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THE REGIONAL LABORATORY

Dr. J. J. Willaman and Mr. H. H. Mottern of the Eastern Regional Laboratory of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture at Wyndmoor, Pa., near Philadelphia, spent last Friday at the Station interviewing those engaged on various phases of the fruit by-products work. Dr. Willaman also addressed the Staff Friday afternoon on the organization and general plan of the Regional Laboratory. He is chief of the biochemical division of the Laboratory.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following were received from the printer recently:

Tech. Bul. No. 252. The Use of Calcium in the Commercial Canning of Whole Tomatoes. Z. I. Kertesz, T. G. Tolman, J. D. Loconti, and E. H. Ruyle.

Circ. No. 189. The Blueberry in New York. G. L. Slate and R. C. Collison.

DAYLIGHT TIME

Despite the snow flurries of the past few days, we are moving along toward apple blossom time and summer, we hope. Anyway, daylight "saving" time becomes official next Sunday, and the Station, along with the rest of Geneva, will operate on the new time, beginning next Monday.

SCIENCE AS A CAREER

Dr. Tukey is in Auburn today to address members of the senior class of the Auburn Senior High School on scientific work as a career.

INSPECTING PAPER MILLS

Dr. Sanborn is on a two-weeks' trip to North Carolina, Maryland, and New Jersey where he is visiting paper mills with the view of making a sanitary survey of their operations.

ALSO NORTH CAROLINA BOUND

Mr. Slate, Mr. Collison, and Dr. Oberle set out today for Willard, North Carolina, where a conference on small fruit breeding is to be held at the Coastal Plains Station at that place. Geneticists from several of the eastern states and from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture are expected to be in attendance. Extended investigations with strawberries are under way in the region, as well as work with blueberries and with cane fruits adapted to the South.

JUST BACK FROM N. C.

Dr. and Mrs. Hervey have just returned from a week in North Carolina where they were visiting relatives.

HAD A GOOD VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre returned last Saturday from Florida and other points in the South and report a most enjoyable vacation. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Sayre was taken ill Saturday afternoon and has been confined to his home since then.

A VOLUNTEER WORKER

Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson of Geneva, is working as a volunteer assistant in the Bacteriology Division. Miss Robinson is a recent graduate of Acadia College in Nova Scotia.

ARRANGING CONFERENCE

The Director is making plans for a conference here the latter part of May of a recently created Western New York Joint Fruit Committee of the State Horticultural Society and the Farm Bureau with members of the Station Staff and of the faculty of the College of Agriculture on work in progress at the two places, particularly with apples.

ELEVATED

Our congratulations to Dr. Dahlberg on his election to the Presidency of the Geneva Rotary Club. He served as Vice-President for the past year.

HOBART LECTURES

Dr. Carpenter delivered two public lectures at Hobart this week, one on "Synthetic Plastics" and the other on "New Synthetic Textiles". While both lectures were delivered primarily for students in chemistry, they were open to all interested persons.

BETWEEN 10 O'CLOCK AND NOON

The following announcement comes from the Milk Room:

Milk should be secured in the morning between 10 o'clock and noon. The freshly pasteurized morning's milk is not available earlier and the morning's work of pasteurizing, washing equipment, etc., has not been completed so that adherence to these hours will permit dispensing the best milk with the least delay. (The only exception is on holidays when the hours that milk will be dispensed are announced in the NEWS.)

NOT MUCH CHANGE

Recent visitors to Clifton Springs Sanitarium report that there is not much change in Dr. Hedrick's condition but that he continues to rest comfortably.

"AN APPLE A DAY"

Newsweek for April 22 in its science section carries the following comment under the above title:

"The proverbially health-bringing apple doesn't produce its beneficial effects by supplying nourishment to body tissue. Apples serve as food for legions of digestion-aiding bacteria that eke a parasitic existence in the last 5½ feet of the digestive tubing known as the large intestine. To reach this conclusion, Dr. Z. I. Kertesz of the State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y., fed pectin, the substance in apples responsible for their dietary value and the substance that makes jellies jell, to dogs and human beings and found that it was not decomposed in the mouth, stomach, or small intestine. Thus he deduced that pectin passes through most of the digestive apparatus intact until it reaches the large intestine, where it is destroyed by harmless bacteria for their own use."

The comment was based on a paper presented by Dr. Kertesz before the recent meeting of the American Chemical Society in Cincinnati.

THE ZERO ROOM - A HOUSECLEANING

The Dairy Division wishes to take this opportunity to remind persons at the Station who have materials in the zero room on the main floor of the Dairy building that this room is to be reconditioned during the coming week. Items which are to be held at zero should be so marked and Mr. Marquardt will make arrangements to have them properly taken care of until the room is again maintained at zero. Cooperation will be appreciated and persons having materials in this room should see about them before Friday of this week.

THE JERSEY SALE

President H. C. Andrews of the New York State Jersey Cattle Club and Joe S. Taylor, Director of Creanline activities of the New York State Jersey Cattle Club visited the station on Monday to make arrangements for the Club sale which will be held here on Saturday, June 1. Keen interest is being manifested in this sale as last year's sale set a record for high prices which had not been attained by similarly conducted club sales of any breed previously and up to this year. It is hoped to surpass even the sale of 1939. This year's sale will include calves and bulls. The standard of type and production has been set by the American Jersey Cattle Club so that only animals of the finest breeding will be offered for sale.