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THE BIG FREEZE

The freezing temperatures of the past week led to numerous inquiries and much speculation regarding the damage done to fruit buds. So far as the Station fruit plantings are concerned, it is reported that sweet cherries are practically all gone and that sour cherries suffered some injury. Some apples also were injured, but peaches and other fruits were unharmed. The pomologists are keeping all of their fingers crossed, however, as we are not yet past the critical period for killing frosts. The lowest temperature last week in Station plantings was 24 degrees.

A MONTH AHEAD

The precipitous onset of spring weather has been giving the entomologists plenty of headaches in trying to keep ahead of the developing fruit buds. At this time the pre-pink sprays are going on apples, fully a month ahead of the usual schedule. As for the bugs themselves, the entomologists have not as yet observed anything unusual in the way of winter survival of any of the major fruit pests.

PUSHED ON PLANTING

The plant pathologists are also being pushed around by the warm weather, with the setting out of their selected cabbage seed stocks and cabbage seed beds fully two weeks ahead of schedule and with the experimental pea plantings going in with a rush. They are also somewhat concerned about the rapid development of apple scab spores and the prospects of a much longer period than usual for spore discharge which will add to the perils of fruit growing.

DISCUSSED PROGRAMS

Professors Hoffman, Boynton, Smock, and Southwick spent last Wednesday at the Station conferring with members of the Pomology Division on the research program at Ithaca and Geneva for the coming season.

NAMED ASSOCIATE REFEREE

Frank Kokoski was recently appointed Associate Referee by the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists to study existing methods and to devise new methods on protein evaluation in fish and animal products.

DR. YOUNG HERE

Doctor J. O. Young in charge of agricultural research for Libby, McNeil, and Libby, with headquarters in Blue Island, Ill., spent Monday at the Station conferring with Professor Sayre and Doctor Shafer on cabbage investigations under way in the Vegetable Crops Division. Doctor Young was associated at one time with Doctor Tukey.

MRS. THATCHER MOVING

A recent communication from Mrs. R. W. Thatcher tells of her plans to give up her apartment in Amherst and make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Barber, in Arlington, Mass. The Barbers have purchased a new home in Arlington and hope to move in early in June. In the meantime, Mrs. Thatcher can be reached in care of Mrs. E. E. Barber, 11 Pelham Terrace, Arlington, Mass.

DR. MAY TO SPEAK

Doctor Arthur May of the History Department, University of Rochester, will discuss Dumbarton Oaks at an open meeting sponsored by the Geneva League of Women Voters in the Woman's Building next Tuesday, April 17, at 8:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MISS DIEDERICK MARRIED

Miss Margaret Diederick was married last Sunday afternoon to Mr. Robert Hawksley, Sp. (W) 1/c, of Kingston, N. Y. The couple will reside in Geneva and Mrs. Hawksley will continue with her work in Doctor Sanborn's laboratory.

NEEDED FOR BINDING

The following publications, missing from the Library files, are urgently needed for binding:

Journal American Medical Assoc., Vol. 126, No. 6, Oct. 7, 1944.
Chemical Abstracts, Vol. 38, No. 11, June 10, 1944.
Florist's Exchange, Vol. 104, No. 9, March 1945.
Flower Grower, March, 1945.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Mary C. Ray of Sanford, N. C., arrived in Geneva last Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. George Hervey.

CERES CIRCLE

The April meeting of Ceres Circle will be held next Wednesday, April 18th, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Sayre--please note change of meeting place--at 3:30 p. m., with Miss Florence Stewart of the Lochland School as the guest speaker. Mrs. Kertes is program chairman and Mrs. Sayre hostess.

CAPT. BILL HAYNES MOVES

We are indebted to Mrs. Haynes for information about Bill's transfer from a large base hospital in New Guinea to "somewhere" in the Philippines. That "somewhere" is not too hard to guess, altho Captain Haynes could not name the spot in his letters. After being packed up and waiting for three months for transportation, his outfit was finally put to sea on March 13th. Continuing his story, he writes, "In the part of the city we traversed the destruction was tremendous. There is not a single building that has escaped....The population seems to be about 75 per cent children. At noon today after eating chow I met a bunch of Filipino boys with pails. They were asking for all the food we had left on our plates. When got enough they sat down and ate it. Some say that they get enough to eat, but that they like army food better. We are now quartered in a large, airy, clean, beautiful academy. We will go into operation immediately, but we'll only live in the buildings until our tents are put up. Only patients and nurses can live 'under cover'...There are many automobiles on the streets here, many of them are quite new in appearance. Another means of transportation you see a lot are pony carts. Too, there are contraptions composed of a bicycle with a side car or a front car. Two passengers ride in the car and a man peddles. The traffic problem is pretty much in the same state as in New York City about 5 p. m. There are thousands of people on the streets." Captain Haynes has charge of sanitation around the hospital and acts as bacteriologist in the laboratory. Corporal Robert Clise is also known to be in the Philippines, having participated in the Luzon invasion as a member of the ground forces with the Air Corps.

WE KNOW WHAT HE MEANS

"Get Your Honey Early" reads the caption to a story in last week's Extension Echoes telling about the shortage in the State's maple syrup crop. At first we thought that Cornell's forester, Professor Cope, had added something new to his maple sugar project until we read on about the maple sap supply being only 25 per cent normal this year. Possibly Echoes' editor was confused by the humming of the bees outside his window as he ground out the week's grist of news.
