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FOOD PROCESSORS

Dean Myers was guest speaker at the meeting of the Western New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists at the Hotel Seneca in Rochester last Friday, when he discussed the cost of raw products for processing this coming season before some hundred members of the Institute. Doctor Frank Lee is Secretary of the Section and W. D. Pheteplice, vice president of the Pfaudler Company of Rochester, is Chairman.

STORMY WEATHER

The Station fruit men are about as much disturbed over the rainy weather as they have been about the threat of severe frost the past few days. The continued cold and rain interfere with proper pollination, which may be as serious a factor in limiting fruit production as frost injury. All is not yet lost, they say, but it is still a touch and go situation with respect to fruit prospects.

PRUNING TOMATOES

Professor Sayre reports an unusual display of interest in the account of his experiments with pruned tomato plants which appears in the current issue of Farm Research. Communications have been received from many unexpected quarters and as far away as Oregon, commenting on similar experiences and asking for more details.

GRAPE GRAFTING

Doctor Shaulis returned from the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia over the weekend for a two-day stay in Geneva to carry on some grape grafting work here. He expects to spend most of his time during the next few months at the Vineyard Laboratory.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME

Doctor J. F. Davis and family have moved into their new home at 93 Hillcrest Avenue.

STUDYING NURSERY STOCK

Mr. A. C. Mason of the U. S. Japanese Beetle Control Laboratory at Moorestown, N. J., is spending several days at the Station conducting cooperative investigations with Doctor Gambrell on certain insect pests of nursery stocks.

MEET THE TWINS

Word was received in the Chemistry Division last week of the arrival of twins-- Caroline and Juliet--to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tressler. Mr. Tressler, formerly a member of the Chemistry Division is now employed by the National Cannery Association in Washington, D. C.

OLD PRINTS

Thanks to Frank Bowen, we have been able to procure copies of two old prints of Station buildings back in the 1880's. One shows a group of barns which have long since disappeared and another shows the present Entomology Building apparently at about the time it was acquired by the State. An iron fence that matched the iron work around the porches and cupola of the building is shown enclosing the building and grounds.

EXTENSION SERVICE BY AIR

Taking a look ahead--tho probably not so very far ahead, at that--Extension Echoes reports on an interview with Professor Montgomery Robinson on the outlook for travel by air by Extension specialists. Here are some of the questions and Monty's answers:

Do you expect Extensioners will travel by air in the future? Yes--to some extent. Why not?

Is it possible that the College will maintain a fleet of planes similar to the fleet of cars now maintained? Not soon on a "drive-it-yourself" basis; maybe one or two. Need someone along to bring 'em down to earth!

Do you expect Extensioners will themselves pilot a plane, or will licensed pilots be hired? We may have experienced pilots on our staff after V-J Day; some already in sight.

Do you suppose Extensioners might have a schedule something like this in the future? Morning on Long Island, afternoon at Penn Yan, and evening in Broome County? Nope. but to get to Riverhead the same day you leave Ithaca would be quite a help.

Would you expect more or fewer Extension meetings in an air age? Fewer of some sorts, more of others. Could be many more farm visits if landing strips are constructed along main highways, or planes are used that can land and take off in any open field.

When asked if he thought Harry Griffin (chauffeur for the Dean and others at the College and a familiar figure around the Station) would be as good in the air as he is on the ground, Monty said that Harry "isn't interested".
