



STATION

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STATISTICS SEMINAR SCHEDULED

The statistics lecture, promised by the Geneva Branch of Sigma Xi, has been set for Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in Jordan Hall. The program has been divided into two parts in the first, of which, Dr. Walter C. Jacob will discuss "The Role of Statistics in Horticultural Research". Dr. Jacob is an associate professor in Vegetable Crops at the College of Agriculture and has had a considerable amount of training and experience in the field of statistics. Being also a horticulturist, his topic should go a long way toward revealing the need for the statistical approach to the research being conducted here. He will discuss the principles involved in setting up a project, to show differences between chance variations and experimental results. After the formal portion of the seminar, Dr. Jacob will remain to discuss individual statistical problems with staff members.

SKEETER SKOOTING PROJECT BEGINS

The first treatments have been made in Geneva's campaign to stamp out the pestiferous mosquito. Professor Hartzell, who is serving as a consultant on the project, states that about 200 acres of breeding ground in the northern and western outskirts of the city have been sprayed with an oil and DDT preparation, to check the hatching of the marsh mosquitoes. This is the varmint which makes life miserable for us in May and June. Another application will be made in about a week. Richard Pendleton, a commercial entomologist at Ithaca, is in charge of the field operations while Dr. B. V. Travis of the College of Agriculture and Drs. Chapman and Hartzell have been handling the logistics. Professor Hartzell emphasizes that there are several species of "skeeters" in the area and each must be considered separately. Treatments will begin soon to thwart the family plans of the pool mosquito, the variety which is most apparent in midsummer. Dr. Travis recently brought some of his students to the area to try to determine how many different species are involved. We'll have further word on the project as the summer season approaches.

IT'S MUSIC WEEK

This week has been proclaimed as Music Week, and with it comes the once-a-year opportunity to join the Geneva Civic Music Association. The group hears four or five high calibre recitals each year and attendance is limited to members. Annual dues are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students. Station personnel are active in the organization, with some 25 of us joining in the membership campaign. Dr. Paul Chapman wound up his second year as president with Monday night's performance by the Norwegian Boys Chorus. President for the coming year is Dr. Walter Durfee. We can't begin to list all of the folks who will solicit for new members but, in case you're not contacted, you may see Mrs. Hening, Miss Warren, Miss Holtby, Miss McCullough, Mrs. Lamb, or Mrs. Tapley.

FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS TO MEET

The Western New York Section of the I.F.T. will meet at Rochester Friday afternoon and evening and a large delegation will represent the Station. Among those planning to attend are Drs. Hand, Robinson, Lee, and Moyer, and Messers. Hening and Wishnetsky.

OTHER MEETINGS

Members of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation will meet with members of FS&T in Jordan Hall today to discuss the tomato grading and color relationship..... Professors Tapley and Clark were in Ithaca yesterday for a meeting of the College Seed Committee.....Also at Ithaca, yesterday, Dr. Lee spoke about the Station's work on frozen vegetables at a Home Economics Seminar.....Illness prevented Dr. Breed from attending the meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists in Boston this week but we understand that Dr. Carl Pederson is in attendance.....Dr. and Mrs. Holley took in a chemistry seminar at the University of Rochester on Monday evening. M. L. Huggins of Eastman Kodak spoke on "The Structure of Proteins".

SATURDAY MEETING

Dean Myers and Prof. Peterson will be here on Saturday to meet with Dr. Heinicke and Division Heads in a discussion of budget requests for 1953-54.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Our sympathy goes to Roy Atkinson, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Atkinson, who is recovering from a double fracture of the leg. The accident occurred slightly more than a week ago in a tight ball game at the lad's home. He'll have to sport a traction splint in the Geneva General Hospital for about 8 weeks....We're happy to report that Mrs. Herman Durham has returned to her home from the hospital where she was treated for an acute virus attack.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Veg Crops gang is boasting about their field performance of last Monday. Taking advantage of the balmy weather, the entire force turned out for a pea-planting bee. By quitting time, they had imbedded peas in 140 plots in the Station's variety trials, which embraced ten acres. And that was sans the assistance of that champion pea-shooter, M. T. Vittum, who was on sick call. Must have had a heavy week-end....Pomologists on the home front are in high gear in their breeding work. Sweet cherries, peaches, and plums have ganged up on them to keep all hands busy emasculating and pollinating. In Chautauqua and Erie Counties, Professor Harlan is assisting in the setting out of raspberry plants on the farms of growers who are co-operating in the Station's variety trials.

VISITORS

Entomology's guest book filled up in a spurt last week. On Wednesday, C. C. Alexander and Clayton Bartley called as representatives of the Geigy Company, Bayonne, N. J.The same day, a delegation came down from the Ontario Agricultural College. They were A. W. Saler, Stuart Dixon, David Pengelly and F. R. Heming.... And yet another guest was Robert Geary of the Geary Chemical Company.

CAP'S CORNER

"Cap" Bigelow, a past vice-president of the North Street Home and School Association, was chosen president for the coming year at last week's election. This seems to be a proper choice for "Cap" has consistently evinced a profound interest in the city's small fry....Incidentally, while Max Patterson's scout troop took top honors at the recent Keseca District Exposition, we'd like to give recognition to Troop 1, as well. The Trinity outfit came in second and claims Mr. Bigelow as its scoutmaster and George Sherman as his assistant.

GOING TO THE DOGS

The recently enacted Hatch-Metcalf Act may have its repercussions at the Station. With its passage, the Rochester Humane Society is refusing to handle the surplus canine problem, which means that Rochester must provide its own dog pound.... and officials are eyeing the Fire College at Edgerton Park as a likely location.... which means that the NYS Hort Society will have to find a new location for its winter meetings if the plan materializes, unless, of course, the presence of a few hundred purps wouldn't interfere with the affair.

PATTER

Keith Steinkraus was heard lamenting the fact that it took him almost a whole day to find living accommodations for his family in Geneva. Gee, that's tough!.... The following note was found in a farm bureau news item on bean seed treatment: "When the soil is cold, bean seeds may rot or dumping-off of the seedlings can take place if no protective measures are taken".Eleanor Warren and Lorie Ziegler took a week-end "roughing-it" trip through the Adirondacks and into Montreal. They limped back on two cylinders, Monday night, tired and unshaven, with only one comment, "Where did those Canadians learn how to drive!". Our dear friend Harry Young kicked in with his dollar for a Station News subscription with this comment: Dear Simon-"Here is your dollar! How about making it retroactive so we can get the back issues of your scandal sheet? (Tsk, tsk--Ed.), (Tsk, tsk, tsk--Ed. Ass't). For about a month our name has been omitted (still having trouble with spelling, eh Harry?) from the mailing list for failure to remember the almighty dollar! Does the Station pay their bills (N. B. singular subject, plural pronoun so promptly now that they expect others to do likewise? They never used to do it that quickly!! Best regards to everybody. Perhaps we'll get to see at least some of you in June. Our plans now include a short sojourn in Geneva during our vacation at home in Ohio during early June." Love, Harry. Oh well, we got the buck.

LOST

A gold tie chain, someplace around the Station grounds. If found and turned over to the Editor, owner offers (?) a substantial reward.

A good ventilation system keeps the dairy stable dry, fresh, and free from drafts.