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CANNERS CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

The Geneva Station will be the hub of activity next Tuesday when the 26th Annual Raw Products Conference of the New York State Canners Association convenes in Jordan Hall. The annual meeting is jointly sponsored by the Association, the Extension Service, and the Experiment Stations at Ithaca and Geneva. The program lines up as follows: Tuesday morning, "Heat Units on Tomatoes, As They Relate to Color"--C.B. Sayre; "Chemical Weed Control"--Merton Miller of Birdseye-Snider's Albion Laboratory; "Virus Diseases of Canning Crops"--R.E. Wilkinson and W.T. Schroeder; Question Box. Tuesday afternoon--Tour of Station buildings and greenhouse; Panel Discussion on "Grower Services" by growers and canners; Banquet at Canandaigua Hotel. Wednesday morning--"Results of an Integrated Program among Experiment Stations in Regard to Fruit Varieties which are Suitable for Processing"--A.J. Heinicke; "Control of Seed Corn Maggot"--Wayne Howe and W.T. Schroeder; "Are Narrower Ratios and Higher Analysis Fertilizers Practical"--M.T. Vittum and John Carew; "Processing Crops Outlook for 1951"--Maurice Bond; Question Box. Wednesday afternoon--"Do We Want More Government Controls in Farming and the Processing Business?"--Herbert Voorhees of the New Jersey Farm Bureau Federation; "Control of Insects Affecting Peas, Spinach, and Broccoli"--A.C. Davis and George Hervey; "Tomato Diseases"--W.T. Schroeder. To wind up the meeting, a young growers section has been set for 2:35 on Wednesday, at which time recognition will be given to two members of the younger generation who have made outstanding achievements. The FFA Chapter award will be given to Herbert McFetridge of Geneva who recently won the national speaking contest. And a 4-H growers award will be made to Donald Britt of Byron who distinguished himself in the field of tomato-growing. Donald made himself a tidy sum last year on his tomato crop which, incidentally, was grown from one of Bill Tapley's new varieties.

VITTUM HEADS RED CROSS DRIVE

The annual Red Cross fund drive will be conducted March 1-8 this year and Doctor M.T. Vittum has been named to head the drive at the Experiment Station. The Station's quota has been set at \$475--one dollar more than was contributed last year. The city-wide campaign is seeking \$25,548 which represents an 8% increase over last year's quota, but the organization points out that it anticipates a 50% increase in demand for its services in view of the expanded blood bank collections and the reactivation of Sampson as a military base. Divisional representatives will be announced shortly. Remember, the Red Cross will be asking your help in about three weeks--that's two paydays from now.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

The ever-present dangers of fire were again brought to light when a blaze almost got out of hand at the horse barn during the cold spell. It seems like a good idea to check on ourselves periodically in order to be certain that each of us knows what to do in case a fire breaks out. What would you do if a fire were to start in your lab, office, or shop? Do you know where the nearest fire extinguisher is located? And could you operate it if the occasion should arise? A few moments taken now to acquaint ourselves with our fire extinguishers might be measured in dollars or even human lives if a fire should strike.

WHITHER AWAY?

Regretfully, we note that Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howe pulled up their Geneva stakes yesterday morning. Wayne recently completed the requirements for his doctor's degree and wound up his appointment as a graduate assistant in Entomology. He has been offered a position as Associate Professor at the University of Virginia but will have to free himself of another appointment which the Army has in mind for him. For that purpose, the Howes have headed for the nation's capital and will then go to his home in Denver until the horizon clears. Members of the Entomology Division bade him farewell with a party on Monday afternoon, at which they presented him with a traveling alarm clock.

NANCY BECKER ENGAGED

According to an announcement made last week, former Veg Crops secretary Nancy Becker has become engaged to Donald Palmatier of Rushville. Nancy is the daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Becker of Penn Yan and is currently attending State Teachers College at Plattsburgh. The wedding date is planned for some time in June.

***** TO SPEAK AT FRUIT MEETING

The winter fruit meeting of the Monroe County Farm Bureau will take place tomorrow and Friday. Geneva specialists who will speak on the program are Doctors Chapman, Hamilton, Glass, and Smith.

***** ET CETERA

Their second son was born on January 22nd to Doctor and Mrs. L.B. Norton of Cornell University. Doctor Norton left his position as physical chemist at the Geneva Station about four years ago. Mrs. Norton is the former Katherine Wheeler who also served in the Station's Chemistry Division. The youngster has been named John Raymond.....A Geneva introduction, the Monroe apple, was featured on the front cover of Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest for Summer, 1950. Reprinted inside the issue is the Farm Research article which introduced the Monroe.....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts will leave tomorrow for Washington, D. C., where they will spend the next few days.....Wilson Hey has forsaken the wintry climes for a vacation in Florida.....It looks like Sig Lienk is really serious about this marriage business. He's moved from his bachelor quarters on Brook Street and is making a nest at 273 Washington.....We commend Ed Glass and Ed Smith on their zeal in the current economy campaign. Their efforts last week to save the State the parking fee for a Station vehicle ran afoul of the gendarmerie and won them a ticket instead. Nice try, fellas.....The ultimate in canine-breeding has been achieved. A German shepherd cross between Wesselmann's Tanya and Wellington's Mark resulted in a litter of nine puplings last week. (Robinson's Chunky, please note.)

***** THE BATTLE CONTINUES

As the result of a makeup contest, a team of Seneca Castle bowlers met both of the Station's teams on the alleys last Friday evening. In the first contest, the outlanders took four points at the expense of the Lutheran aggregation. In the second fray, the Experiment Station team tallied three out of the four markers. Says Lutheran Captain Ed Glass, "No wonder the Castle boys lost the second game. We wore them out in the first."....Says Exp Station Captain Bob Lamb, "It's obvious that we have the better team. We took the contest even after the opposition had the benefit of a warm-up game"....And we can't print what Gutterball LaBelle said when he lost the jackpot to Leo Klein.

***** THE DEARBORNS' LAST STAND, IV

(Synopsis--The Dearborns are in Alaska). Dear Vittums: While our kitchen is being remodeled, we're eating in our large living room. Our furniture hasn't arrived yet and we don't expect it for another month. Meanwhile, we're doing nicely with borrowed beds, chairs, table, etc. Had to buy a few things, like a rolling pin. Neighbors have offered us everything. I use an automatic washer and this is convenient. The one thing we don't like is the telephone service. It takes longer to call Palmer than to drive there and costs as much as calling Anchorage. The other day the milk house caught fire and the office secretary tried to call the department at Palmer. Having no success, she called Anchorage and relayed the message to Palmer--a queer idea but it worked. Of course, the fellows here had the fire out by the time the fire department arrived.

Dear Tapleys: This is continued from Vittum's card. I forgot that T comes before V. We have more real farm life here than in Stanley. The boys visit the dairy barn everyday and today they saw a brand new calf. There are horses, hens, and plenty of dogs and cats. Today, we went out and cut a Christmas tree. That was always an occasion at home to get the tree and drag it home from the woods. We tucked this one in the back of the Merc and continued to drive around as we were looking for moose. They were supposed to be out of the hills now because the snow is getting deep for them there. Sure enough, we saw four of the big things--one bull, two cows, and one young one, but not all together. They aren't afraid and just stand around. As the snow becomes deeper, they are supposed to travel the roads which are conveniently planned for them (us, too). In fact, the moose are a road menace for they won't get out of the way. There was an open season lately and two Station people shot their moose back in the woods. They packed out the hind quarters and when they returned for the rest they found only tracks where someone had dragged it away. Even the backwoods are more inhabited than you'd suppose.

Dear Wesselmanns: Next year we hope to have moose and caribou to eat. We have a little that the neighbors brought in. Meanwhile, we eat salmon and beef. While Curt was away, the farm superintendent slaughtered some excess beef and had a half put in the freezer for us. Nice folks! Our sunshine is rather limited these days. (December). The sun comes up at 11 and goes down about 2:15. It shines almost every day and the twilights are long. It's quite light from 8AM to 4PM. Now the moon takes over at that time. During the full moon it is light all the time.....moon shines 20 hours a day. What an interesting country! And the colors...all shades of grey and blue, then rose during sunshine. Best regards. The Dearborns.