committee for the Third Annual Food Processing Meeting has announced the program which will be presented in Jordan Hall a week from today. Doctor Hand will lead off at 9:30 A.M. with an explanation of "Aims and Methods of Food Research". Following him will be Doctor Kertesz with the topic, "What Pectin Means to the Food Processor", and Doctor Moyer with an account of "Pilot Plant Studies on the Factors Influencing the Consistency of Tomato Juice". Completing the morning program will be Doctor Robinson on "The Measurement and Control of Tomato Juice Color", and Doctor Pederson who will speak about "The Microbiology of Tomato Products". The noon luncheon will be held at the First Presbyterian Church and will feature a broadcast over Station WGVA in which several Geneva housewives will give their views on what the housewives want in processed foods. The meeting will reconvene in Jordan at 2 P.M. when Doctor W.H. Cathcart, Director of the Baking Division of A&P will tell about "Processed Fruits Desired by the Baker". Doctor Lee will then speak on "Determination of Maturity in Vegetables" and will be followed by "The Relation of Quality of Frozen Vegetables to Number of Bacteria Present", given by Doctor Hucker. At 3:30, Doctor P.E. Ramstad of the Cornell School of Nutrition will discuss "Changes in the Starches and Proteins of Foods Due to Processing and Storage". The afternoon program will be concluded with a group discussion period. At 5:30, dinner at the country club will feature a talk by Doctor L.E. Clifcorn, Director of Fundamental Research for the Continental Can Company. His topic will be "Developments in the Production and Utilization of Canned Foods". While the program has been designed primarily for food technologists and food research specialists, members of the other Divisions at the Station are invited to take in any or all of the program. Those who wish to attend either the luncheon or dinner are asked to make reservations in advance with Miss Updike.

STAFF MEETING FRIDAY

The first staff meeting of the season has been scheduled for this Friday afternoon at 4:00. The meeting will be held in the staffroom of Jordan Hall.

ATTEND MESSENGER LECTURE

"The Local Population as the Basic Evolutionary Unit" was the topic presented by Jens Clausen at Ithaca on Monday evening, as part of the Messenger series. Attending from the Station were Professors Slate, Einset, and Lamb. The speaker will present five more lectures in the series this month.

MUNN IN NEW HAVEN

Professor Munn left yesterday for New Haven where he is attending a two-day meeting of the Northeastern Seed Control Officials. Doctor J.G. Horsfall welcomed the group yesterday and the Associated Seed Growers will share in the host duties.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

Doctor and Mrs. Curtis Dearborn and family said their final adieus last week. The former Station veg crops specialist left with his family for the long drive in their new Mercury for the Experiment Station at Palmer, Alaska, where he is now situated. They have sold their farm and home out Stanley way to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holley who expect to move in next week.....provided they can find enough paint to complete their interior decorating job.

STATION CLUB STARTS NEW YEAR

President Vic Hopkins has named Ed Smith to head the committee for renewing memberships in the Station Club which begins a new year of activity with the Christmas Party. Old man high-cost-of-living is given the blame for a hike in the dues this year. The new charge will be \$2.00 per adult. In view of the fact that this fee covers the expenses of the Christmas Party, the Summer Picnic, and a Fall Dinner (which alone cost \$1.75 this year), the increase seems more than justified. Doctor Smith has listed his membership drive crew as follows: Anne Holley, Otis Curtis, Cap Bigelow, Herman Jahn, Bob Larsen, and Bob Wesselmann. More details will be forthcoming.

AUTO MISHAP

In case you've been wondering why the Station sedan is now a two-tone color, it's the result of an accident which occurred last Friday afternoon when Doctors Vittum, and Hofer, and Paul Zwerman and Francis Broadbent of the College, were making the return trip from the agronomy meetings in Ohio. The Station vehicle tangled with a Mack truck near Xenia, Ohio. Considering the snow and poor road conditions, it is a wonder that no serious injuries resulted. Doctor Hofer sustained a scraped knee in the collision, and a fender and part of the hood of the sedan were crumpled. Limping back to Fredonia, the trip was capped off with a resounding blowout which occurred just a few yards from the Vineyard Laboratory. But, undaunted, 45-54 was back in service on Monday.

NEW BABIES

News from the Strong Memorial Hospital on Saturday morning contained the announcement of the birth of a son to Doctor and Mrs. Bob Witter of Rochester. The new father served as a chemist here and is now working with Doctor Stotz at the University of Rochester. Mrs. Witter is the former Lynette Ward who left her position here as assistant in Doctor Pederson's lab in 1948. The youngster has been named Frank..... And another former Station family has been blessed with a new son. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Brailow of Urbana sent word of the family addition recently. Mr. Brailow worked in Pomology back in '41..... Closer to home is the birth of Mary Lou to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Clark of Entomology. Miss Clark arrived in Ithaca on October 26th, tipping the scales at 6 lb. 8 oz. Congratulations to everybody.

WHO DAT?

A commendation for courage is due Willie Pedersen whose duties as caretaker of the North Presbyterian Church took serious proportions last Sunday night. In a final checkup after the day's activities, Willie discovered an intruder who fled upon the caretaker's entrance. A chase through many of the church rooms ensued with the shabby, would-be marauder eager to accept Willie's invitation to depart. In his haste, the intruder left behind a briefcase which contained some jimmying tools and a nice, new hatchet! He disappeared by the time police arrived.

SICK LIST

Professor Sayre reported to the Strong Memorial Hospital on Monday for a check-up. No report of the outcome had been received at press time...And we're sorry to hear that Bill Tapley has been incapacitated by an aching back. Some sort of sacroiliacal disorder sent him home from work on Monday. Maybe he's been trying to lift some of his new giant squashes.

SIGMA XI SEEKS MEMBERS

The Geneva chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi is making a drive to increase its membership. All local members of the Society who have not as yet affiliated themselves with the Geneva Chapter are asked to contact Doctor Vittum.

MOVING THE EARTH

Excavating equipment is expected momentarily at the Darrow Farm where a tile drainage system will be laid. This project will permit a more extensive study in line with the irrigation tests which have already been started.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Calls to military service are taking two more Station workers. Bob Hefferon left Monday with a local contingent and John Geraghty has orders to report on November 17th. John's mother passed away on Monday without knowing of his recall into the Navy. She had been ill for some time.....Our sympathy is also extended to Louis Eames whose brother died in Elmira last week.....If you've been having trouble remembering Siegfried Lionk's first name, he's made it simpler for you now---- just call him "Doc". Sig passed the final exams for his degree at Illinois a couple of weeks ago.....Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goertzen have left Geneva and are returning to their native Kansas. Ken has been assisting in the Pomology Division since last June....Ben Clark is taking three weeks off to paint the inside of his house, and run errands for Mrs. Clark.....Pete Gigliotti's life will be worth a little more this winter. Bob Larsen and Willie Pedersen are constructing a canopy over the side door entrance to Jordan Hall where Pete unloads the mail. The spot offered a continuous threat of sliding snow and ice from the roof above....Doctor Mack gave an account of his recent South American trip at last week's meeting of the Geneva Rotary.
