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COUNCIL EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

The Agricultural Council of Cornell University, made up of the President of Cornell University, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, representatives for the Board of Trustees, and agricultural organizations in this State, met in Jordan Hall on Monday morning. Director Heinicke commented briefly on the work of the Station and then called for reports on research by each

of the Division heads. In the afternoon, the Council made a tour of inspection of the Station and saw several exhibits in the Museum. Director Heinicke states that the members of the Council were highly impressed by the visit. President Malott expressed appreciation for the efforts of all hands at the Station and this expression was repeated several times during the all-day meeting.

STAFF MEETING ON MONDAY

Attention is called to the fact that a staff meeting will be held in Jordan Hall on Monday, October 20th, at 4 P.M.

YOUR COMMUNITY CHEST

A red feather merchant will be calling on you some time during the week. This is the week when each of us is called upon to contribute financial support to fourteen charitable organizations which depend upon the public for their existence. It's fourteen solicitations rolled up into one....saving a lot of time, work, and bother. The committee in charge of the drive at the Station asks your help in completing the campaign here this week. Give enough to show you care. Divisional representatives were listed in last week's NEWS. The manpower at the Heating Plant has now assumed such proportions that it has been classified as a separate division for the Community Chest Drive, and heading it is Ralph Stearman. Remember--you can pay cash or pledge, but get behind your community effort to help those in need of help. If each person gives just a little more than last year, the Station's quota of \$1500 will be realized.

VISITORS

Spending several days at Geneva and in the grape-growing areas of New York State is Mr. Ramon Barraquer of Barcelona, Spain. Mr. Barraquer is an agronomy engineer at a Spanish viticulture station and has been spending several months studying grape and wine production at Davis, Calif. While in this country, he hopes to pick up some pointers for improving the wine production organization in his home country....The Director of the Balsgard Fruit Breeding Institute at Fjalkestad, Sweden is another visitor this week. Dr. Ingvar Granhall is comparing notes with Station fruit breeders as part of his visit to the United States and Canada..... Thirty sophomore science students at St. Agnes High School in Rochester spent Monday afternoon touring the Experiment Station. They were under the guidance of their teacher, Sister Helen Cecilia....On Friday, about thirty members of Prof. Powers' class in genetics at Oswego Teachers College will spend the day at the Station. Past visits to the Station have been of such value that the trip has become traditional....John P. George of Bombay, India, called on food scientists Monday. His main topic of interest was food processing.

STATION CLUB BANQUET TUESDAY

Reservations for the annual fall dinner of the Station Club must be in by Friday afternoon for those who expect to take part in this social whirl highlight. Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith announce that the ladies of the Seneca Castle Grange will serve a scrumptious meal at 7 P.M. with a menu as follows: tomato juice, and crackers, chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, squash, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, apple pie a la mode, and coffee. Immediately following the dinner, the usual order of business will take place--reports of committees, annual report, election of new officers, treasurer's report and the findings of the auditing committee. This year, the auditing committee will be composed of (get this) Promoter Leo Klein and Leon Bankhead-Jones. Already there is a movement underfoot to audit the auditing committee. When the paperwork has been disposed of, music chairman Frank Boyle will call the bretheren and sisteren to the dance hall where square dancing music will be provided by a real, live, up-and-coming square dance orchestra of two pieces. The maestro will be none other than Billy Casey who gained background experience during his thirty odd years as herdsman at the Station in the guernsey days. He retired in 1943. Billy will saw away at the fiddle only long enough to work up a state of confusion on the dance floor--then he'll straighten out the mess with proper instructions in this mongrel Terpsichorean expression. When the going gets too rough, you'll be able to escape to the quietude of the nether regions where Herb Reitmann will organize games of bridge, canasta, rummy, or whatever else the patrons may want. Sounds good? It will be. Tuesday evening is the time, the Seneca Castle Grange is the place.....and your reservation must be in by this Friday afternoon.

UNIVERSITY CLUB TO MEET

The first meeting of the new season for the University Club of Geneva will be held on Monday evening, October 20th, at the Seneca Hotel. The speaker and discussion leader will be Dr. Glyndon Van Deusen, professor of history and international relations at the University of Rochester. The speaker has just returned from a year of study in the far and middle east and his topic has been timed to fit in with some of the campaign issues in this election year. Program Chairman for the year is Professor Hening. The Club invites participation in the activities by those eligible persons who are not necessarily members. The University Club has long served as a sounding board for those who wish to present a variety of views on problems and issues to an audience of thinking people. The membership has enjoyed the fellowship of friendly disagreement.

BLESSED EVENT

Seven pounds and ten ounces of Diana Valerie came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Davis last Thursday. Everyone is doing fine and we extend our congratulations to the happy family.

A REAL WORKER RETIRES

With each passing year, as our fellow workers retire, we realize that tempus is fugiting and we must pause to pay melancholy tribute to those who have completed their years of service to the organization. So it is that we salute a real work-horse who will leave our midst this week. John Horse was appointed to the staff of the Fruit Testing Association at the age of 20. During the years he has served the Association faithfully and is now being retired at the age of 22. To be specific, old dobbin is being traded in on a Farmall A-V tractor, that's one of those long-legged affairs which can straddle several rows of nursery stock. As we lose our last connection with the pioneer days of agriculture, we are happy to learn that John has been named Horse Emeritus of the Association. There's a technicality involved but we think that entitles him to free participation in the Station Club Dinner.

POT POURRI

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society has awarded a gold medal to the Experiment Station for its fine display of new and seedling fruits at the Boston meeting last week....Professor Hervey tested his wings on a trip to Nova Scotia last week. The Station entomologist took to the airways for his first time aloft. In the North Country, he visited his mother and sister....Professors Sayre and Vittum went to Ithaca yesterday for a two-day fertilizer conference....Florence Updyke is taking advantage of the autumn colors for a vacation trip through some of the states to the south....Professor Luckett blames political adversaries for the "stray" bullet which tried to enter the Luckett living room last Saturday. The slug managed to scratch its way through the storm window and spent its force in the main sash. The constabulary suggests that the missile was the result of some careless hunting.

PROMOTION

Word has come from Ithaca that Dr. Kuang Li, laboratory technician in FS&T, will be promoted to the rank of Research Assistant, effective November 1st. Congratulations.

"Science is a good piece of furniture for a man to have in an upper chamber, provided that he has common sense on the ground floor."--Oliver Wendell Holmes.
