



STATION NEWS

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ANDERSON RETIRES

Professor Lester C. Anderson, better known as "Andy", has requested retirement as of May 1st. Professor Anderson began work with the Station May 1, 1927, when he was appointed Associate in Research and assigned to duty at the Station's fruit investigations laboratory in the Hudson Valley. The Andersons make their home at Claverack where Andy met and married Lucie Chapman. They have one son, a fruit grower. Andy entered the University of Rochester in 1916, but World War I soon caught up with him and after two years in the Army he entered Cornell University where he graduated in 1922 with the B. S. degree. His first job out of college was a two-year stint with the Western New York Fruit Growers of Rochester. This was followed by a year of research work on problems relating to the transportation of bananas from the Tropics to New York City which entailed considerable travel in Central America. In the spring of 1925, Andy began County Agent work in Seneca County and then moved to Rockland County. His wide acquaintance among Hudson Valley fruit growers and his understanding of their problems made him a natural selection for the cooperative work which the Station has long carried on in that area. Unfortunately, because of his residence in the Valley, Andy's colleagues here at Geneva for the most part have not had an opportunity to know him and to enjoy his genial personality. Presumably he will now become a "grower" and hence a "customer" to whom we shall delight to send bulletins and Farm Research. We also extend our best wishes for continued health and happiness.

AS YOU WERE

A ruling from the Business Office at Cornell University states that payroll deductions for the payment of hospital insurance premiums will not be made by the University. The earlier announcement of a deduction plan for State employees was made by the Civil Service Employees Association but the policy is not applicable to employees of the State Colleges and Experiment Stations. Another plan to gain the same end is currently being studied by University officials, however.

X-RAY REQUESTS LAG

Indifference on the part of employees may lead to cancellation of the chest X-ray clinic scheduled for next Tuesday morning. As of this writing, only a handful of the required forms have been called for at the Station Business Office and a whole-hearted response will be necessary in order to keep the visit on the calendar. There is no charge for the X-ray service which is sponsored by the Ontario County Tuberculosis and Health Association. The only requirements are that the necessary form be called for and filled out prior to the visit of the mobile unit. The completed forms must be presented at the time the photograph is taken. Provided the necessary response is forthcoming, the unit will set up for business in the parking lot behind Sturtevant Hall on April 20th from 9:30 A.M. until noon.

THE COMPLEXITIES OF PRICE SUPPORTS

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, Dean W. I. Myers will present a Sigma-Xi sponsored talk on "Problems Involved in Price Supports". Jordan Hall will be the scene of the meeting and the general public is invited to attend. The speaker, in addition to his position as Dean of the College of Agriculture, is serving as Chairman of President Eisenhower's National Agricultural Advisory Commission.

POMOLOGISTS VISIT BELTSVILLE

Various interests commanded the attention of Professors Slate and Tomkins last Thursday and Friday when they engaged in several conferences in the Beltsville-Washington area. Professor Slate met with small fruits specialists at the USDA Station and then joined daffodil enthusiasts in the nation's capitol in organizing the American Daffodil Society. Dr. Tomkins spent his two days visiting specialists at Beltsville and at the University of Maryland.

GENETICS IN A CHANGING WORLD

That is the title of a talk to be given at 8:15 this evening at Ithaca. Dr. Donald F. Jones, professor of genetics at the Connecticut Station, will be the speaker, and the place will be Room M in Olin Hall.

* To facilitate distribution, the required X-ray forms will be enclosed in the April 15th pay envelopes. The form is to be completed and presented when the X-ray is taken.

Word has been received concerning the recent death of Glenn A. Cumings, of the USDA's Ag Engineering staff. Mr. Cumings was well known at the Station, having worked on cooperative experiments with Veg Crops from 1936 to 1946. The work involved studies on placement and utilization of fertilizers in tests at Geneva, Fredonia, and Albion.

VEGETABLE CROPS PRODUCTION

It was a girl for Mr. and Mrs. John Atkin, born at Clifton Springs on Friday morning, and weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz., as a special present on her mother's birthday. Their fourth child and third daughter has been named Erica....And another Veg Crops worker started passing out cigavs later the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Beezy Peck became the parents of Nathan Hiram II, who was born at the Tompkins Memorial Hospital in Ithaca. Junior tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 4 oz. As a matter of interest, this birth marked the 45th time that Henry Bennett has become an uncle.

FS&T SEMINAR TOMORROW

Speaker--Dr. Norman Lawrence; Topic--Studies on the Germination of Aerobic Bacterial Spores; Place--Jordan Hall; Time--7:30 P.M., April 15.

AN INVITE TO CERES MEMBERS

The Women's Agricultural Circle at Cornell extends an invitation to Ceres Circle members to join them in a meeting at Ithaca on May 10th at 2:30 P.M. Tentative plans call for a luncheon at the Statler Hotel. All interested Ceresians should contact Mrs. Heinicke if they plan to attend.

SMALL TALK

Mrs. Austin Wagenknecht and son, Don, will leave Geneva on Friday for a week's trip to New Glarus, Wisconsin, and a visit to the old home town....Mrs. Anne Cook left the Geneva Hospital on Saturday and is completing her recuperation at her Waterloo home....A graduate of the University of Georgia, Bart Fiori, will serve as an assistant to Dr. Glass in Entomology for the spring and summer. Bart will begin graduate work this fall....Dr. Pridham's class in Nursery Propagation paid a visit to the Station yesterday afternoon. The Cornell students heard Mr. Heit discuss the testing and propagation of tree and shrub seeds....Henry Bennett was the speaker at last Friday's meeting of the Manchester Grange. He discussed strawberry growing, with the help of color slides....Ralph Althouse, a representative of the B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company in Cleveland, spent some time with entomologists yesterday....Today, Mr. A. W. Eipper of Cornell's Department of Conservation is scheduled to meet with Director Heinicke and Mr. Carleton in a discussion of experimental projects involving the Station ponds....Dr. Boyle and Dr. Moyer were in New York City on Monday to take a look at some actual construction work of a type being considered for the proposed Food Processing Building....Dr. and Mrs. Hand write from Egypt that they expect to arrive in this country on May 4th....If Leon Jones looks just a bit more official lately, it's because he is now a full-fledged notary public....For eleven straight daybreaks, Don Barton rinsed his fishing lures in the waters of the Seneca without any reward, until two naive rainbows finally took the bait on Sunday morning. It was little enough compensation for his patience, but the gloss was dulled even more when Mrs. Brigetta Stoyla of FS&T ambled in to work the other morning with a 22-incher which she caught down Willard way. The Stoyla's have had so many rainbows this spring that they're getting sick of them!....Leo Klein announces that tonight's badminton meeting will be the final one of the season....Ohio County Ag Agent Harold Ward sends a letter of appreciation to all of the specialists who gave of their time during a recent tour of the greenhouse by an Ohio vegetable group....Dave Rodney writes from Riverside, Calif. "I'm enclosing a small bag of gold dust. I don't know when subscriptions are payable but I don't want to take any chance on missing a single copy of the Station Noose. (Dave never was too good at spelling). Every season is as busy as spring here. We would welcome a good rainy day to get some inside work done. Regards to all."

Willard Robinson picked up a Thesaurus for Progress Report writers while in Washington and feels that it may be useful for some folks who are still working on their 1953 reports (no names mentioned):

- ...a preliminary study of the problem is being made (I am trying to find out what it is all about)
- ...a literature survey of the problem is being made (Someone told me that he thinks there was a paper on a related problem in the Analytical edition of either July 21, 1934, or June 12, 1943. Both of these are at the binders.)
- ...work has been started (Will Corp. promises delivery on the necessary reflux column in two months. All of the vacuum pumps are tied up at the moment)
- ...some delay has been incurred in finding special equipment (no clean 50 ml. beakers)
- ...the final phase of the work is being completed (The reflux column has arrived with 7 of the 8 bubble caps broken, but otherwise in good shape)
- ...a complete tabulation of the results is being made (6 of the 7 observed values will have to be discarded if a straight line is to be obtained)
- ...allowing for experimental error, a good correlation has been obtained (Odds 2 to 1)
- ...a complete report of this work is being written (As soon as the vacuum pump is repaired, we will start all over again)