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DATES

Dates—the edible kind—formed the subject of an interesting impromptu discussion at a hastily called Staff meeting last Thursday when Doctor Walter Reuther, senior horticulturist at the U. S. Date Garden at Indio, Calif., told of the experimental work underway on dates and described and illustrated with colored slides the steps in commercial date production.

EXTENSION SERVICE CONFERENCE

The annual conference of County Agents and other Extension Workers to be held in Ithaca next week will include several members of the Station Staff who will review the recent findings in their special fields.

TO ADDRESS GRANGE

Director Heinicke will make the usual report to the State Grange on the work of the Experiment Station when that group meets in Rochester next week. As one of the farm organizations that fathered the experiment station movement back in the '70's which led to the organization of this Station, the Grange has always had a paternal interest in the growth and development of its protege and calls for a report from the Director each year.

A VISITOR FROM NORWAY

Olav Einset, father of John Einset of the Pomology Division, arrived in Geneva last week from the family home in Norway. Mr. Einset is in the United States under the auspices of the Norwegian government to procure insecticides and fungicides, a mission almost identical with the one that brought him to the Experiment Station for the first time nearly 25 years ago. The contacts he made at that time led to his employment in July, 1923, as an assistant in the Pomology Division, a position he held until his retirement and return to Norway in 1939. Welcome back to Geneva, Olav!

CERES CIRCLE

The Ceres Circle Christmas Party will be held at the Director's residence next Wednesday, December 12th, at 3:30 p. m., with Administration and the Vegetable Crops Division in charge. All those attending the party are requested to bring a 10-cent store gift for a child, to be distributed by the Salvation Army. There will be no formal program, but there will be an opportunity for those present to help Santa get ready for the Station Christmas party on December 17th; also, there may be time to work on that Christmas sewing or knitting between sips of tea.

MOVING TIME

It is moving day for the Shafers and the Brooks's, if and when the moving van can pick up their belongings and transport them to their new homes. Dr. and Mrs. Shafer are moving into an apartment at 405 Washington Street and Dr. and Mrs. Brooks and children to 523 West North Street.

ARRIVED

Prof. R. W. Bledsoe and his family arrived in Geneva in the midst of the season's first snow storm--a pretty rough reception for folks coming from Florida. Professor Bledsoe side-stepped comments on the weather by saying that the children liked it anyway. They will move into the house formerly occupied by the Beatties as soon as their household goods arrive.

LUXURIOUS QUARTERS

Word coming back to Geneva from the Beatties tells of such luxurious quarters in their New York hotel that Station folks who find themselves stranded in the Big City at any time might do well to keep the Beattie address in mind. At any rate, we are sure the Beatties will give them a warm welcome-if not a spare room.

MRS. KISSELL

Word has been received at the Station of the death of Mrs. Gertrude Kissel formerly connected with the National Canners Association laboratory in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Kissell served as the chief instructor in the mold counting school held here for the past eight years under the auspices of the New York State Canners Association.

STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Just a reminder of the meeting of the Geneva Chapter, State Employees Association, to be held in Jordan Hall on Tuesday, December 11th, at 8:00 p. m., with Mr. Harland Craver, president of the Newark Chapter, as the speaker. Mr. Tapley heads up the refreshment committee for the evening.

DISCRIMINATION

Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, New York lawyer and one of five Commissioners appointed by Governor Dewey on the State Commission Against Discrimination, has accepted an invitation to speak in Geneva. Sponsored jointly by Hobart and William Smith Colleges and the Geneva League of Women Voters, this lecture will be free to the public, and will be held in Coxe Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 14. Mrs. Simon's subject will be "New York State Policies and Activities in Relation to Discrimination in Employment."

FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

Several members of the Division of Food Science and Technology attended a meeting of the local branch of the Institute of Food Technologists held in Rochester last Friday evening. Professor Fred Tanner of the University of Illinois was the speaker, and brought a word of greeting from Fred, Jr., of the Northern Regional Laboratory at Peoria, Ill., to his former associates at the Station.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

The engagement of Miss Alice King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. King, to Lt. (j. g.) Edward H. Smith, USNR., of Granville, Ohio, was announced last week. Miss King is now employed at the Navy Department in Washington and Lt. Smith, who received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is at present stationed at the Navy Department in Washington.
