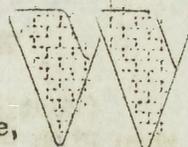


THE LAST STAND

The curtain rings up today on the Eastern Meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society at Kingston. Mr. Lockett and Leo Klein left Geneva yesterday, snugly tucked into the carryall with the display cases, boxes of fruit, and other exhibit material for the three-day stand. On the speaking program for the affair will be Doctors Heinicke, Palmiter, Dean, Hamilton, Glass, and Smith, and a few others will be on hand to answer questions.



CSEA ELECTS

Jim Harlan was elected President of the Civil Service Employees Geneva Chapter at last Saturday night's annual meeting. Others elected were as follows: Vice-President--Roy Bergstresser; 2nd VP--Alvin Hofer; Secretary--Jeanne Smith; Treasurer--Fred Munding. Guests at the dinner included Charles Foster of the State University, Senator and Mrs. Fred Hollowell, Assemblyman Thompson Scoon, Ithaca Mayor Stanley Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Munroe (VP of the State Association), and Clarence Dickens of the Cornell Chapter.

NURSERYMEN'S MEETING

The Western New York Nurserymen's Association will meet at the Sheraton Hotel in Rochester on Friday. Station scientists who will attend are Professors Brase, Gambrell, Rodney, and Gilmer.

COUNTY SCHOOLS

Now that we've got the progress reports out of the way, it's time for the annual series of vegetable and fruit schools for growers at the county level. Two such sessions are scheduled for this week. Growers in Orleans County will be addressed by Doctor Schroeder on Thursday and by Professor Sayre on Friday. At Batavia on Friday, Doctors Schroeder and Vittum will speak to a similar congregation of Genesee County farmers.

CALL ME "DOCTOR"

Our congratulations are extended to Wayne Howe, grad student in entomology, who successfully passed the final exams for his PhD degree at Ithaca last Thursday. Well done, Doc.

VISITORS

Messers Harry King and John Sailor of the Welch Grape Juice Company called on Doctor Pederson last Friday. Other visitors the same day were Doctor Morrison Ruggosa and Mr. Ralph Wiseman of the Eastman Dental Dispensary at Rochester.

TO ALBANY MEETING

Doctor Arnold Mattson will go to Albany tomorrow where he will participate in a feed and fertilizer conference sponsored by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

SMALL TALK

To help tackle the surge of seed-testing work from now until spring, the Seed Investigations Division has engaged Miss Pauline Warden of Geneva. Miss Warden lives on Castle Road. She will assist Mr. Patrick in the germination tests. Another badminton contest with a Hobart group will be staged at the North Street School this Monday evening. Station enthusiasts are urged to turn out for the combat. The regular Wednesday meeting will be held as usual.

ROCHESTER SIDELIGHTS

Staff members were on the receiving end of a good deal of favorable comment regarding the many attractive and informative exhibits at the Hort Meeting...We exchanged handshakes with Bob Totman, former assistant in Veg Crops who is now teaching VoAg at Victor. Also chatted with Doctor George Johannesen, another former Veg Cropper who is now on the Ithaca staff.....Bill Sherman, who served as judge in the 4-H Club pie-baking contest, told us about a wire he had from Jim Knapp asking him to keep his eyes open for a good cook.

THE DAUNTLESS DEARBORNS II

(Continued from last week). Dear Cains: We stayed in cabins from Cleveland thru High Prairie. Some were pretty nice. Had to use our Coleman gas stove about three times but in another cabin there was even a new electric refrigerator. This cabin had heated floors and we decided it was wonderful but finally tired of the perpetual hotfoot. The cabins at Calgary and Edmonton had everything, even dishes, and were very comfortable. We drove short distances thru this area for we wanted to shop in Edmonton and arrived there on November 11th, and the stores were closed. The roads were pretty slick. ..200 miles a day was enough. Bought the boys good shoe skates and essential food just in case. We didn't actually need the food but it was good to know we could eat if we were delayed along the highway. The worst day of travel was from Little Falls, Minn., to Valley City, N. Dak. We counted 14 cars off the highway in varying degrees of incapacities--awfully slippery. Then we reached Fargo. There we found our worst blizzard, visibility zero.

Dear Curtises: In general, the temperature along the way was below freezing. After High Prairie we didn't even plug in the deepfreeze. It was subzero all along that gravel highway which made it nice, for the hardpacked snow filled the pot holes and it was too dry to be slippery. There was a stretch of a few miles near High Prairie where there was a big trailer truck tipped over at each curve. These didn't bother us but when the pleasure cars began to pile up too we decided not to go much further. It snowed a little each day but there wasn't much sunshine and that was a godsend for sun on snow is hard on the eyes. Every day along the Alcan Highway got colder until finally it was minus 35 or 40. Didn't seem to bother us tho, we were warm in the Merc with just sweaters on...but we kept all the heavy clothing pretty handy. Had a "head-bolt heater" installed at Grand Prairie.

Dear Robinsons: The new heater worked except for the first morning when either the current was turned off or the contact poor. It was 20 below and the car didn't start so Curt started the Coleman gas stove and set it under the oil pan. Soon our Merc was purring. This heater is plugged into an ordinary electrical outlet and keeps the motor warm. Everyone has them here. We had all kinds of emergency supplies with us---somehow, with four children, you don't want to take chances--we carried two 5-gal. cans of gas, one regular and one white for the stove. We didn't run out of gas ourselves but met two motorists who did. Had a very enjoyable trip and, believe it or not, we'd like to drive the trip again. Most outstanding sight along the way was the many acres of burned out forests, some still smoldering. Fires in the Muskegs burn for a long, long time, so they say. Scenery was terrific.

Dear Rodneys: The gravelled road starts about 40 miles north of Edmonton and it starts with a bang. The next 20 miles was the worst of the entire trip, full of pot holes, rough bridges, and washboards. After this, the highway was very good; wide, straight, and only a few hills which required a shifting of gears, even tho we were pulling a heavy trailer. Of course, there are some places where they followed the path of least resistance but these are being straightened. We hit the road at the best time, it seemed. They are muddy in the spring, slippery in warm winter weather, and dusty all summer. A beautiful trip and we do hope that some or all of you folks can visit us. With decent travelling you can drive here from New York in two weeks quite easily. (To be continued)

Once there was a man who always called a spade a spade---until he fell over one he had left on the cellar steps.