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GRAFTED GRAPES

Professor Wellington and Mr. Carleton spent yesterday at the Soil Conservation Service field station at Big Flats inspecting a large number of grafted grapes prepared earlier in the season for use in a grape planting program in that area. One of the objects of the project is to get grapes onto rootstocks better adapted to prevailing soil conditions in the region.

FOOD PROCESSING

Doctor Lee and Doctor Pederson took part in a meeting of the Central New York and Ontario Section of the Institute of Food Technology in Syracuse last Friday when problems relating to the quick freezing and canning of foods were discussed. Professor James B. Sumner of Cornell University, recently awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry, was guest of honor and told of some of his experiences while in Sweden to receive the award. Doctor Lee is secretary of the Section and Doctor Pederson is a member of the council.

FOOD SANITATION

Doctor Breed and Doctor Hucker are to appear before members of the local association of restaurateurs in the Chamber of Commerce this evening to discuss sanitation problems with special reference to dish washing and the use of new detergents and sterilizing agents.

JUST OUT

You can read all about flower and vegetable seeds in a new bulletin just received from the printer. It is No. 722 on "The Quality of Flower and Vegetable Seeds on Sale in New York in 1946" by A. B. Buchholz (Dept. of Agr. and Markets) and Professor Munn. Copies may be obtained upon request to the Bulletin Room.

NORWAY THIS TIME

Our foreign delegation for this week comes from Norway. It included Mr. Odvar Lund, Chief of the Horticultural Division, Norwegian Agricultural Ministry, Oslo; G. R. Røncke Moe, representing the Norwegian economic cooperative organizations, also of Oslo; Ove Hamnstad, florist and truck gardener of Frederikstad; and Gunnar Fjelstad, a student from Reilensekar. They were especially interested in seeing the work on fruit breeding, rootstocks, and vegetable crops. They are traveling in a brand-new Cadillac acquired upon their arrival in New York.

TO ALL CONCERNED

The following communication from Douglas Larier is addressed to all who helped out with the visit of his group on April 22nd:

"On behalf of the Biology and Chemistry classes of DeSales High School I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort given by all the people who made our tour of the Experimental Station so interesting. I am sure that all of us will long remember the day. We could not help but benefit from the many talks and demonstrations given us by all the Doctors and their assistants. It was a most interesting day and we all thank you and hope that you will convey our gratitude to the others."

MRS. WARREN

We extend sincere sympathy to Miss Eleanor Warren in the death of her mother, Mrs. Oatley Warren, on April 21st at her home in Booneville, following a long illness.

MRS. SCHILLHOUR

We note with regret the death of Mrs. Schillhour at the home of her son on Universal Avenue last Monday. Mrs. Schillhour was the widow of the late Fred Schillhour, a former Station employee, and the sister of Martin Hoi.

REUNION

Leslie Hawthorn, special agent for the U. S. Department of Agriculture on vegetable crops and now stationed at Logan, Utah, paid a brief visit to former associates here last week. Leslie worked on vegetable varieties here as a member of the old Division of Horticulture prior to the creation of the present Division of Vegetable Crops, and helped on the preliminaries for the vegetable books. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

BENNETT-GOODMAN

Miss Muriel Bennett of the Seed Division was married on Monday to Gerald Lee Goodman in St. Francis Church in Phelps. Our congratulations and best wishes! Mrs. Goodman will continue in her position in the seed testing laboratory.

WELL REPRESENTED

Station personnel ran the show the other day when Company K of the National Guard held an inspection with Lt. Crosier as acting company commander following the death of Captain Licht, and with Captain Cain as the inspecting officer.

IT WORKED

Mention of Charlie Sayre's "early" gardening activities demonstrated that some folks do read the NEWS. The ink wasn't dry on last week's sheet before the protests began coming in--to the professor and to us. It seems that everybody, except ourselves, has their garden work well along; in fact, to hear some tell it they are practically living out of their gardens by this time. Henry Bennett tops the lot, but then Henry admits himself that his sandy soil is always "early". He is not willing to let the professor get away with any claims, however, when he has peas, beets, carrots, chard, spinach, and lettuce "way up". Well, Charlie's lettuce is showing!

TALENT HUNT

There is still room for additional members of that proposed Station orchestra. Miss Ward will welcome volunteers in all departments, especially a drummer. How about it?

IN AND OUT

Doctor Hucker claims some sort of record for his recent tour of duty as president of the Geneva Country Club. Elected by the Board of Directors one evening, he was a "past" president within 24 hours, having served out his term and retired.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Or rather within the Seed Division. Two stories in the Geneva Daily Times recently tell of the disappearance of Claude Heit's car (later recovered) from a downtown parking lot and of the quick thinking of Miss Cullinan who noticed the peculiar behavior of a young man in the same lot last Saturday night and reported to the police, with the result that the officers "got their man" and that it turned out that he had appropriated Mr. Heit's car, as well as other missing cars. Better not try anything funny around the seed analysts!

WELL, HOW WOULD YOU SPELL IT?

A quantity of mail requesting Station publications was received in the Bulletin Room recently as the result of a radio announcement by a farm news broadcaster who calls himself "Chanticleer". In addition to the conventional spelling of his fanciful name, there were communications addressed to "Chanticlear", "Chanty-Clear", "Chalter Clear", "Chanticlaire", and last but by no means least--"Shantycleer"!