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TAX EXEMPTION

The Director's office is in receipt of the following statement from the Department of Audit and Control in Albany regarding exemption of State employees traveling on State business from the Internal Revenue tax on transportation:

"Due to a misunderstanding, many ticket agents have refused to accept form 731 (exemption certificate) from employees traveling on official business for the State of New York.

"While the Internal Revenue Code, as last amended, cancelled the tax exemption in connection with payments made for transportation or facilities furnished to the United States Government, effective June 1, 1944, it continues the exemption from the payment of tax 'for transportation or facilities furnished to any state or territory or political subdivision thereof.' Instructions issued by some carriers to ticket agents regarding the discontinuance of the exemption, referred to government employees instead of United States Government employees.

"It is expected that carriers will issue further instructions to ticket agents to clarify this matter. As in the past, therefore, form 731 should be offered in lieu of the transportation tax when paying cash for transportation furnished while traveling on official business."

RECENTLY APPOINTED

Miss Margaret E. Hart has been named an investigator in the Division of Plant Pathology and will assist Doctor Hamilton in fruit tree disease investigations. Miss Hart is a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and the Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee where she specialized in the plant sciences. Miss Leah Ann Anhalt, a student at William Smith College, has also been appointed as a laboratory assistant in the Plant Pathology Division.

IN ALABAMA

Word has been received from Al Christensen to the effect that he has been assigned to communications and is now located at Camp McClellan, Alabama.

POSTWAR PLANNING

Included in the membership of a New York State Postwar Planning Committee recently named to take steps to avoid chaotic food conditions after the war are Dean Myers and Doctor Maynard of the College of Agriculture and Commissioner C. Chester Dumond of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

NAMED HONORARY MEMBER

According to a note in Extension Echoes, the General Electric reports that Doctor D. K. Tressler, former head of the Chemistry Division here and now manager of the General Electric's consumers' institute, has been named an honorary member of the Food and Nutrition Society of Brazil.

ASSISTING IN CHEMISTRY

Miss Ruth S. Tahara, a William Smith student, has taken up her duties as a laboratory helper in the Chemistry Division.

Things are really beginning to shape up for that BIG PICNIC at Seneca Lake Park, Thursday, June 29th. The picnic committee, headed by Mrs. Wheeler and including Mrs. Hervey, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Gambrell, Miss Jeanne Smith, and Miss Lucile Holtby, wants to know how many expect to be on hand when the call to dinner is sounded at 5:00 o'clock that afternoon. Some one in your building will check with you on this, if they haven't already done so. And all newcomers to the Station are especially invited to take this opportunity to identify themselves with the Station Club and to come to the picnic. Mr. Stewart Patrick of the Seed Testing Laboratory is treasurer of the Club and will gladly accept your dollar membership fee. This not only entitles you to partake to your complete satisfaction of all the good things that will weigh down the groaning board at Seneca Lake Park next week, but you will also have your name in the pot for the Annual Supper next fall--long known as the "feast of plenty." One thing more--the committee asks that all those attending next week's festivity bring their own dishes, silverware, cups, and--as a necessary wartime requirement--your own buttered rolls. Guests may be included in your party--at 50 cents cash.

WEATHER TROUBLE

The high hopes for a large strawberry crop are fading out more and more each day with the curious weather we are having these rare days in June. Mr. Bennett, always cagey about the prospects but quite optimistic earlier in the spring, now sees much fewer pickings than anticipated, with consequent shrinkage in total crop. Some bulk orders will probably be filled the latter part of the week, but beyond that, Henry is not willing to make any commitments.

TED KANGAS LEAVES

Mr. J. T. Kangas who has been writing the material for the press service at the College of Agriculture for some time now, and who also has been largely responsible for keeping Extension Echoes filled with up-to-the-minute news about College folks, has resigned to accept a position with the War Food Administration in New York City. Along with the new job, Ted expects to acquire an advanced degree from Columbia or New York University by means of night courses. The News extends best wishes and good luck!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Extension Echoes tells of a recent communication received from a group of citizens in New Rochelle in Westchester County, who were planning to raise funds to hire the spraying of their shade trees for the control of canker worms, addressed to the Inchworm Department, New York State College of Agriculture.

BUG PROBLEMS

Mr. A. C. Mason of the Federal Japanese Beetle Laboratory at Moorestown, N. J., was a recent visitor to the Biological Control Laboratory of the Entomology Division where he discussed progress in cooperative investigations under way there; while Dr. D. L. VanDine, head of the Fruit Insect Division of the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture also called at the Station to inspect work on fruit insect control.

RECUPERATING

Good reports have been received from the Geneva General Hospital on the recovery of Miss Harriet Weller following an operation last week. Miss Weller has been employed for the past several months as a laboratory helper in the Division of Plant Pathology.

OLD SAM PASSES

Shed a tear for old Sam! For the past ten years of his span of 26 years, Old Sam has served the Fruit Testing Association faithfully and well. But yesterday morning he was down on the ground in his stall in the horse barn, and the vet decided that he would never be able to get up under his own power--so Old Sam was sent to his "reward."