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PRICE SUPPORTS

The 100 or more persons who attended the meeting of the Geneva Branch of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi in Jordan Hall Monday night are much better informed on the background and implications of price supports for agriculture than if they had to rely on press reports and popular conceptions of the program. Dean Myers in his own down-to-earth technic of presenting the subject clarified many points and put the whole program in its proper perspective. His chief thesis was that the importance of price supports has been greatly exaggerated and that the long-run welfare of farmers depends more on stable price levels, high production, full employment, and increasing output per worker in all of the national economy. A system of flexible supports based on recognition of modern methods of production will aid in the transition from high fixed supports to a free economy, he believes. But the quicker the transition can be made, barring war or some other unforeseen catastrophe, the better for all concerned, he concluded. Dean Myers spent some time in the afternoon visiting with members of the Staff on their research projects.

SIGMA XI AT ITHACA

The Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi will hold a program meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 8:15 p. m. in Lecture Room 115, Franklin Hall, to which all interested persons are invited. The topic--Radio Radiation as a Tool of Astronomical Research. The speaker will be Martha Stahr Carpenter, Associate Professor of Astronomy at Cornell. Among other accomplishments, Professor Carpenter is credited with having compiled the most complete bibliography on terrestrial noise and radio astronomy.

OFF THE PRESS

The 72nd Annual Report and the April issue of Farm Research have been delivered by the printer. Both are available in the Bulletin Room. Farm Research authors from the Station include Szkolnik, Hamilton, Shaulis, Curtis, Adams, Heit, and Vit-tum. The Proceedings of the 99th annual meeting of the New York State Horticultu-ral Society was also delivered by the printer this past week. Contributors to the volume include Doctors Chapman, Dean, Glass, Hamilton, Szkolnik, Lienk, Smith, and Taschenberg.

NEWCOMERS

The folks you have seen working around various Departments since April 1st really belong here, but official confirmation of the fact materialized just last Friday. And so we take pleasure in introducing:
Mrs. Ruby Coe of 82 Cherry Street, Geneva, in the Bulletin Room, replacing Miss Mabel Sperry.
Mrs. Anna Bingman of Waterloo, stenographer in Entomology, filling a vacancy occasioned by Miss Holtby's transfer to Miss Jessie Sperry's post.
Mrs. Virginia Schram, 89 Lewis Street, stenographer in the Pomology Department, filling the post vacated by Mrs. Thurley's transfer to Doctor Dolan's office.
Mrs. Juanita Kuryla of Seneca Falls, stenographer for Plant Pathology and Veg-etable Crops, succeeding Mrs. Barbara Gray.
Mr. Dudley Hayes, 25 South Morrell Avenue, who is serving in the stock room in Food Science in place of Roy Smith.

IN OHIO

Mr. Campbell of the inspection laboratory attended a meeting of the National Association of Feed Microscopists in Columbus, Ohio, last week. A visit to the new inspection laboratories at Ohio State University afforded Bud a preview of what might be expected in the new food science and chemistry building here.

A 1st FOR FS&T

The Food Science Department scored a first for the season so far as the Station is concerned when Jim Moyer and his crew put in an acre of peas on the Loomis farm last Wednesday. They must have been reading the advice put out by the Vegetable Crops Department at the Station about the value of getting 'em in early. Any way they beat the canning crops specialists to the draw, or rather the furrow.

Professional entomology is preening itself this year on one hundred years of insect control, although they admit right off that they haven't succeeded in eliminating even one of the more than 10,000 kinds of insect pests thus far identified. They have made life more bearable for man despite the bugs, however, and expect further triumphs for the future. Recently, a committee on public information of the Entomological Society of America completed a nationwide survey and came up with the statistic that 36 per cent of all requests directed to county agents in the US during the growing season concern insect pests and their control, while during the year about 17 per cent of all requests concern entomology. Incidentally, New York State has a special interest in the centennial in that the first professional entomologist in the US was Dr. Asa Fitch, appointed State Entomologist at Albany, May 4, 1854. Doctor Donald Collins, a native of Geneva and at one time associated with the Station, is the present State Entomologist. In order that the first hundred years may be properly publicized in this area, Doctor Chapman has been named chairman of a State committee to mark the anniversary.

ELMIRA NEXT

The Elmira Rotary Club is the next stop on Doctor Chapman's grand tour with his illustrated talk on man vs. insects. He speaks to the Elmira Club on Friday.

ON SICK LIST

Mrs. Lloyd Weir is in Clifton Springs Sanitarium and Mrs. Nick Varno is undergoing observation at the Geneva General Hospital. Mrs. Ann Cook, we are glad to say, is continuing to make steady improvement at her home from burns received in the chemistry lab last month.

CALLED TO ROCHESTER

Mrs. Anna Bingman of the Entomology Department was called to Rochester last week by the sudden death of her mother-in-law.

FRUIT SCHOOLS

George Slate and John Tomkins are taking part in fruit schools in Herkimer and Oswego counties today and tomorrow.

CERES CIRCLE PLEASE NOTE!

The proposed luncheon of the Agricultural Circle at Ithaca has been cancelled in favor of a tea to be held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Gibson at 2:30 p. m., Monday, May 10th. The Station ladies are cordially invited.

NO DELAY

A post card mailed in Paradise, Calif., April 15th, and addressed simply "Agricultural Experiment Station, New York", was delivered here Monday (April 19th), thanks to the sharpness of the postal clerks. Some one had scribbled across the card "I'll bet you can't find this N.Y.P.O." But they did, right on the dot. And the bulletin the writer wanted is on its way—to Paradise.

AUTHOR VS. EDITOR

The writer of the following is anonymous, but how wise! "Author about Editor: The editor is a composite ogre—a dictionary, and encyclopedia, a log table, an infallible typewriter—and the reason for anything that goes wrong in a report. He is the type of person who would change Lincoln's introductory "Four score and seven years ago" to "87 years ago."

"Editor about Editor: The editor is the long-suffering, patient, guardian angel of the English language; the healer of mutilated sentences, and the builder of coherent paragraphs. He is the reason that the reader understands what the author meant." (Underscoring ours.)

WHO PLAYS WHOM?

If you are visiting a major league or International League city and want to take in a ball game, schedules for the three leagues are on file in the Editor's office. Just one of the many services rendered by that office!
