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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Over 130 merrymakers were on hand last night to partake of the annual fall banquet of the Station Club and to usher in a new panel of officers for the coming year. The participants lost no time in doing away with the food which was done to a turn by the ladies of the Seneca Castle Methodist Church and served in the Grange Hall. Austin Wagenknecht led the group singing prior to the opening of the annual business meeting. Retiring president Vittum introduced the officers and distinguished guests and called for reports by the secretary, the treasurer, and the auditing committee. At this point, the auditors resorted to a bit of hazing and a demonstration from the floor threatened upheaval of the administration but President Vittum soon restored order. As usual, Leo Klein was on the receiving end of the bon mots and, as usual, he took it in a style which is developed only through experience. Ted Wishnetsky reported the activities and status of the Bridge Club Division...er...Department of the Station Club. New staff members were introduced by their Heads and the group then heard the report of the nominating committee. This panel, comprised of former Club presidents Heit, Schroeder, Hopkins, and Cain, submitted the names of Ed Smith for president, Bob Wesselmann for veep, Charlotte Pratt for secretary, and John Natti for treasurer. The assembled members approved the slate without voiced protest. Ex-president Vittum then expressed his gratitude to the executive committee and chairmen of the various functions throughout his term of office and turned the gavel over to president Smith who adjourned the meeting for dancing and card playing. Congratulations for a highly successful year go to the retiring officers M. T. Vittum, Ed Smith, Sarah Clark, and Leo Klein. And thanks are also in order to the people who were responsible for the banquet arrangements: Mr. and Mrs. Steinkraus, Miss Warren, Miss Pratt, Miss Smith, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Einset, Mr. and Mrs. Wishnetsky, and Mr. and Mrs. Holley.

CERES CIRCLE ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Kimball took over the reins of president of the Ceres Circle at Monday evening's meeting held at the Heinicke residence. Assisting her will be Mrs. Steinkraus as vice-president and Mrs. Swenson as secretary-treasurer. They succeed, respectively, Mrs. Wesselmann, Mrs. Lamb, and Mrs. Natti. As program chairman, Mrs. Wesselmann introduced the speaker, Dr. Szkolnik, who presented an illustrated talk on Guatemala. Mrs. Sayre served as hostess for the evening.

BRIDGE PARTY FRIDAY

The Station Club will sponsor its duplicate bridge party in Jordan Hall on Friday evening at 8 P.M. As usual, newcomers are welcome to participate.

THREE TO GET READY---

The public is invited to hear an address and discussion to be held in Olin Hall on the Cornell campus, Friday evening. The topic is "A Practical Program for Preparing College Professors for Retirement" and the speaker will be George E. Johnson, vice-president and general counsel for the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and the College Retirement Equities Fund of New York City. The time is 8:15 P.M.

SIGMA XI MEETS NEXT TUESDAY

The local branch of the Sigma Xi Society will hold its first meeting of the season in Jordan Hall at 8 P.M. on October 27th. Professor Mark Kac of the Mathematics Department of Cornell will discuss "The Emergence of Statistical Thought," which promises to be far more interesting than the title would lead one to believe.

BANKERS TO TOUR STATION

A group of New York State bankers, holding a meeting in Geneva, will make a tour of the Experiment Station this afternoon. They'll hear a short talk by Director Heinicke before making visits to Entomology, the Pilot Plant, Seed Labs, Heating Plant, and the Greenhouse.

FIELD DAY AT AURORA

Two members of the Seed Investigations Division, Dr. Nittler and Mr. Herrink, attended the field day on field corn and forage crops, held at the Cornell Agronomy Farm at Aurora, yesterday.

TO ADDRESS KODAK WORKERS

Professor Slate has accepted an invitation to speak to the Kodak Park Athletic Association next Tuesday evening. His topic will be "Small Fruits", and the significance of the talk isn't too apparent, unless the athletes want to recognize the varieties of produce which may be tossed at them from the grandstand.

DEARBORNS HEAD NORTHWARD

The Curtis Dearborn family of Palmer, Alaska, stopped in Geneva once more last weekend before heading on the long trip home. They've been traveling through the Northeast where Dr. Dearborn has been meeting with colleagues. They spent some time in their home state of New Hampshire and the former Station scientist gave seminars at the University of New Hampshire and at Ithaca. They left Geneva on Sunday.

BE ADVISED

The 50° storage room in the basement of Hedrick Hall will be given a thorough cleanup at 8 A.M. on Friday morning. All material stored therein will be removed and disposed of unless claimed before that time.

BACTERIOLOGISTS TO MEET AT STATION

The 65th semi-annual meeting of the Central New York Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists will be held in Jordan Hall on Saturday morning. In all, twelve papers will be presented, including topics by Erwin Lessel and Dr. Breed of Geneva. Reports and election of officers will take place during the business meeting. The group will convene at 10:30 A.M. and will have luncheon at the Hotel Seneca.

RELOCATION

Dr. D. D. Dolan, the regional coordinator of NE9, will have his office on the second floor of Hedrick Hall, in the room now occupied by Mr. Lamb, according to present plans. A general reorganization will put all members of Pomology on the first floor of the building as Mr. Kimball moves to the office formerly used by Dr. Einset, and Mr. Lamb takes over in Mr. Kimball's old stand. Mr. Carleton will move both his office and laboratory into the Chemistry building and Dr. Dolan will make use of the basement laboratory being vacated by Mr. Carleton.

COMMUNITY CHEST REPORT

Dr. Boyle reports that the Station drive for Community Chest funds is practically complete. Only a very few solicitations are not reported and a total of about \$1440 has been tallied up, or 96% of the goal. If anyone has been missed, he or she is asked to contact Dr. Boyle at 2629 in order that the complete report can be turned in.

CHIT-CHAT

Station Club members heard some news from the Munns last night in the reading of a letter received by the Club secretary. Honorary guests who appeared in person were Mrs. A. W. Clark, Mrs. Hedrick, Mrs. Glasgow, Mrs. Haight, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mr. Gloyer, and Mr. Hartzell. Added to the honorary list by popular vote were Mrs. D. C. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Wellington....The overseas address of Dr. Hand is c/o J. G. White Engineering Corp., c/o Postmaster, APO 63, San Francisco....Speaking of addresses, the fame of the Station and at least one of its workers has spread far and wide. Just the other day a letter found its way to the Station with the address, "New Brush Killer, Geneva, N. Y.", and this is where it belonged. In the same mail a letter arrived directly from Belgium and its address was "J. D. Lockett, Geneva, USA"....Prof. Wellington has received an announcement to the effect that Mr. W.J.C. Lawrence has been appointed Acting Director of the John Innes Horticultural Institution in England, succeeding Professor D.D. Darlington who is now located at the University of Oxford. Both men are well-known to many Station workers and Mr. Lawrence visited here a few years ago....Dr. Braun is spending the rest of the week in the Hudson Valley on small fruit work and will address a meeting of growers from two counties tomorrow afternoon....The USDA Yearbook for 1953, entitled Plant Diseases, has been released and a copy is now in the Station Library. Among the contributors was Station pathologist W.T. Schroeder....Entomology has received a letter from the Herveys who have now begun their travels in England. They report a pleasant ocean-crossing and a busy program.
