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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Almost 30 years of loyal service will come to a close on September 30th when Harry L. King retires from his duties as manager of the Fruit Testing Cooperative. Tribute was paid to him by officers and members of the organization at last Thursday's annual meeting and, most certainly, these words of praise are being echoed by countless other members who weren't able to be present at the meeting. Harry will be missed by his associates here, as well as by the many friends who have come to regard him as a landmark at the horticultural meetings. We'll miss his ready smile and the mellow old briar pipe which requires constant stoking. With him go our wishes for many years of contentment, as he graduates to a more sedate life.

Harry King is a graduate of Hobart College and spent several years teaching in the "boondocks" of the Philippine Islands, following the Spanish-American War. Returning to Geneva, he was employed for some time by the Merrill Nurseries, before taking over the managerial duties of the Fruit Testing Association in 1923. At that time, the membership totaled 515. The present membership of over 3,000 attests to his zeal and capability.

Convening after the general meeting, the Association's board of directors named Henry Bennett to the post of manager. Mr. Bennett was engaged last spring as assistant manager and will take over the reins on October 1st. Mr. and Mrs. King will continue to reside at their 658 Castle Street home.

TO ATTEND WASHINGTON MEETINGS

Dr. Avens will spend next week in the nation's capital, where he will take part in three meetings. He'll represent the Experiment Station at conventions of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, the Association of American Feed Control Officials, and the Association of American Fertilizer Control Officials.

FOREIGN VISITORS

Miss Hilda Hutchinson of Eppenstone Nottinghamshire, England, is spending a few days here observing some of the work in horticultural research. Miss Hutchinson is a leader in agricultural youth work at her home station.....Taking a look at the food processing work is Mr. Odd Tvette, Technical Chief in the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture. He plans to spend about a week here and will also visit area canneries.....Last Thursday, a group of foreigners stopped in for a quick look at our work in FS&T. They're studying the marketing of fruits and vegetables.

STUDYING APPLE PROCESSING

Mr. Paul Hedemann, visiting this country under the auspices of the American-Scandinavian Foundation, will spend some time in the Division of Food Science, particularly in the Pilot Plant, observing American methods. In Denmark, Mr. Hedemann is a fruit grower and also operates his own apple juice plant.

STATION CLUB BRIDGE PARTY

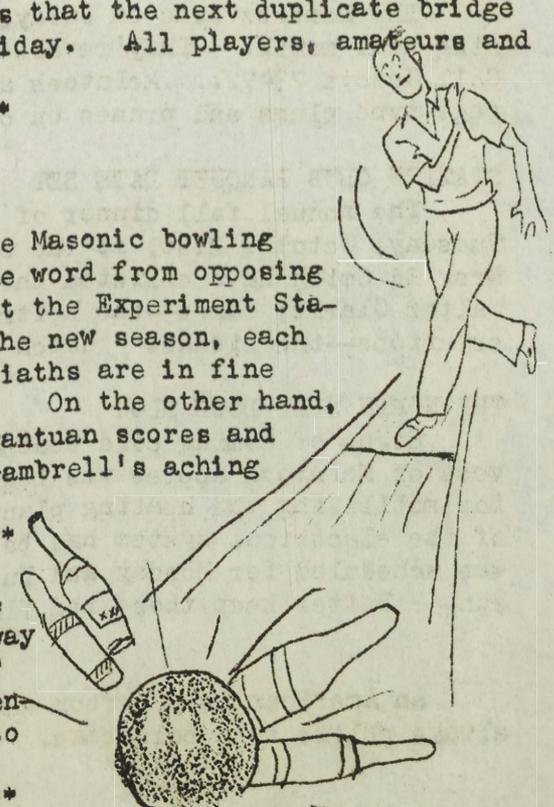
Chairman Bob Gilmer reminds bridge enthusiasts that the next duplicate bridge party will begin at 7:45 P.M. in Jordan Hall on Friday. All players, amateurs and sharks, are invited to take part.

BOWLERS TO CLASH

The men will be separated from the boys on the Masonic bowling alleys this Thursday evening at 7 P.M. That's the word from opposing factions who will have it out as the Lutherans meet the Experiment Station team. The teams are tied at this point in the new season, each having won six points and lost six. Gilmer's Goliaths are in fine fettle for the match and are confident of victory. On the other hand, Robinson's Ruffians have been running up some gargantuan scores and are counting on history to repeat itself, unless Gambrell's aching back keeps him on the sidelines.

BAR-B-Q O.K.

Dr. Mack should be reclassified. That's the opinion of forty and some odd folks who chomped away at the 22 chickens which Gil barbecued at the FS&T picnic last Saturday. The party was thoroughly enjoyed and the participants give a vote of thanks to their gracious and capable hosts.



KERTESZ TO JOIN F.A.O.

Cornell's Board of Trustees last week granted a one-year leave of absence to Dr. Kertesz, to enable him to accept a temporary appointment as Director of Food Research for the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization technical assistance project in Ceylon. With headquarters in Colombo, Dr. Kertesz will coordinate the work of a team of FAO food experts and advise the Ceylon Food Research and Nutrition Council on the establishment of research facilities. Dr. and Mrs. Kertesz and son, Christopher, will leave Geneva early next month for Rome, Italy, for preliminary briefing.

BADMINTON ENROLLMENT

The evening of October 6th will see the opening of the new badminton season. This sport has been incorporated into the Geneva Adult Education Program under the heading of "Physical Education". Professionals, amateurs, and novices are eligible for participation and Monday nights have been reserved primarily for Experiment Station personnel. Those who cannot attend on Monday nights can still take part in the Wednesday sessions. Play begins at 7:30 P.M. at the North Street School. A registration charge of \$2 will be levied, with an additional \$3 to cover the cost of shuttlecocks. However, persons already enrolled in another course of the Adult Education Program need not pay the \$2 registration fee. Leo Klein and Frank Boyle are handling the roster. Contact either one for further information.

GRAPE SCION

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kimball were blessed with an heir last Friday at the Geneva Hospital. Peter Alan is the name and he weighed 7½ pounds. Our congratulations to the new parents.

SOCIAL WHIRL

Dr. Don Pederson and family will arrive at the home of his parents tomorrow, to spend a few days. Don, now in the Navy, is preparing to take his family with him to his new station at Pensacola. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Palmer and their infant daughter left last week for Ames, Iowa where Mr. Palmer has begun his senior year in the College of Agriculture. Mrs. Palmer is the former Carolyn Pederson.... Dr. Braun's parents of Daytona Beach, Fla., are guests at the Braun home.... Mr. and Mrs. John Natti and son are visiting relatives in Connecticut and Massachusetts. They'll be back in about ten days.... Raymond Harrold of Veg Crops has returned to the University of Rochester for the new term.... Bill Long, also of Veg Crops, has wound up his summer work here and is back at Georgetown University.... Mrs. Mary Bailey of Highland Avenue is working as a seed analyst on temporary service..... Philena Townley will head for Beltsville this week to attend a federal seed school of two weeks' duration.... Mr. and Mrs. Wesselmann spent a long weekend on a motor-ing trip to the Berkshires and the fishing ports of southern Massachusetts.... Annette Patterson is back to keep things rolling in the Veg Crops Division while Max is at Cornell.... Laverne Norson of Wilson Hey's crew is taking things easy after breaking two ribs in a fall from a truck.... Herb Reitmann has the sympathy of his fellow-workers after breaking his great toe.... More details have arrived concern-ing the condition of former graduate assistant, Maurice Becker, who was stricken by polio a short time ago. Maurice has been moved to Ithaca and is reported to be making good progress. At present, he's paralyzed from the waist down, but attend-ants are cheered by the fact that he is regaining some muscular control. Friends are urged to send him letters of encouragement and the address is: c/o Reconstruc-tion Home, South Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Mrs. Becker and their two children are liv-ing with her folks in Ithaca.

CLASSIFIED

The Kertesz home on Lafayette Avenue is available for a one-year lease, begin-ning next month. They're also planning to sell their 1950 Studebaker Champion. Call Geneva 7347.... McIntosh apples for sale at barn. \$1.50 per bushel. Also gage-type plums and prunes on order.

STATION CLUB BANQUET DATE SET

The annual fall dinner of the Station Club has been set for the evening of Tuesday, October 21st, at the Seneca Castle Grange Hall. General Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith have enlisted the aid of the following committee: Decorations--the Walter Clarks; Games--the Reitmanns; Punch--the Brauns; Music--the Boyles; and Res-ervations--the Lienks. Watch the NEWS for further details.

THE NORTH WIND DOTH BLOW

Signs of coming cold weather were noted in two instances last week. The har-vest of McIntosh apples was begun in nearby orchards and positive action was taken for mobilizing the heating plant. In the case of the latter, permanent connection of the electrical system has been made and a test of the coal handling equipment was scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Next week, the first boiler test will be run. Better keep those red flannels ready in case the weather is seasonable!

An American is a person who isn't afraid to bawl out the President but he is always polite to a policeman.