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SEMINAR TODAY

The Station Seminar Committee has scheduled a talk for this afternoon in Jordan Hall. Doctor Donald Barton will speak on "The Comparative Effect of X-ray and Ultra-violet Radiation on Tomato Chromosomes". Coffee will be served at 3:30 and the seminar will begin at 3:45. The committee is tentatively planning to hold a seminar on the first Wednesday of each month.

SEMINAR FRIDAY

The first lecture of its 1951-52 season has been slated by the Geneva Branch of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi for this Friday evening at 8 P.M. in Jordan Hall. The speaker will be a former Station plant pathologist, Doctor George McNew, who is now Director of the Boyce Thompson Institute of Plant Research. His topic will be "The Organization and Ever-changing Concepts of Biological Research". The lecturer will draw upon his many years of training and experience at New Mexico State College, Iowa State College, the Rockefeller Institute, the Geneva Station, the U. S. Rubber Company, and the Boyce Thompson Institute, to present a subject which is contemplated to be very comprehensive. Members of the staff, students, and the general public, are invited to attend.

INSECTICIDE-FUNGICIDE CONFERENCE

The thirteenth annual New York State Insecticide and Fungicide Conference and the Pesticide Application Equipment Conference are getting underway today at Cornell University, with Station specialists playing a large part in the program. Most of the Geneva plant pathologists and entomologists will deliver talks during the three-day program, as will Doctor Mack of FS&T.

FOOD PROCESSING PARLEY NEXT WEEK

And the Station's food scientists will have their fling a week from today at the Station's Fourth Annual Food Processing Conference. Over 200 representatives of the food processing industries are expected to participate in the one-day meet. The speaking program is as follows: "The Research Program of the Division of Food Science and Technology"--D.B. Hand; "Deterioration in Quality of Frozen Raw Peas During Storage"--A.C. Wagenknecht; "Research on the Volatile Constituents of Grapes"--Ann Holley; "Deterioration of Sauerkraut during Fermentation, Processing, and Storage"--C.S. Pederson; "Apple Slice Processing Studies"--R.L. LaBelle; "Dehydration Studies"--J.C. Moyer; "Factors Governing the Quality of Tomato Juice"--W.B. Robinson; "The Behavior of Residues of Some Organic Insecticides"--L.B. Norton of the College of Agriculture; and a group discussion led by Wm.H. Sherman, Secretary of the Association of New York State Cannerymen. Luncheon at the Methodist Church will feature a talk on "Fruit and Vegetable Requirements of the Armed Services" by Doctor Donald Tressler, Director of Research for the Food and Container Institute of the Quartermaster Corps. Doctor Tressler was formerly a food scientist at the Geneva Experiment Station. The evening dinner will be held at the Seneca Hotel. Guest speaker will be E.M. Nelson, Chief of the Division of Nutrition of the Food and Drug Administration. His topic will be "The Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Nutritive Value of Foods". After the noon luncheon, the visitors will have an opportunity to inspect many of the facilities of Sturtevant Hall, including some specially-prepared exhibits.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES HOLIDAYS

From the President of Cornell University comes the following message: "Christmas Day will fall on Tuesday this year and will, of course, be a University holiday. In order to provide a short vacation for members of the administrative staff, I recommend that offices be closed all day Monday, December 24th. Tuesday, January 1st, will also be a holiday. If some offices find it necessary to remain open during this vacation period, I recommend that staff members who are required to be on duty be given equivalent time off on other days. Offices will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd. In accordance with the University's usual practice, no other vacation time that week is authorized". So, for your guidance in planning your Christmas holidays, the Director announces that the Station's offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th and on Christmas Day.

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS--

Plans for the Station Club's Christmas Party are underway and committeemen Mr. and Mrs. Max Patterson have set the date for Tuesday, December 18th. Before that date, another Club activity is being planned. Ted Wishnetsky is organizing a duplicate bridge tournament which will be announced very shortly. And before the new season's program gets started, we're reminded that the coffers have been depleted and membership dues are payable right along now. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are planning the membership drive to coincide with next payday so don't bank your whole check. Despite the rise in the cost-of-living, the Station Club is waging a fight against inflation by keeping the ante at \$2 per adult head. Now, more than ever, a Station Club membership is a good buy. Remember, the kids are thrown in for free.

COUNTY AGENT HONORED

Ralph G. Palmer, associate agricultural agent for Monroe County, was presented recently the distinguished service award by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Palmer is well-known to Station workers since he has served in county extension work for 31 years, the past 21 of which have been in Monroe County. In the words of State Leader Richard Fricke, "Palmer has successfully worked with numerous growers with a kind of understanding and insight into their problems that has been most helpful and productive for all the people in Monroe County".

MEETINGS

Professors Gilmer and Brase are in West Springfield, Mass., where they are attending a Virus Conference...Michael Szkolnik is also in that city, taking in the New York and New England Spray Conference. While in that area, Mike will spend some time at the Hudson Valley Laboratory and will also meet with specialists on new developments in chemo-therapy...Doctor Gambrell and Mr. Tashiro will participate in a European Chafer Conference at Moorestown, N. J., next Tuesday, with members of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.

MOVING DAY

The Szkolnicks moved into their newly-acquired home on Pre-Emption Road last weekend. We don't know whether it was caused by the moving stress or by the omnipresent virus but we're sorry to hear that their reorganization project is temporarily disrupted by illness which has befallen Mrs. Szkolnick....On one hand we note that the Station Club is attempting to replenish its treasury, and on the other we note that Sig Lienk, who only a week ago was given custody of the funds, has purchased a home on Castle Road. Possibly there's no connection but---oh well, the auditors need something to do, too. Barring subpoenas or court orders of any kind, the Lienks plan to move in this weekend. It's the fourth house beyond the Smiths.

JOTTINGS

Frank Bowen may have run for office in yesterday's Geneva elections but it's a cinch he didn't run very fast. The former administrative assistant took a nasty spill last week on a combination of banana peel and ice. He suffered injury to his ribs...."September"-in-November might have been the caption to a photo which appeared in a Rochester paper on Sunday. It depicted a winter-clad youngster plucking fruit from a plant of the "September" raspberry....Take warning that you'd better remove your feet before entering the Director's office from now on. New carpeting and drapes have been added to the recent interior decorating job on both the inner and outer sanctums....Speaking of the Director, in our comment on the talks given at the Station Club Dinner by Doctor Heinicke and Doctor Parrott in last week's issue, the terms "valedictory" and "salutatory" were transposed. Only one person (he calls himself "A Friend") noted anything amiss and he spotted only half of the error....Herman Jahn's chrysanthemums are showing their customary autumn splendor down at the greenhouse..They're well worth a trip to see them....Max Patterson's and Otis Curtis' moustachios will be spotlighted on Saturday evening's "Gay Nineties Revue"...which leads up to the fact that they'd like to sell you some tickets to the show. They're 75¢ each.

BOWLING NEWS

Two bowling teams composed of Station personnel clashed at the Masonic alleys on Saturday for their first battle of the current tournament. Last week's classic was accompanied by more than the usual amount of skullduggery. To begin with, the Experiment Station team recruited the good right arm of one Leon Jones to bolster its morale and score. This Jones, who many years ago graduated to more professional circles, was promptly thrown off his feed by the Lutherans who changed the date and the scheduled time several times for that express purpose. To cap off the whole sloppy mess, Leo Klein accused subversive elements of hiding his bowling ball when the fray began. Official returns haven't yet been compiled but the outcome appears to have given each team two points. High scorers for the Lutherans were Reitmann, Robinson and Gambrell, while Jones, Lamb, and Klein paced the Experiment Station aggregation....In other bowling circles, Leon Jones cashed in on that bonanza he bowled earlier this season. He's now sporting a brand new wrist watch which he earned as the prize.

Congratulations to newly-elected Alderman Frank Bowen.