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HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH ABROAD

Doctor John Einset will address a Station seminar this afternoon on "Horticultural Research Institutions in Europe". The seminar will be held in the Staff room in Jordan Hall at 4:00 p. m. and will be preceded by a "coffee hour". Doctor Einset will speak from firsthand information gathered on his travels in connection with his sabbatic last year.

FOOD RESEARCH

Doctor Kertesz and Doctor Pederson have been attending meetings in Chicago this week in connection with the annual convention of the National Cannery Association and the Institute of Food Technologists. Doctor Pederson addressed the Sauerkraut Section of the Cannery Association on his investigations on sauerkraut. On Friday of this week he will speak on new developments with fruit products before the Ohio State Horticultural Society at Cincinnati.

NURSERY RESEARCH

Doctor Gambrell and Doctor Gilmer will be in Dansville tonight for a Farm Bureau-sponsored meeting of nurserymen. The Station specialists will report on findings with respect to insect and disease pests of nursery stock and their control.

VEGETABLE RESEARCH

Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Doctor Schroeder, Professor Sayre, and Doctor Natti will be in Chautauqua and Erie counties for a series of meetings with vegetable growers arranged by the county agents in those areas.

RESEARCH WITH GRAPES

Doctor Shaulis is having a busy week of it. Yesterday he was in Westfield for an all-day session with grape growers. Today he is in Sheridan for the same purpose. Tomorrow he will join forces with a number of others at Penn Yan for the second annual meeting of grape growers and processors. The Penn Yan gathering is a regional affair, embracing seven counties in the Finger Lakes area. According to advance notices, it will place special emphasis on grape cultivation, fertilization, pruning, and chemical weed control. A "panel" of grape experts will be on hand to answer questions and will include, in addition to Doctor Shaulis, Professor Wellington, Doctor Braun, Doctor Taschenberg, and Mr. Kimball.

LOCAL FRUIT GROWERS

The Ontario County Farm Bureau is holding a "school" for fruit growers in Jordan Hall next Monday. Among Station people participating will be Doctors Chapman, Hamilton, Glass, and Smith.

BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting of the Geneva Branch of the Cornell Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi will be held in the Staff room in Jordan Hall next Friday at 4:00 p. m. Election of officers and other business will be transacted.

Entomologists at Ithaca and Geneva were saddened to learn that Dr. S.A. Rohwer, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Entomology, USDA, had died suddenly in his home in Falls Church, Va. Well known both here and at the College of Agriculture, Doctor Rohwer had just recently been named special assistant to the Agricultural Research Administration in charge of defense efforts of the USDA.

A VALENTINE

According to the Geneva Daily Times, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stepanek are the parents of a son born on Valentine's Day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek, the former Margaret LeGab, were at one time employed in the Vegetable Crops Division here. Mr. Stepanek is now engaged in managing the family's wood-working business in Bayside, Long Island.

STEPPING UP THE COUNT

Over 2,500 requests to be placed on the mailing list for Farm Research have been received since the January issue of the magazine appeared. This will make the circulation figure for the April issue somewhere around the 22,000 mark.

LOST--AND FOUND

A gold tie clasp was found in the auditorium in Jordan Hall at the time of the canning factory field men's conference last week. None of the guests would claim it, so it was left in our office with the idea that it might belong to some one around the Station. If it is not claimed within a few days, expect to see Bob blossom out with some new trimmings.

FROM HITHER AND YON

Leroy Everson of the Iowa State College Seed Laboratory at Ames writes, "Keep my stencil in. Parting with a dollar (for postage) is painful, but losing the Station News would be more painful....Mrs. H.S. Gabriel of the College of Agriculture Radio staff spent Thursday at the Station interviewing Bill Schroeder in connection with a forthcoming broadcast on seed-corn maggot control....John Cain is scheduled to show a movie on soil conservation before the Enterprise Grange in Oaks Corners tonight....Prof. and Mrs. Munn are enjoying a visit with their son Roger of Los Angeles and their daughter, Mrs. D.H. Dudgeon, and her son David of Temple City, Calif. Mrs. Dudgeon is the former Myrta Munn....CBC's Farm Broadcast Commentator at St. John's, Newfoundland, has recently requested to be placed on the mailing list for syndicated material from this Station. Heretofore, he has been dependent upon a relay from the CBC Farm Broadcast at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

25 YEARS AGO--AND NOW

According to the 25-years-ago column in a recent issue of the Geneva Daily Times, "Half of the personnel of the Experiment Station were home with the flu." We can't verify this from our files of the Station News, but we can report that as we go to press the better half of the editorial staff is home with the flu, or a cold, or whatever it is that is going the rounds these days. In fact, Jordan Hall seems to have been especially hard hit, with Miss Ryan out last Friday and the Sperry sisters nursing colds the past two days. But the show must go on, including the News! So the rest of us take it out in sneezing and coughing.

SPELLING

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle recently commented on a writer in Editor and Publisher who deplored the prevalence of poor spelling. "Whole battalions of poor spellers are coming up into colleges and universities from the high schools," states the writer. "We are surprised that anybody should be surprised about this these days," comments the D&C..."The modern attitude, they tell us, is: 'Sure, I want to write, but what's that got to do with knowing how to spell?' It is true that many successful writers are poor spellers. And it is true that good spellers are born not made. Educators say that a bad speller at the age of 12 will be a bad speller at the age of 60. Nevertheless, spelling is part of the mechanics of the trade of writing, and we never heard of a good craftsman who was any the worse off for knowing his subject all the way through. Granted that the ability to spell is not essential to making a living, even for a writer, we think this would be a more comfortable world, certainly a more legible one, if more attention were paid to spelling. Even a letter gives a better impression of the writer if the words are spelled right."

All of which brings to mind some of our struggles with the spelling of PhD's who evidently didn't include spelling as one of their "minors". For example, there was the PhD who persisted in spelling "rope" with an "a", making it read "roap"; probably because it rhymes with "soap". But now he's a topflight ADMINISTRATOR--and we're still struggling with the Station News!

"The trouble with words is that you occasionally have to eat them later on. Not very tasty either."