



STATION

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STATION WILL BE HOST TO FOOD PROCESSORS

Invitations to the Sixth Annual Food Processing Conference to be held at the Station on Thursday of next week were mailed out on Monday. The function of the meeting is to acquaint members of the industry with the projects and findings of the Experiment Station, and usually draws between 150 and 200 participants. The morning program will get underway at 10 A.M. when Dr. Pederson will speak about "Flat Sour Spoilage of Tomato Products". Dr. Robinson, who is on leave with the National Research Council, will then discuss "The Program of the Food Protection Committee". Professors Hening, Davis, and Robinson are co-authors of the next topic, "Flavor and Color Evaluation of Canning Crops Grown on Soil Treated with Insecticides" and they'll be followed by four food scientists who will give short resumes of some of their work: Dr. Holley--"The Biosynthesis of Proteins in Plants"; Dr. Steinkraus--"Mold Counts as an Index of Quality in Fruits"; Dr. Wagenknecht--"The Color Problem in Sour Cherries"; and Mr. LaBelle--"Problems in the Freezing of Apple Slices".

The processors will eat luncheon at the Seneca Castle Methodist Church where they will hear a report from Dr. Kertesz on his recent food production survey in Ceylon. He'll illustrate the talk with Kodachrome slides. Upon reconvening at Jordan Hall, the group will hear about "Quality Standards for Dehydrated Green Vegetables" by Dr. Boyle at 2:15. Prof. Sayre will follow with "Objective Methods for Measuring the Quality of Peas", and two guest speakers will wind up the speaking program. Mr. Norman Healy of the USDA Production and Marketing Administration will give a talk on "Determining Quality in Tomato Products" at 3 P.M., and Prof. C. Olin Ball of the Food Technology Department at Rutgers University will speak on "Improving Canned Quality by Means of Heat" at 3:45. Dinner will be served at the Hotel Seneca at 5:30 and after-dinner entertainment will be provided by The Sampsonaires.

INSECTICIDE-FUNGICIDE CONFERENCE

Entomologists and plant pathologists will also be engaged in an annual conference next week. Their's will be the insecticide-fungicide, and pesticide application conference sponsored by Cornell University on November 10, 11 and 12. Station scientists will play a prominent part in the program with eighteen papers claiming Geneva Station origination. Local specialists taking part will be Doctors Schroeder, Mack, Gambrell, Natti, Davis, Swenson, Adams, Hamilton, Szkolnik, Palmiter, Braup, Glass, Smith, Lienk, Dean, and Taschenberg. Dr. Chapman will serve as chairman for the Thursday morning program and Dr. Hamilton will hold sway in the afternoon.

DR. CLARK TO ADDRESS SEEDSMEN

The Atlantic Seedsmen's Association has invited Dr. Ben Clark to address its meeting at Rutgers University today and tomorrow. The seedsmen are particularly interested in the proposed changes in the New York State Seed Laws, with an eye toward setting similar goals in their own states.

REGIONAL VIRUS CONFERENCE

Professors Brase and Gilmer will be in East Springfield, Mass., on Thursday and Friday for a Northeast Regional Virus Conference. Dr. Gilmer will present reports on his own work as well as that of Dr. Natti and Dr. Szkolnik. The virus conference is being held in conjunction with the sectional meeting of the American Phytopathological Society.

SPRAY CONFERENCE

And yet another conference is underway. The New England-New York Spray Conference opened at Poughkeepsie, yesterday, and will run through today. Dr. Hamilton is attending and will spend some time at the Hudson Valley Laboratory after the meeting adjourns.

Correspondence from the Ithaca campus informs us that both the Dean and the President have officially okayed the designation of the Station's subject-matter units as departments. The recent staff discussion revealed that both terms, divisions and departments, have been used at various times in the past, and a perusal of the annals doesn't seem to help straighten the matter out. In the "foundation days" of the Station, there was no question about designations, as the Director and his three co-workers sat around one large table in the old Administration Building where all the work was planned and talked over. The annual reports were classified simply as "Report of the Chemist", "Report of the Horticulturist", and so on. By 1892 the staff had grown to 12 but the same procedure was followed in reports. In 1896, Dr. Jordan first used designations when the yearly summaries listed "Report of the Chemical Department", and so on for the other subject-matter units. The following year, the units were definitely referred to as departments and the policy continued until 1915 when the units were suddenly called divisions, but the individual workers still belonged to departments. The term, division, continued in use throughout the reigns of succeeding directors, Thatcher, Morrison, Hedrick, and Parrott. The word first appeared in a staff organizational list in 1940's Annual Report and continued through 1945. Then the term sank into oblivion for four years as no designation was used in annual reports, the work being reported simply under "Food Science", "Entomology", etc.. The term, division, again cropped up spasmodically in 1950, 1951, and 1952. The recent action by the Dean and the President definitely classifies the units as departments, effective Nov. 1, 1953, but, oddly enough, the Publications unit must continue on as a stepchild since it is not included in the subject-matter units on the list.

DR. GORSLINE VISITS

Dr. Harry Gorsline, who worked for the USDA at the Station several years ago, called on food scientists last week. He is now working for the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute at Chicago, in the job handled by Dr. Pederson on his recent sabbatic leave. Mrs. Gorsline and their son accompanied the scientist on his Geneva visit.

DR. MOYER IN CHICAGO

Dr. Moyer met with members of the Quartermaster Corps in Chicago yesterday. He and scientists from other stations cooperating in the dehydration project are reporting their work at the conference. The meeting will end today.

BLESSED EVENT

Dr. and Mrs. John Natti became the parents of another boy a week ago today. The youngster weighed in at 5 lbs. 1 oz. and has been named Thomas Alexander. Our congratulations.

PULSE RECORD

Latest Stationite to be hospitalized is Dr. Cain who underwent a knee operation at the Geneva General Hospital this week, the aftermath of a fall which befell the pomologist in a Station orchard recently....Mrs. DeWall has improved to the point where she expects to return to work on a part-time basis next week....And doctors are still trying to diagnose the complaints of Lou Eames who is still in the Waterloo Hospital.

ATTENDS NEW JERSEY MEET

Professor Sayre was at New Brunswick last week attending the G.L.F. Agronomy Conference. He presented two talks at the meeting.

MISS UPDIKE BEREAVED

Florence Updike has been called to Indianapolis by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold Updike. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

CHIT CHAT

A surprise caller at Chemistry on Monday was Mrs. Jeanne Cleere, who came in company with her little son, Stevie....Dr. Vittum motored to Barker, N. Y., yesterday, to inspect a broccoli fertilizer experiment at the Barker High School....Part of a "seed trier" or "seed sampler" was found on the Station grounds on Monday. It can be claimed at the Seed Lab....About 18 specialists were here on Monday for the meeting of the directors of the New Plants Project.

STATION CLUB POLL

In an effort to boost enrollment in the Station Club and to provide activities which will meet the desires of the majority, the Station Club officers are undertaking a poll. Copies of a questionnaire are being distributed with this issue of the NEWS. All Station employees are requested to fill in a questionnaire and return it to Miss Pratt in Hedrick Hall, regardless of whether or not they are members. The Executive Committee would like to compile the results early next week so a return deadline of Monday, Nov. 9th, has been set.

BRIDGE DOINGS

At the recent meeting of the Station Club Bridge Club, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Reitmann and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hening walked off with top honors. Incidentally, the new Station Club Administration has engaged the services of Leon H. Jones as Administrative Adviser to the Bridge Club Project for the coming year.