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FOOD PROCESSING BUILDING APPROVED

Word from the Associated Press in Albany reveals that a green light has been given on the Station's long-sought Food Processing Building. An amount of \$1,800,000 has been included in the approved budget and requires no further executive action. Drawing up of specifications and request for bids will be the next step and, barring any undue delays, the ground-breaking operations may get underway this year.

A SALUTE TO THE RETIRING WORKERS

The largest group of Station workers to retire simultaneously was feted in a reception in Jordan Hall on Friday afternoon. About 200 fellow workers, wives, retired employees, and guests from Ithaca, formed a queue which well nigh knotted itself in the Museum Room. Jessie Sperry, Mabel Sperry, James Harlan, and Roy Smith, were the guests of honor and some words of tribute were spoken by Director Heinicke. Refreshments were provided and served by a long list of people who comprised Miss Holtby's committee. Though the two retiring gentlemen are still in our midst, the Misses Sperry wound up their service at the Station on Friday afternoon.

MEET THE DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY

Now holding the fort in the front office is Miss Lucile Holtby who has moved across the street from her job as stenographer for the entomologists to become secretary to the Director. Miss Holtby first came to the Station in 1935 and served on a federal project under Dr. Gorsline. Transferring to the War Department later, she remained in this general area as her work took her to Ithaca and to the Seneca Ordnance Depot. In 1942 Lucile returned to the Station signing on as stenographer in Vegetable Crops. She joined the Entomology Department in 1947. We congratulate her and wish her all kinds of success in her many-faceted responsibilities.

STAMINATE SEEDLING

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Einset upon the birth of Peter Olav, which occurred at one minute before midnight on March 4th. Mother and son are expected home from the hospital today. Incidentally, the Einsets will be featuring a double-header birthday party each year from now on because little Peter arrived as a literal last-minute birthday present for big sister Anne.

STATISTICIAN TO SPEAK HERE FRIDAY

Professor Walter Jacob, statistician in Veg Crops at the College of Agriculture, will speak to staffmembers on Friday afternoon at 1:30 in the Staff Room. His talk will be an encore of the seminar he gave at the College recently--"The Use of the Card Programmed Electronic Calculator for Handling Analyses of Experimental Data". All staff members concerned with statistical analysis are urged to attend.

ANNUAL TREK

Professors Braun and Slate are making their annual extension trip to the Hudson Valley and Long Island this week. They'll appear on the program of Small Fruit Schools in several localities.

TO ATTEND MASSACHUSETTS MEETING

It'll be a busman's holiday for Professor Sayre on Friday when he takes time out from his vacation to participate in the agronomy meeting of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange in West Springfield, Mass. The Station scientist will appear on the speaking program.

SIGMA XI ELECTS

Dr. A. C. Davis will succeed Dr. Holley as Chairman of the local branch of the Sigma Xi Society when the group embarks on its 1954-55 season. Election results have given executive committee posts to Dr. Smith and Dr. Wagenknecht.

BOW-WOW BUSINESS

If the Station grounds were boycotted by the canine kingdom yesterday, it was probably due to the fact that the county's dog wardens were meeting in considerable number for a conference in Jordan Hall.

Leslie Whitton, graduate assistant in Pomology, is one step closer to his doctor's degree by virtue of the successful mastery of his qualifying examination at Ithaca on Friday.

ADDRESSES SCOUTER MEETING

Conservation is this month's Scouting theme and, along that line, the Finger Lakes Boy Scout Council met last night to hear Mr. Heit explain the role of trees in a conservation program. The Station specialist described the various species which are used for reforestation purposes and the proper procedure for the successful completion of a tree-planting project.

EUROPEAN OBSERVATIONS

Last Thursday's meeting of the Lion's Club in Waterloo heard Dr. Crosier comment on his recent trip to Europe. The speaker described the progress made by various countries in their recovery from World War II.

UNWELCOME GUESTS

"Sharecroppers in Your Garden" was the title of an illustrated lecture presented at the Episcopal Church in Canandaigua last night. Dr. Ed Smith was the "prosecutor" and the members of the Canandaigua Garden Club made up the receptive audience.

INTRODUCING PLANT INTRODUCTION

Dr. Dolan made a trip to New England last week to give two seminars which served to acquaint plant science students with the organization and purpose of the Plant Introduction Project. On Tuesday, Dr. Dolan addressed a group at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, and on Wednesday he gave the same topic to students at the University of Massachusetts.

PLANT INTRODUCTION RESIGNS

Doctor's orders have forced the resignation of Miss Arline Smith as stenographer for the NE-9 project. Arline came to the Station in 1952 as joint stenographer for Veg Crops and Plant Path. With the inception of the Northeastern project, she moved across the hall to her new duties. She is tentatively planning a trip to more southerly climes.

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES TO BALLOT

The Geneva Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association is engaged in its annual election and ballots must be returned to Prof. Munding before March 20th. Two candidates have been nominated for practically every office. For president, members must choose between Lloyd Weir who has been a Station employee since the opening of the Central Heating Plant and serves as fireman; and Willard Crosier, associate professor in Seed Investigations. Nominated for the office of vice-president are Joseph Pettrone of the Station maintenance section, and John Natti, assistant professor in Plant Path. Prof. Hofer of FS&T opposes John Chimera of the Heating Plant for the secretary's position and Tony Bruni of the Pomology field crew is pitted against his co-worker, John Shannon, for custody of the till. In addition to these officers, members will also exercise a choice in electing eight members to the executive council.

CLASSIFIED

Note of Appreciation: The guests of honor at last Friday's reception in Jordan Hall wish to express their gratitude of the thoughtfulness which was shown to them.

Whodunit? Someone recently requested an inter-library loan of back issues of Organic Gardening. The record fails to reveal who requested them and the volumes have been received at the Library. Please contact Prof. Luckett.

Badminton notice: Due to another activity, there will be no badminton tonight at the North Street School.

Room for rent: Miss Holland (Entomology) has a room which she would like to let. Kitchen facilities are available if desired. The address is 179 High St.

Notary service available: The NEWS recently commented that the Station would be without the services of a notary public for the time-being. We stand corrected as we learn that Mr. Bruni is an authorized notary. He will be happy to provide his services to Station people.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Otis Curtis, heading up the Red Cross fund drive at the Station, reported that 80% of the goal had been achieved at yesterday noon's report luncheon. The Station's objective this year is \$405, as compared to a total solicitation of \$535 realized last year.

CHIT CHAT

Dr. Skerman, visiting Australian, will leave Geneva for Michigan at the end of the week....The Lienk family will use up the rest of Sig's vacation in Canada and Chicago before the fiscal year runs out at the end of this month....Acknowledging receipt of several Station bulletins, Mr. Y. Shima, sends a note of thanks from the President's Office at Hokkaido University--"with best regards to Professors Howe, Schroeder, Hervey, Gunkel, Glass, Chapman, and Palmiter."

The man who got up at dawn to see the sunrise couldn't have picked a better time.--Marful News