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DOCTOR DAVIS

The appointment of Doctor John F. Davis as Assistant Professor in Vegetable Crops, effective December 1st, has been announced by the Director. The position is a new one created by the Trustees of Cornell University as part of the program of development of the research program at the Station. Doctor Davis comes here from the University of Delaware where he has held the position of Associate Agronomist for the past year. Reared on a farm near Sandusky, Mich., Doctor Davis graduated from Michigan State College with high honors in 1933 and received the Ph. D. degree from the same institution in 1943. Following a brief connection with the Texas A. & M. College, he returned to Michigan State College in 1934 where he served as research assistant in soils until he went to the University of Delaware. His work here at the Station will involve studies of plant-deficiency symptoms, soil deficiencies, and fertilizer requirements of canning crops. Doctor Davis is married and has two children.

APPLE JUICE

Mr. Beattie left yesterday with representatives of the New York and New England Apple Institute for Fleetwood, Pa., near Reading, to inspect a large installation for the pressing of apple juice. The party is also planning to visit the U. S. Regional Laboratory near Philadelphia today.

MRS. CONWAY

Mrs. Rita Conway, formerly of Elizabeth, N. J., has been appointed to the position in the Vegetable Crops Division vacated by Miss Lucile Holtby.

FROM FRANCE

We are indebted to Doctor George Oberle for the opportunity to see a letter from Major Ed Smith, the first communication from Ed in a long time. Writing from somewhere in France, Ed says in part, "In general things over here seem to be going our way, but I think there's still quite a bit of fighting to be done. I wish this demobilization talk could be confined to the U. S. until the job over here is completed. The apples in the orchards here are getting ripe and I can assure you that it takes nothing short of a war to make an ex-New York State Experiment Station pomology fan appreciate their quality. As a source of cider much more can be said for them, but its 'first come, first served' and the supply was somewhat depleted when we arrived."

FROM ITALY

Another interesting letter has been received from Dorothy Carson who is with the Red Cross in Italy. She writes that the summer heat is over and now they are beginning to dread the "muddy" season. "You wouldn't think that a town with paved streets and not even lawns (the houses come right to the edge of the sidewalk) could possibly get so muddy," she writes, "but the wagons of the Italians lumber thru town all day long, and all night too, and their wheels, having gotten clogged up with mud out in the country, start shedding their mud as soon as they hit the pavement and it is tracked thru town. I can see where I'll have to find myself a pair of G. I. boots. We have rain almost every day and I don't know what we would do without our little silly car that barely runs but it still has an engine and a roof and that is something." She also tells of a contemplated trip to Rome.

FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

Several members of the Station Staff will be in Rochester next Saturday afternoon and evening for a meeting of the Western New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists which is to be held at the Hotel Seneca. Doctor Hucker is program chairman and Doctor Frank Lee is Secretary-Treasurer of the Section. Among the speakers will be Doctor Kertesz who will discuss "Recent Research on the Industrial Application of Pectin" and Doctor Faith Fenton of the College of Home Economics who will talk on "Vitamin Retention in Mass Feeding of Fruits and Vegetables."

MR. BRAILLOW

Mr. Wellington received word the other day that Mr. Alexander Brailow had been named manager of the Penn Yan Winery and the Hammondsport distillery of the R. C. Williams Wineries, Inc. Mr. Brailow, an authority on all matters pertaining to grapes, spent some time in the Pomology Division here following his arrival in this country from France early in 1941. He was also associated for a while with the late Dr. H. R. Carveth in the latter's enterprise at Lewiston, N. Y.

ON THE SICK LIST

Mr. L. C. Pedersen, who does a lot of night watching around the Station, is laid up with a severe attack of rheumatism. Mr. Christensen is making the rounds in his stead.

PRIVATE WALLACE

Private Floyd Wallace was a recent visitor at the Station when he called on his former associates in the Entomology Division. Floyd is with the field artillery and was enroute from Camp Bragg in North Carolina to Camp Chaffee in Arkansas.

FROM SAMPSON

Mr. Maurice Sullivan, park naturalist for the Acadian National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine, spent part of his first boot "liberty" from the Sampson Naval Training Center here at the Station last Monday looking over Doctor Tukey's dwarf fruit trees and other horticultural plantings.

OTHER VISITORS

Among other recent visitors to the Station were Dr. W. C. Dutton and Dr. Allen of the Dow Chemical Company of Midland, Mich., who have been spending two or three days calling on the entomologists, plant pathologists, and horticulturists in connection with a number of investigations under way here.

MRS. ANDREW D. WHITE

The death of Mrs. Andrew D. White, the widow of the first president of Cornell, occurred at Kittery Point, Me., last Saturday. Mrs. White was in her ninety-first year. Dr. Andrew D. White, who died in 1918, became president of Cornell in 1865, when the University was incorporated, and retired in 1885. Upon his retirement he was named U. S. Minister to Germany and later served in a similar capacity in Russia, and again in Germany for five years as our ambassador to that country. Burial was in Ithaca following services in the University chapel.

COUNT THE KIDS

Station families are requested to stand the youngsters up in a row and count all those 12 years of age or less so that when a representative of the Station Club's Christmas party committee takes a census for Santa Claus the figures will be available. Wartime shortages being what they are, Santa is planning to do his Christmas shopping for the Station youngsters well ahead of the date set for the Christmas party by Mrs. Carruth and her committee, namely, Tuesday, December 19th.
