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RITES FOR DOCTOR PARROTT TODAY

Funeral services for former Station Director P. J. Parrott will be held at his home this afternoon at 2:30, and will be followed by a private burial in Glenwood Cemetery. Death came early Monday morning after an extended illness.

Percival John Parrott was born in England in 1874 and came to this country as a small child. His family settled in Kansas and it was there that he gained many of the pioneering experiences which he delighted in recounting. He received degrees from the University of Kansas in 1897 and 1898 and came to the Geneva Station in 1900. Except for a two-year stint at the Ohio Station from 1902 to 1904, Professor Parrott spent his entire career at Geneva. In 1904 he was made head of the Division of Entomology, a position he held for 34 years. He took over the reins of Director in 1938 and served until the year of his retirement, 1942. Cornell's Board of Trustees conferred the Emeritus Professor title upon him at that time. The following year, his alma mater awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. The New York State Horticultural Society also honored Professor Parrott with a life membership in the organization.

For several years, Dr. Parrott served on the executive committee of the Division of Biology and Agriculture of the National Research Council. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the Entomological Society of America, and a past president of the Association of Economic Entomologists. The U.S.D.A. called upon him in an advisory capacity in 1929 and 1930, during a threatened invasion of the Florida citrus industry by the Mediterranean fruit fly. As the Department's special agent, he also traveled the length of Africa in 1936. Early in his career at Geneva, Dr. Parrott won the acclaim of the fruit industry by his energetic and effective attack on the San Jose scale. He was in great demand as a speaker, both for professional groups and for social gatherings. His spirit of friendliness will stand as a monument to his memory in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to come into contact with Dr. Parrott during his long and useful life.

Dr. Parrott married Florence Hubbard of Geneva in 1906. She passed away in 1929. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Holt of Montpelier, Vt., a son, John P. Parrott of Geneva, four grandchildren, and three sisters and a brother who reside in the west.

WINDSTORM HALTS FAIR

A freak windstorm wrought havoc to what promised to be another successful season for the Ontario County Fair last week. Several persons were injured and damage estimated at \$60,000 occurred just prior to Saturday evening's anticipated big gate. Included on the damaged property list are several large hand-colored photo-enlargements which the Station loaned for use in the exhibit area. A benefit barbecue and jamboree is being planned for the evening of August 30th, in hopes of overcoming the loss which the Ontario Agricultural Society sustained.

STATE HORT SOCIETY TOURS

The annual summer tour of the New York State Horticultural Society begins its schedule today at St. Catherines, Ontario. Members were slated to convene there this morning for a stop at the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology. This afternoon will find the participants making their way to the Ontario Horticultural Experiment Station at Vineland, and the Agricultural College at Guelph. Tomorrow, they'll visit several commercial orchards in the province. Station people planning to participate include Doctors Hamilton, Einset and Smith and Mr. Klein and Mr. Way.

CONSERVATION CLASS AT GENEVA

A group of 25 teachers and college students who are taking a course in conservation at the Cortland State Teachers College are due to arrive at the Station this morning for a look at some of the research work here. Among the topics listed for discussion are seed-testing, fruit concentrates, farm ponds and irrigation, cover-cropping, run-off tests, fruit-breeding, and rootstock work. Prof. W. B. Clemens is the class instructor.

ROOTSTOCK MEETING

Professor Brase was in New Brunswick, N. J., on Monday and Tuesday for a conference with rootstock specialists of northeastern Experiment Stations.

SEED LAW DISCUSSION

Dr. Clark will go to Ithaca on Friday to meet with College of Agriculture officials and representatives of the State's Bureau of Plant Industries in a discussion of proposed revisions of the New York State seed laws.

"VEGETARIANS" TO CONFER

Professors Natti and Atkin will go to New Haven on Sunday for a three-day meeting with regional specialists. Chief topic of discussion will be the Northeastern Regional Vegetable Variety Trials.

NAMED COMMITTEE MEMBER

Professor Hening has been selected a member of the Committee on Taste Testing and Consumer Preference for the Institute of Food Technologists.

A JUST REWARD

Fifty-six Vermont farmers who turned up as winners in a Green Pastures contest will make a tour of this part of New York State next Tuesday. First stop on the itinerary will be at the Experiment Station where the visitors will see and hear about the trueness-to-type field plantings of seeds. Doctors Clark and Nittler will explain the work. After a morning stop here, the group will go on to visit seed-producing firms in this area.

LABORATORY OBSERVERS

Miss Viola Sullivan of the New Jersey State Seed Laboratory at New Brunswick spent last week in the Station Seed Laboratories, observing testing technics..... This week, for a similar purpose, Miss Alice Ruben of the Stamford Seed Company is visiting the Division.

VACATION NOTES

About the most spectacular vacation of which we've gotten wind this week is the one being taken by Lucile Holtby and her mother. They've boarded a steamer at Buffalo for a 5-day inland cruise which will take them to Duluth, Minn. There, they'll be met by Lucile's brother who will guide them on a sight-seeing tour of the area and then drive them back home. All told, the trip will take about two weeks.....The Curtis family spent a couple of days last week at Niagara Falls..... The Seed Laboratory is temporarily short of the services of Bette Cullinan and Stuart Patrick. Bette is taking a one-week breather and Stuart is sharing the next three-weeks with his family.....Mrs. Moyer and children are spending a month at Charlottesville, Va.Most of the Vittums returned from that Massachusetts vacation on Monday. Mrs. Vittum remained behind because of the sudden illness of her father.

SHORT TAKES

Dr. Willard Robinson is returning to the fold for a day. He's taking time out from his Washington duties to catch up on some manuscripts here, today..... Friday will be the last day of duty for Philena Townley of the Seed Lab. But she's not through with seeds! Her next move will be to Ithaca where she'll undertake graduate work in seed testing.....Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Lou Eames who suffered a fall on Sunday night, resulting in a broken ankle....Leon Jones is completely ambulatory after parting with a couple morsels of his anatomy at Clifton Springs on Saturday. He's sporting king-size bandages on his throat and arm as proof..... Dr. K. C. Li qualified for his automobile operator's license after a test last week. He warns that he's driving a green '49 Studebaker....Leo Klein copped another handful of ribbons at the gladiolus seedling show held at the Station on Saturday. Over a hundred visitors dropped in to see the newest creations in glads.....Dr. Bill Haynes of the Northern Regional Research Lab in Peoria was saddened by the death of his father on July 30th. He brought the body to New York City for the funeral. Dr. Haynes was a Station bacteriologist just prior to World War II.

Sambo: Mose, what am de best breed ub chickens?

Mose: All kinds is got merits. De white ones is de easiest to find but de black ones am de easiest to hide.

Knighthood's flower seems to wilt a little with each succeeding generation. A father whose teen-age son learned to dance at camp this summer said to him: "Makes you feel silly, doesn't it, the first time you go up to a girl and say, 'May I have this dance, please?'" The teen-ager looked offended. "Aw, I never said anything that corny." "No? What did you say?" "Oh, I'd stroll around and look 'em over till I saw one that was kinda cute. Then I'd point to her and say, 'You'll do!'"