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DOCTOR DAY

The death of Doctor Edmund Ezra Day Friday morning came as a shock to all associated with Cornell University. Although forced to retire from the Presidency of Cornell in 1949, Doctor Day had remained active as Chancellor of the University for a brief time and then as consultant to the University of the State of New York. Just last Thursday night he attended a dinner on the campus in honor of the nintieth birthday of Emeritus Professor of Economics Walter F. Willcox. Doctor Day's twelve years as President of Cornell were marked by the University's greatest development. The School of Industrial and Labor Relations, the Graduate School of Aeronautical Engineering, courses in contemporary Russian civilization, and other projects were largely the result of his initiative. It was under Doctor Day's administration also that the long-range program for food and nutrition research at Cornell, of which this Station is a major entity, was set in motion. Along with the late H.E. Babcock, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Doctor Day took a personal interest in the building program here at the Station and in the development of the food processing investigations, and he made several visits to Geneva in connection with the project. His influence on education and research will long be perpetuated in the institutions which he administered.

NEW PROJECT

Doctor Donald Tressler, formerly of this Station, and Doctor Joseph Wagner, both of the Quartermaster office in Chicago, were here on Friday to discuss a new project with members of the Food Science Division. The Geneva Station is planning to undertake work on the dehydration of peas and snap beans, in collaboration with the Food and Container Institute of the Quartermaster Corps. The project is expected to start with this year's pea harvest.

PAY RAISE BILL SIGNED

From Albany comes word that the bill to give cost of living pay increases to state employees has been signed by Governor Dewey. The measure boosts salaries of all state workers by 12½% on the first \$2000 of annual pay, 10% on the next \$2000, and 7½% on the next \$7333--with no increase on anything over \$11,333 (darn it!). The bill also specifies a minimum increase of \$300. The padded envelopes should be in circulation the middle of April.

SCIENTIST STRICKEN WITH POLIO

A California scientist who has worked closely with Station specialists on oil-spray research is a victim of polio. Doctor Roy Hansberry, Director of the Shell Oil Company's Agricultural Laboratory at Modesto, California, was stricken on a trip to Venezuela earlier this year. He is reported to be recovering nicely from the attack, however. Doctor Hansberry was at one time a member of the Entomology Division at Ithaca.

VISITORS FROM ALBANY

The Principal Landscape Engineer for the New York State Department of Public Works spent some time at the Seed Laboratory last week. Mr. Nelson Wells, along with C.N. Abbey and others of his department, conferred with the local specialists on seed mixtures to be used for dressing up the borders of state highways. Mr. Wells reported good success with a method of seeding grass which involves mixing the seeds with water and spraying the mixture on the area to be seeded.

SOCIETY SECTION

In a ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pederson, their daughter, Carol, was wedded to Philip Palmer last Thursday afternoon. Reverend F.I. Harper read the vows and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pederson, the bride's brother and sister-in-law, were the attendants. Mrs. Palmer is a graduate of Geneva High School and the Ambler School of Horticulture in Pennsylvania. She has been working in the Plant Pathology Division at the Experiment Station. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palmer of Miami, Florida, and is now studying at Iowa State College where he is a Junior. The newlyweds have left for Ames where they will live.

And another wedding is in the offing. Last week, Mr. and Mrs. William Tapley announced the engagement of daughter Emily to airman Jack Howard who is stationed at Sampson. The corporal hails from Silver Springs, Md.

VACATION NOTES

There's a mad scramble to use up accrued vacation credit before the March 31st deadline. Jim Hamilton is on his way to Toronto and other points in Canada to visit relatives. The Sperry sisters are due back this week from their spring siestas. Pomology is extremely quiet with Dick Wellington, George Slate, Bob Lamb, George Howe, Karl Brase, and Otis Curtis on the absent list. Professor Luckett is trying to make himself scarce these days but isn't having much luck. The Herveys are down in the southland of Carolina and the Gambrells return tonight from Ohio. And there are others who are resting up for the new fiscal year: Margaret Albury, Carl Pederson, Frank Boyle, Willard Robinson, Florence Updike, Bull Durham, Sherrill Gibbs, Jim Hefferon, Pete Gigliotti, and probably a raft of others we don't know about. In fact, it's so lonesome around here that it's been difficult to find any news. But then, there's nobody left to read it anyway.

MORE ON TOMATO GRADING

Mr. Foley and Mr. Thompson of the Production and Marketing Administration are with us for a few days this week. They're here to grade some of the juice which was canned last fall as part of the Station's tomato-grading project.

NEW PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

Now that a good many of us have developed oversized biceps from lugging the 2x2 projector and projection screen to the various meetings around the state, we've added a new projector to our visual aids equipment. It's a truly portable affair which weighs less than half as much as the older model and has a light output of 300 watts. A smaller screen is also on order and is expected to arrive any day. Both items of equipment are in the custody of Bob Wesselmann.

HODGE-PODGE

Mr. Henry Abrahams of the Claremont Fruit Packers is expected here today. He will meet with members of FS&T.....The Ithaca Clark's are with us this week. Both Elton Clark of Entomology and Walt Clark of Food Science are spending a few days on the Geneva campus.....Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moran on the birth of their daughter at the Geneva General Hospital last Wednesday. She's been named Susan Jane. Mrs. Moran is the former Helen Ferris who worked in the Vitamin Lab until recently.....And the Wesselmanns have named their new squawk-box, Nancy Rianne.....Guest of the Breeds this week is their daughter, Mrs. Gerard Laviano of Long Island.....And callers on friends in Geneva over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Wheeler and son, of Amherst. Ellsworth sported his Easter outfit which included a flashy yellow sweater and a bright red tie..... Joe Petromni, our new painter, is making his presence known at the Station. He just finished redecorating the mimeograph room in Jordan Hall and is now giving the Plant Path Secretary's office a spanking new coat of paint.....Charlie Ruggles is on the mend after an attack of pneumonia earlier this month.....And Nat Chadwick's arm is also knitting itself back together after a spill on some ice fractured it.... A new rodent-repellent to prevent girdling of the bark on fruit trees was received at Doctor Mack's office the other day and it had the inspectors puzzled for a moment. It's called "Muirab Etanobrac", and it doesn't like ecim and star..... There'll be badminton tonight.....That's all for the Noitats Swen this week.

"These days, you never know who your real friends are, until your television set breaks down".

And Tim Butts tells us that any man who says all women are alike is a pessimist.
