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GRAPE GROWERS MEET

Meeting for the fifth consecutive year, yesterday, the Finger Lakes Grape Growers Convention is rapidly becoming an essential institution for vineyardists in the five grape-growing counties to the south. Dr. Shaulis and Mr. Kimball presented cultural aspects of the Station's research during the past ten years, with emphasis on getting maximum yield from the vine. Dr. Braun presented a discussion on "Dead Arm Disease" in the morning, and made a report on the use of concentrate sprays later in the day. Findings with regard to "Grafted Grapes" were brought to light by Dr. Shaulis in the afternoon session. In addition to the Geneva workers, the grape growers heard reports by College specialists and fellow growers. Several Station people were in the large audience.

STATION SEMINAR TODAY

Coffee will be served fifteen minutes prior to a Station seminar to be given by Dr. Curtis, today, at 4 P.M. The pomologist will present a discussion on "Blossoming in Apples".

SEMINAR AT ITHACA

A Vegetable Crops Seminar at the College of Agriculture tomorrow will feature Dr. Walter Jacob discussing "The Use of the Card Programmed Calculator for Analysis of Variance and Covariance". This calculating machine reportedly reduces calculating time to a small fraction of the time required by calculators currently in use at the Station. A Station car, with Dr. Vittum at the helm, will make the trip to Ithaca tomorrow, and has room for additional passengers.

FOR YOUR FUTURE SECURITY

To make it easier for you to save systematically, it's now possible to join a payroll savings plan for the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. Amounts as small as 50¢ a week (\$1 per paycheck) can be deducted from your paycheck at the source, this amount to be applied toward the purchase of government savings bond, in the denomination which you designate. Increased amounts, in multiples of 50¢, are encouraged. Cards have been distributed to Station employees and those desirous of participating in the plan are asked to return the cards to the Director's office, as soon as convenient. Cards should be dated for April 1st in order to take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

MORNING REPORT

We're sorry to report that our sicklist is exceptionally long this week. Gay Swetland of the Fredonia Lab is hospitalized at Dunkirk with low blood pressure and a chest complaint. Gay isn't feeling at all chipper and we hope to report better tidings next week....Pauline Jennings is convalescing in a Rochester hospital following an operation over the weekend. She hopes to return to her home by the end of this week....Prof. Howe hasn't yet recovered from a back and leg ailment which has put him out of commission for several days....And Leo Klein's progress report follows a pattern very similar to that of a year ago. He's having his ups and downs and the latest report is a down....On the brighter side, Bill Schroeder is again roaming the halls of Hedrick (at a decelerated pace). Seems to be feeling pretty fair but will continue to take things easy.

NEW SEED BULLETIN

Bulletin No. 760, entitled "The Quality of Seeds on Sale in New York" has arrived from the printer and is available for distribution. The new bulletin deals with laboratory and field tests completed in 1953.

FEED AND FERTILIZER MEETING

Dr. Avens has left for Albany where he will take part in a Feed and Fertilizer Conference with State Department of Agriculture officials today.

RESERVISTS HEAR ABOUT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Members of the Navy and Air Force Reserve in Geneva met at Hobart College last night to hear Dr. Kertesz discuss the functioning of the various Technical Assistance Programs, as observed during his FAO tour in Ceylon. The speaker slanted his talk toward relationships with military programs.

BABIES GALORE

There must have been a bargain sale on baby boys recently, judging from stork reports from Station alumni. Down at Great Neck, Long Island, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stepanek have been blessed with son #4. Both mother and father were Station employees in Veg Crops about five or six years ago....Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Maples of Geneva are also boasting a son, born last week. Bruce helped out in FS&T a few years ago....And the stork flew over Kansas, too. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Goertzen (former assistant in Pomology) are happy about the arrival of son Kenby a short while back. Lung trouble or no, the cigar business must be flourishing these days.

VISITORS

Mr. Louis Stevens of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company met with members of Entomology and Plant Path on Monday to discuss research work involving new agricultural chemicals....Two Shell Company representatives visited Entomology last week. They were Dr. E. F. Feichtmeir of Denver and Dr. Carl Monroe of Modesto, Calif.

FARM BUREAU MEETINGS

Doctors Hamilton and Lienk met with fruit growers at their winter school in Morton, yesterday. Today, Doctors Glass and Smith are serving as "instructors" at the same school....Thursday and Friday, similar meetings will be held at Williamson and Red Creek, with participation by the same three entomologists....Prof. Sayre was in Sheridan, yesterday, at a meeting for tomato growers, and Dr. Barton will meet with farm bureau members in Wyoming County, today....Next Tuesday, the village of Brant will be the scene of the annual Erie County small fruits school. Listed on the speaking program are Professors Taschenberg, Curtis, Braun, and Slate.

PARKING AGAIN

With more automobiles in use, and with many new people having joined the Station caravan, we've been asked to again remind those who park behind Sturtevant Hall to leave adequate free space at the ends of the parking rows. Several early-comers have experienced difficulty in driving out of the parking area because insufficient passage-way was left by later-comers. Remember, when you park, not to block anyone's exit. Leave room at the end of the rows.

C.S.E.A. MEETING FRIDAY

A meeting of local Civil Service Employees Association members has been called for Friday evening at 8:00 in the Conference Room of Jordan Hall. A report on the Albany meeting will be given and the members will also receive the report of the nominating committee.

CHIT CHAT

The name of Guilford Mack has been drawn for possible jury duty at Canandaigua....Ernest Sondheimer has been called to New York City by the death of his aunt....Beezy Peck successfully met his qualifying examination at the College of Agriculture on Monday. The final hurdle standing between him and a Ph D is his thesis....After several weeks of hoofing it, Jim Hamilton is again mechanized. Replacing his banged up Mercury is a spanking red-and-ivory version which-nobody-better-park-too-close-to-which...."Mayor" of Geneva on last week's Boy Scout Day was Bill Heit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Heit. After his brief taste of politics, Bill Heit reiterated his preference for a career at the Experiment Station. Bully for you, Billy.

BRIDGE PARTY FRIDAY

Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Station bridge players will again pit their wits in the Museum of Jordan Hall. Those planning to attend are asked to notify either Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Gilmer, Mr. Wishnetsky, or Mr. Jones.

The Farm Journal has let the secret out of the bag. In print for all to read is the fact that "...an editor always calls himself 'we' so he can print what he likes, and the readers will think there are too many of him to lick".
