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THE FRUIT TESTERS

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association will be held here Thursday, September 21, with a program of talks by prominent horticulturists and the usual display of new fruits. According to an announcement by Mr. Wellington, who is secretary-treasurer of the Association, and Harry King, Manager, speakers will include Prof. A. S. Colby of the University of Illinois, Mr. George M. Darrow and Dr. Leon Havis of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. A. L. Shuttleworth and Mr. John Birdseye, fruit growers of Silver Creek and Canandaigua, respectively, and others, including members of the Station Staff. Expectations are for a bigger and better display than usual of new and promising peaches, pears, plums, apples, grapes, miscellaneous fruits, and even some vegetables.

SEEDSMEN COMING

The annual get-together of growers and distributors of certified seed from many sections of the country which has been held for the past several years at the College of Agriculture is scheduled for next Monday at Ithaca, with tours of field work with farm crops and vegetable crops for that day and Tuesday. On Wednesday the group will visit the Station to inspect the vegetable variety trials, the work of the seed testing laboratory, experiments with canning crops, and disease and insect control tests on vegetable crops.

VICTORY GARDEN EXHIBITS

"Cap" Bigelow as chairman of exhibits for the Geneva Garden Council is organizing a series of window displays in downtown stores for the coming week-end of the products of Geneva's Victory gardens. Each display will represent the efforts of gardeners in a different area of town, as for example the "Smith Park" group which is being headed up by Bob Magee. Mrs. Hugh Glasgow is president of the Geneva Garden Council which has again made a notable showing despite the handicaps and discouragements of the season.

FROM NEW HAVEN

Dr. and Mrs. James G. Horsfall are visiting friends in Geneva this week. Doctor Horsfall, formerly with the Division of Plant Pathology here, is now head of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at the Connecticut Experiment Station at New Haven.

THE ARCHIVES

Mrs. John Bentley, Jr., representing Charlie Taylor's office in Ithaca, has begun a survey of the contributions to the war effort by members of the Station Staff for purposes of record in the Cornell University archives. Mrs. Bentley spent two days here last week and will be here tomorrow and possibly a day or two next week to complete the task.

LEAVING FOR AMES

Miss Jean Conn has left for Ames, Iowa, where she will engage in teaching and in graduate study in bacteriology at Iowa State College.

APO NEW YORK

Word has been received by friends at the Station that Sgt. Roy Bergstresser is now in the European sector. Roy's address is Co. C, 771 Tank Battalion, APO 403, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.

EUROPEAN CHAFER CONTROL

Mr. A. C. Mason of the Japanese Beetle Control Laboratory at Moorestown, N. J., has arrived at the Station for a month's collaboration with Doctor Gambrell on a cooperative experiment on the control of the European chafer in balled nursery stock.

TOBACCO BY-PRODUCTS

A group of men from the research department of the Tobacco By-Products and Chemical Corporation of Richmond, Va., spent yesterday at the Station and nearby points inspecting experimental work on the control of insect pests. Today and tomorrow, the group, accompanied by workers from the College and the Station, will visit orchards and vineyards in the western part of the State where control experiments are under way.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED

The final count shows that the Station contributed \$109 to help swell "Our Boys Fund" to nearly a fifty per cent over-subscription for Geneva as a whole.

TO BRIDGE THE GAP

And apropos of financial campaigns, this week's effort is being directed toward the "Development Fund" for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The immediate objective of the fund is to help finance the local colleges over the transition period from the Navy V-12 program to a wholly civilian operation. A committee comprised of Dr. Breed, Dr. Suit, Dr. Chapman, Dr. Kertesz, and Mr. Lockett is representing the Station in the campaign.

MORE POSSUMS???

Speculation on how an especially choice-looking lot of peaches disappeared from the basement of Hedrick Hall yesterday noon included the possibility of an invasion of a whole family of possums--only there weren't even any pits left this time. The fruit was the entire product of a tree which bore for the first time this season, and it had not yet been appraised and described by the pomologists. The basket was doubtless picked up by mistake, and even if only a few specimens are left and can be returned to the Pomology Division, it will be greatly appreciated by the fruit specialists.

HE'S VERSATILE

We have it on good authority that at a recent field day for editors and radio broadcasters staged by the New Jersey College of Agriculture, Prof. Bristow Adams, Editor of publications at the College at Ithaca, identified correctly all of a collection of 22 farm seed, including three dlovers. Also, the guests were shown enlarged sketches of six insects, and six plants on which these insects feed. They were asked to name the insect and the host plant. BA was the only one who named all the insects, all the plants, and all the combinations without error. He fell down on the generic name for the common bean, but has looked it up since and will not be caught on that one again.
