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NOW IT'S OFFICIAL

The long-awaited announcement of the appointment of Doctor James Hamilton to head the Station's Plant Pathology Division has finally come through. He had been acting in that capacity since the retirement of Doctor Otto Reinking, almost a year ago. Doctor Hamilton is a graduate of the University of Toronto and earned his advanced degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1929. He joined the Station staff the following year and spent some time at the Hudson Valley Laboratory before locating in Geneva. His new title is back-dated to January 1st. Sincere congratulations and best wishes, Jim.

DR. BUCHHOLZ RETIRES

Dr. A.B. Buchholz, Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, since 1934, retired on March 1st. "Buck", as he is known to a host of friends around the State is a "local boy" who made good. Born in Geneva and a graduate of Hobart College (1909), Buchholz received the Ph. D. degree from Cornell and served as a County Agent from 1918 to 1934 when he assumed the duties of the office from which he retired last week. His official duties brought him in close contact with many on the Station Staff, all of whom valued his fine cooperation and understanding of mutual problems. Buck will be missed officially but we trust not personally, as family ties bring him to Geneva for occasional visits. Congratulations on the long and successful administration of an important office and best wishes for the years ahead! Word has also come out of Albany of the appointment of H.B. Little, formerly County Agent in Saratoga County, to succeed Doctor Buchholz. Mr. Little is also well known here at the Station and we are looking forward to becoming even better acquainted with him as his duties bring him into close association with the Station.

IN HUDSON VALLEY

The annual series of lectures in the Hudson Valley by Station small fruit specialists is taking place this week. Professors Slate, Shaulis, and Braun left on Monday for appearances at several Farm Bureau Meetings in that area.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Let the weatherman say what he will, it's certain that spring is not far off. The robin sometimes jumps the gun and that fickle old sun may tease us in advance of the season---but when Vic Hopkins and his crew start squirting lime-sulfur among the peach trees, spring is surely on its way. And while those stalwarts were limbering up yesterday, Brer Easter Bunny was preening himself and making ready for his annual visit. The old boy has established his headquarters behind Jordan Hall this year and can be seen almost every day, come rain, sleet, or sun, directly behind the bulletin room.

VACATION NEWS

The annual rush to use up vacation credit before April 1st is in full swing. A card from Maude Hogan places her at Daytona Beach for the nonce. Wilson Hey has just returned from the sunshine land and the Bigelows will make a similar trip before the week is out. Their itinerary calls for several stopoffs to visit former Station workers.....Bill Tapley is making himself scarce these days but he's not planning any lengthy trips.....Frank Lee hied himself away on Monday night for a rest in California.....And the vitamin gals, Joanne and Ruth, have forsaken the Station for a couple of weeks.....Bill Schroeder is using his vacation to settle his family in their new farm home.....And Professors Wellington and Rodney are spending their vacations in the Geneva area.

TURF CONFERENCE

Professor Gambrell and Mr. Tashiro motored to Ithaca yesterday to participate in a Turf Conference. Doctor Adams of the Poughkeepsie Lab also joined in the discussion.

RED CROSS SCOREBOARD

As of press time yesterday, Doctor Vittum reported that Station personnel had contributed \$367 towards the quota of \$475 in the Red Cross Fund Drive at the Station. With one more day to go, those persons who have not as yet made their contributions are asked to help the drive by contacting their representatives before the day is over.



SPROUTING BUD

We extend a hearty welcome to Brian Edward Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Campbell. The five-pound, three-ounce youngster was born at Geneva General at 3:15 A.M. last Saturday morning. Congratulations to the proud parents.



EIN ZWEI EINSETS

And congratulations, too, to Mr. and Mrs. John Einset whose baby daughter Anne arrived at the Waterloo Hospital late Sunday night. On the occasion of the birth of the Einsets' second child, members of the Pomology Division sent appropriate greetings with the following opus, entitled "To Hjordis and the Wee Diploid"---

Now that the waiting is over
And your plans have not been thwarted,
This beautiful bundle of sunshine
Makes a sixth-of-a-dozen, assorted.

TOURIST TRADE

Members of the Biology Club of Nazareth College visited the Station yesterday in the company of their instructor, Mr. Baxter. The delegation saw the Museum, the Seed Laboratory, insect-rearing work in Entomology, the Pilot Plant, and the Greenhouse.... Tomorrow afternoon, about 25 elementary school teachers from Geneva will spend a short time here on a similar tour.

EQUIPMENT ADDITIONAL

No, Jordan Hall doesn't have television yet. That Rube Goldberg contraption on the roof isn't an antenna, it's a pyrhelimeter--as anyone can plainly see. On the lower end of the gadget is a thingamajig which keeps track of how much sunshine is finding its way through the clouds. By referring to the record, it will be possible to determine how much sunshine we had on any day since the machine was put into operation. Measurement is in gram calories per square centimeter. For the sake of the record, it's an electronic recorder downstairs, a pyrhelimeter on the roof, and together it's called a solar radiation recorder. We'll call it a sunshine stick.

Latest addition to the fleet of Station passenger vehicles is a 1951 Chevrolet sedan. It's a sleek, black affair which is due for its license plates any day now. This brings to three, the number of vehicles available for carrying passengers.

TOMATO RESEARCH

At a meeting in Jordan Hall tomorrow, a group of State Farm Bureau Federation members will hear reports on tomato processing research by several members of the Station staff. A similar meeting was held here last year.

SICK LIST

Blame it on the flu, grippe, virus, cold, or what you will, sickness continues to make itself felt in the Station family. George Hervey and Zoltan Kertesz are the latest victims. In the Kertesz family, the tally now stands at three down, one to go. From Georgia comes word that Mrs. George Pearce is recovering nicely from her recent operation but will have to take it easy for another month.

COMING AND GOING

New field assistant in Plant Path is Franklin Harrison of Benton Center. He is married and has two children, and fills the position formerly held by John Woodward..... Paul Kirchner of FS&T has resigned in anticipation of a call into the Army. Paul joined us as a research associate last August.

AND SO FORTH

A visitor to the Station on Monday was Ronald Tukey who was an assistant in Pomology until last June.... That smile on Mrs. Betts' face stems from the fact that her Marine husband has received orders stationing him at the Naval Supply Station at Scotia, N. Y. Work is underway on a new garage set-up at the Station. The more fully-equipped shop is being installed directly across from the location of the present garage..... The John Watsons are moving into the Station house formerly occupied by the Schroeders..... The Lutheran bowlers went down for a count of three in last week's match and much of their trouble was caused by "Ham" Campfield. Ham went to town with a 542 total for the evening.

THE MAILBAG

Bob Foster, out in Arizona, sends his periodic letter to rib "you poor snow-shovel slaves" and encloses some newspaper weather reports to prove his point. Says he, "I am reluctantly parting with a buck for another year of the STATION NOOSE. Not that the sheet isn't worth it--why your incidental (or accidental) witticisms are worth 37¢ alone... I'm back in the melon business again--this time in extensive breeding programs with canteloupes, honeydews, and watermelons. All this to be planted right away and the lettuce season not half over. Better plan to come out here to take the 30-day test and see how wild an experiment can be. Best regards." His new address is 319 East 14th St., Tempe, Ariz.
