

## THE STATION NEWS

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THE RECEPTION by the Staff to Director and Mrs. Hedrick next Friday evening holds the center of interest at the Station this week. Those in charge of the decorations, refreshments, cloak room arrangements, etc., etc., have their several responsibilities well in hand. Provision will be made for dressing rooms for the ladies in the offices to the right as one enters Jordan Hall, while the men's dressing rooms will be found in the offices to the left of the entrance. The cloak room will be in the Library. The receiving line will be found in the museum room, and refreshments will be served at the far end of the auditorium. It is the expectation of the committee in charge of the reception that the arrangements will be such that all members of the Staff will be free throughout the evening to give their entire attention to the entertainment of the Station's guests. All those connected with the Station are requested to park their cars back of Jordan Hall, or down by the barns, in order to leave the space around the Station buildings as free as possible for visiting cars.

THE FIRST Staff meeting of the year and the first under Dr. Hedrick's regime as Director of the Station was held yesterday afternoon in the Staff room. The new Director was greeted with an ovation from the Staff as he took his place in the chair. Following the usual routine of committee reports and announcements, Dr. Hedrick called on Dr. Jordan for a few words. Dr. Jordan made an earnest protest against the conventionalizing of research and an appeal for greater freedom for the development of the true research spirit. Mr. Collison then followed with a most interesting account of his 17,000-mile automobile trip through the Southwest and West in which he saw much of the experimental work under way in those sections that relates to his particular field of endeavor.

ABOUT eighty members of the Station group met in the Library last Friday evening to participate in the "Reminiscence Party" for Dr. and Mrs. Van Slyke. The affair was voted an unqualified success, and culminated with the presentation by Dr. Jordan to the Van Slykes of an illuminated "Address" expressing the good wishes of their Station associates. Dr. and Mrs. Van Slyke expect to leave Geneva next week for California, and later will go on to Hawaii.

THE VERY real fire risks to which the Station buildings are exposed has led to the organization of a volunteer fire brigade at the Station, headed by Col. Sayre. One of the first activities of the new organization was a tour of inspection of the fire-fighting apparatus around the Station and the testing out of the equipment on several bonfires. An alarming number of defective pieces of apparatus were revealed by these tests, and steps have been taken to put the equipment in first-class condition. Director Hedrick is desirous that each member of the Staff take it upon himself to learn the location of the extinguishers and fire hose in his particular building and be prepared to respond at a moment's notice to a threat of fire.

PROF. L. E. Longley, of the Department of Horticulture of the Idaho Experiment Station and a graduate student in floriculture at Ithaca, visited the Station recently to make a study of the types of chrysanthemums being grown in the Station greenhouses.

D. M. DANIEL, entomologist at the Fredonia Vineyard Laboratory spent part of last week at the Station. Mr. Daniel will probably make his headquarters in Fredonia this winter as he is deeply involved in the propagation of parasites of the oriental peach moth which has invaded that part of the State and must give the insects careful attention since the control of the moth seems to rest largely with the parasites.

MR. GLOYER has been called to Washington on account of the serious illness of his brother-in-law.

MR. STEWART, on behalf of the Historical Records Committee, asks that members of the Staff entertaining important visitors to the Station see that their guests enter their names in the Official Register which has been placed in the Reading Room.

WITH DR. Hedrick taking up permanent quarters in Jordan Hall, Mr. Wellington has transferred the scene of his activities to the "front office" in the Horticultural Division, while Mr. Slate has moved into the space vacated by Mr. Wellington.

MR. CLARK was elected vice-president of the Association of Feed Control Officials at the annual meeting of the Association in Washington recently. He served for several years as Secretary of the Association.

E.C. THOMPSON, of the Borden Company, and R. S. Fleming, of the Merrill Soule Company took part in a conference in the Bacteriology Division yesterday on the joint work being planned between the American Dry Milk Institute and the American Dairy Science Association, dealing with the bacteriological examination of evaporated and condensed milk, milk powders, and baby foods.

F. A. WIGGINS, President of the Washington Nursery Company of Toppenish, Wash., visited the Station Saturday and Monday to inspect the nursery investigations under way here.

WORK has begun on beautifying the grounds around Jordan Hall. A planting of perennials and shrubs is to be made as a border around the grass plot surrounding the building, and should do much to relieve the bareness that exists at present. Incidentally, the interior decorations that are going on within the building are making a vast improvement, also.

WE REGRET to note the death of Mr. Kokoski's father last week at the family home in Massachusetts. Mr. Kokoski returned to his duties in the chemical laboratory today.

HARRY HADLOW continues to occupy the public eye with his bicycle riding, the latest notice coming from a Winnipeg paper, thus making Harry a personage of international note.

MISS ELVER states that she will soon have a quantity of material ready for the bindery and that she will be glad to include in this lot any private binding that members of the Staff may wish to have done at this time. The following books have been added to the Library since the last list given in the NEWS:

Dictionary of Botanical Equivalents, Artschwager & Smiley.

German-English

Dutch-English

Italian-English

French-English

Wachstum und Fruchtbarkeit der Ewergobftbaume, Schellenberg.

Barlow's Tables of Squares, Cubes, Square Roots, Cube Roots, etc.

Public Health and Hygiene, Park.

Atlas der mikroskopischen Grundlagen der Garungskunde, Lindner.

The Epidemic of Poliomyelitis.

Copra and Coconut Oil Snodgrass.