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GRAPE GROWERS CONFAB

Reports of recent Station projects concerning grape culture were aired at the Finger Lakes Grape Conference held at Penn Yan yesterday. Attending from the Station were Doctors Shaulis, Taschenberg, and Einset and Messrs. Kimball, Watson, and Carleton.

FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

Two articles in the February issue of Genesee Valley CHEMunications are devoted to work at the Experiment Station, and decorating the cover of the publication is a full color photo showing Pomology's Ray Mellenbacher dressing up Vegetable Crops' tomato plants in the greenhouse! A short history of the Station plus an explanation of its current work are included in one story. The second article presents a short history of Doctor Kertesz, and a summary of the lecture which he delivered at Monday night's meeting of the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society. A copy of the issue is on file in the reading room of the Library.

SPEAKS TO BUDDING TECHNOLOGISTS

Members of the Food Technology Club at Cornell University heard a talk by Doctor Moyer last evening at Ithaca. The speaker described the work being done in the Station's Pilot Plant.

PLANT BREEDING SEMINAR

Another Ithaca group will hear another Station scientist on Friday when Professor Slate will be the guest speaker at the Plant Breeding Seminar. He'll explain some of the finer points of lily-breeding

AT MICHIGAN MEETING

Doctor Carl Pederson, currently on leave from the Station, is presenting three papers at a meeting of Michigan pickle and kraut packers this week. Doctor Pederson is stationed at the Quartermaster Laboratory in Chicago.

APPLES FOR SALE

With the fruit shows over for another season, the pomologists are desirous of cleaning out their cold storage facilities and are offering their surplus apples for sale at one dollar per bushel. Orders should be given to Mrs. DeWall (phone 2919) by 5 P.M. tomorrow. While varietal preferences cannot be honored, purchasers should state whether they want cooking or eating apples. A 25¢ basket charge can be obviated if you bring your own container. And speaking of apples, a suggestion has been made that an apple-vending machine be set up in some central location at the Station. Might be a good way to dispose of those surplus fruit.

ACCEPTS COMMERCIAL ASSIGNMENT

Elton Clark, former graduate assistant in Entomology, completed the requirements for his doctor's degree last month and has accepted a position with the American Cyanamid Company in Stamford, Conn.

THE RED CROSS LINEUP

The Station's part in the Red Cross fund drive will extend from February 29th through March 7th and Captain Vittum announces his aides as follows: Outside workers--Tony Bruni; Pomology--J. C. Cain; Entomology--Gertrude Catlin; Seed Lab--Barbara Lamb; Veg Crops--Alberta Mackey; Plant Path--Charles Ruggles; Chemistry--Jeanne Smith; Jordan Hall--Robert Wesselmann; and Sturtevant Hall--Ted Wishnetsky. Please remember the Red Cross before you bank all of your next paycheck.

Doctor Hervey and Red Clark will tell Geneva GLF patrons about the low-gallon-age sprayer at a meeting at the Geneva store today....Doctor Vittum is participating in canning crops growers meeting in Perry Center and South Dayton, yesterday and today.

MRS. MACKEY RESIGNS

Mrs. Alberta Mackey, clerk-typist for the Divisions of Vegetable Crops and Plant Pathology, has resigned her position, effective March 8th. She came to the Station in October of last year and will move to Dayton, Ohio, upon completion of her duties here.

WANDERLUST

The heavy fall of snow over the weekend apparently has been the straw that broke the camel's back, for, in one fell swoop, we learn that several more Station people are forsaking the snowdrifts for more tolerable weather. Maude Hogan will begin her annual southward trek in company with her sister and brother-in-law on Friday. They're heading for Daytona Beach....Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle will share the driving assignment in a ten-day trip to Florida, also commencing on Friday. Their primary purpose, as we understand it, is to attend a gladiolus festival at Del Ray Beach....And Frank Lee will make his annual vacation trip to California this weekend.

SIGMA XI MEETING

Chairman Ben Clark has called a meeting of the Geneva Branch of the Cornell Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi for next Wednesday afternoon at 4 P.M. in the staff room of Jordan Hall. The meeting will be concerned with nominations for the executive committee and for chairman for the coming year.

PROGRESS REPORT

Mrs. Hervey was discharged from the Geneva Hospital on Monday and is much improved....Zeke Mendall is once again out of the hospital and is reported to be in much better condition.

ATTENDING ALBANY CONFERENCE

Doctor Avens is in Albany where he is attending a feed and fertilizer control conference. The two-day meeting opened yesterday and involves control officials and agricultural department inspectors.

INSPECTION SERVICE

Adulterants found recently in commercially-prepared eggnog in California has precipitated a movement to bring the product under state control. The California Farmer carries this story about the head of one prominent scientific group: "Two bottles of questionable eggnog were set on his desk. Instead of sending them to the laboratory for analysis, as was intended, he added it to his Christmas cheer. When he heard what some of the samples had been running, he carefully watched his health for several days, and was relieved when he turned out feeling all right. Incidentally, the liquor which he added to it would not kill off bacteria - it might even stimulate their reproduction to more billions or trillions of offspring".

AS THE TWIG IS BENT?

Parents who become alarmed every time Junior brings home a poor report card may take some comfort from the childhood of Sinclair Lewis. Lewis' eighth grade report card is included in an exhibit of "Lewisiana" at the Academy of Arts and Letters in New York City. The card rates young Sinclair a 66 in spelling and squeezes him in at the passing mark of 75 in grammar. His writing ability was rated as just passable and his scholastic achievement won him the seventeenth highest score in a class of eighteen pupils. The Nobel prize winner left Yale University to become janitor in Upton Sinclair's communist colony in New Jersey.

Alone, no man can save himself. Alone, no man can find himself. Alone on his island, Robinson Crusoe was merely a highly ingenious animal. With the arrival of Friday, he became a man. We cannot love all our fellow men, except in the most abstract way. But we can at least not be indifferent to them. We can cultivate awareness; we can try always to connect. What is civilization after all? Surely it is man's effort to grow away from his original state of brutal separateness, of indifference. It is the bridge one man throws up to connect himself with another man. The sense of connection is like a muscle. Unused, it withers. Exercised, it grows. Look at the next strange face you see, in a train, a theater lobby, behind a counter--but really look at it. Behind those eyes there is a whole life, as complicated, as mysterious as your own. If, for only a fleeting instant, you can feel the pressure of that life, you have hailed in passing that unique miracle--the other fellow."

--Clifton Fadiman, N.Y. Times