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FS&T HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

Members and wives of the Food Science Division turned out 54 strong last Thursday evening for the division's annual banquet. Scene of the get-together was Trombino's in Lyons where the food scientists dined on roast beef and turkey. The lure of the occasion was so powerful that all of the grad students and their wives turned out. The group was entertained by "The Food Science Four", a quartet composed of Horton Durfee, Austin Wagenknecht, Paul Kirchner, and Bob LaBelle. After their renditions, a discussion arose as to a more apt name for the quartet. Suggestions ranged from the "Beaker Breakers" to "Sturtevant Stinkers" but regardless of the outcome, Dave Hand says that whoever fills Paul Kirchner's job when he leaves will have to be a second tenor in order to qualify for the position. Members of the division took the occasion to bid farewell to both Paul Kirchner and Arnold Mattson.

ACCEPTS FEDERAL APPOINTMENT

Doctor Arnold Mattson announced last week that he has accepted a commission with the U. S. Public Health Service at Savannah, Georgia, to take effect on April 1st. His new title will be Senior Assistant Scientist and he will be concerned with the chemical analysis of spray residues. Doctor Mattson joined the Geneva staff on July 1, 1949 as a chemical microscopist in the feed and fertilizer work. He and Mrs. Mattson plan to leave Geneva about March 23rd. Our best wishes for success and happiness go with them.

MR. MURRAY'S FUNERAL

Final services for John Murray, who died in a fire at his home last Thursday, were conducted at the McGuigan Funeral Home on Monday morning. A requiem high funeral mass at St. Theresa's Church in Stanley followed the Geneva services. Pall bearers included John Shannon, Roy Bergstresser, James Hefferon, and three acquaintances from Stanley. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

CLASS OF 1954

Results of the balloting for vacancies on the standing committees of the Staff for the period 1951-54 as announced at the Staff meeting Monday afternoon were as follows: Policy Committee, W.T. Schroeder and S.E. Lienk; Library Committee, W.B. Robinson and R.M. Gilmer; Publications & Information, A.C. Wagenknecht; Graduate School, John Einset; Nominations Committee, K.D. Brase. Dr. M.J. Shaulis and Dr. J.C. Moyer were nominated for a vacancy on the Experiment Stations Policy Committee of the faculty of the College of Agriculture which will be voted on later at Ithaca.

The standing committees of the Staff as now constituted are as follows:

POLICY COMMITTEE

Term
Expires 1952
C.S. Pederson
R. Wellington

Term
Expires 1953
M.T. Vittum
H.T. Munn

Term
Expires 1954
W.T. Schroeder
S.E. Lienk

G.L. Mack
W.F. Grosier

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

F.L. Gambrell
P.C. Lamb

W.B. Robinson
R.M. Gilmer

J.C. Cain

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE

B.E. Clark

A.C. Wagenknecht

E.G. Glass

GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

W.T. Schroeder

John Einset

J.D. Lockett

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

C.E. Heit

K.D. Brase

W.T. Tapley

EXPERIMENT STATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (ITHACA)

E.H. Smith

One to be elected

COMMITTEE ON INTER-FACULTY RELATIONS (ITHACA)

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CHEMISTRY SEMINAR

Doctor Austin Wagenknecht will deliver the talk at a Chemistry seminar to be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Jordan Hall. His topic will be "Indoleacetic Acid--Inactivating Enzymes in Plants".



SIGMA XI--CERES CIRCLE MEETING

On Monday, March 19th, the members of the Ceres Circle will join the Geneva Branch of Sigma XI to hear a lecture by Doctor F.C. Steward of Cornell University. The meeting is to be held in Jordan Hall at 8 P.M. Doctor Steward is a Professor of Botany and has chosen, as his topic, "A Botanist Looks at the Problem of Growth". He has traveled, studied, and taught extensively in Britain and the United States, and has conducted considerable research in plant physiology. Doctor Steward is a member of the Botanical Society of America, the American Society of Plant Physiologists, and the Experimental Biological Society of England. Students, staff, and the general public are invited. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Ceres Circle.

RED CROSS DRIVE NETS \$470

The Red Cross fund drive at the Station reached 99% of its goal of \$475, according to the final report of Captain M.T. Vittum. In view of rising costs on all sides, the committee is proud of this achievement and expresses its thanks to the entire Station group for their fine cooperation.

TO SPEAK IN BAY STATE

Professor M.T. Munn has been invited to participate in a meeting of agronomists, under the sponsorship of the Eastern States Farmers Cooperative. The meeting is being held at West Springfield, Mass., tomorrow and Friday. Mr. Munn will participate in a panel discussion on "Seed and Seeding Efficiency".

TO ALLOCATE STRATEGIC MATERIALS

Doctors Hervey and Smith met with members of the Ithaca Entomology Division on Saturday to help estimate the amount of insecticide which would be needed for New York State crops during the 1951 season. Some of these materials are expected to be in short supply and this committee has been set up to help the Production and Marketing Administration in the proper allocation of supplies. Yesterday, members of the committee met with the Regional PMA manager in Syracuse in the furtherance of this purpose.

SMALL FRUIT TALKS

Professor Slate addressed the Canandaigua Garden Club last night with "Home Fruit-growing" as his topic. Tomorrow, he will discuss strawberry varieties and processing qualities at a meeting of members of the National Grape Cooperative at Sheridan in Chautauqua County. . . . Professor Harlan will appear at a Farm Bureau raspberry meeting in Canandaigua tonight. Tomorrow he will join with Doctor Taschenberg and Doctor Edgerton (Ithaca) in a program at the Penn Yan Grange Hall. Problems of the black raspberry grower will be discussed at the Yates County meeting.

WORLD WEATHER

"World Weather and World History" is the title of a speech to be given tonight at Ithaca by Doctor H.C. Willett of M.I.T.'s Meteorology Department. The speaker will trace climatic fluctuations since 4000 B.C. and their effects on cultural and migratory trends. The program is under the sponsorship of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma XI and will begin at 8:15 P.M. in Room M, Olin Hall.

SCHROEDER PROMOTED

Our congratulations to Doctor W.T. Schroeder whose promotion to the rank of full professor has been announced by the Board of Trustees. His new rank became effective on February 1st. "Bill" joined the Station's Plant Pathology Division in 1943.

LEAVING THE SERVICE

Three assistant county agents in Western New York are resigning their jobs this month to engage in private enterprises. All three of the men are fruit specialists and have been in close contact with Station scientists, especially at the Fredonia Laboratory. Dave Dugan of Chautauqua County will join in his father's nursery business in Ohio; Ross Hayner of Erie County will make affiliations with the Niagara Sprayer Company; and Dick Tousey of Niagara County will join American Cyanamid.

POT POURRI

Nelson Shaulis gave the talk at yesterday's Pomology Seminar at Ithaca. . . . The Ontario County Vegetable Council held a panel discussion on chemical weed control in the Geneva High School last night, at which Doctor Vittum discussed work in relation to peas. . . . Don Collins, son of the former Geneva school principal, was recently appointed state entomologist. Don was formerly an assistant in the Entomology Division at the Station. . . . Mrs. Lida Thatcher Barber of Arlington, Mass., has been visiting Geneva friends the past week. Mrs. Barber is the daughter of the late Dr. R.W. Thatcher, Director of the Station from 1921-27, inclusive, and a former President of the University of Massachusetts. . . . Circle O of the North Presbyterian Church last week heard an account of her South American adventure by Mrs. Gil Mack. This week, the Macks will talk about Brazilian churches to a Baptist group. . . . Resting up before the heavy spring schedule begins are Paul Smith and Jens Jensen of the field crew. . . . Willard Robinson and Leon Tyler are also resting up but that's the result of the virus-bug which is making the rounds.
