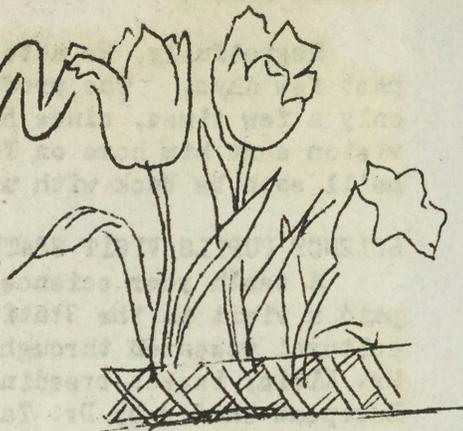




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TO SPEAK AT CHICAGO SYMPOSIUM

"The Use and Limitations of Defrost Indicators for Frozen Foods" is the title of a talk to be given by Dr. Kertesz at a symposium sponsored by the Quartermaster's Food and Container Institute in Chicago on Thursday and Friday. The local specialist developed a chemical indicator a few years ago and the device is being tested by the Quartermaster laboratories. The principle involves a color change in certain chemicals when the storage temperature rises above a predetermined reading.

CIVIL SERVICE MEETING ON FRIDAY

The final meeting of the current year for the local chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association will be held in Jordan Hall at 7:30 on Friday evening. Efforts are being made to engage a speaker from headquarters at Albany. A lunch will be served and chapter officers are extending a special invitation to the lady members to attend.

FOOD PROBLEMS IN FORMOSA

That was the title of a seminar given on Monday by Dr. Hand who returned from a trip to that island a couple of weeks ago. The speaker showed colored slides that he made on his visit and the audience was made up of faculty members and students at the Cornell School of Nutrition.

TO DISCUSS FACULTY POLICY

Several staff members will go to Ithaca tomorrow afternoon to take part in a meeting of the Faculty Policy Committee. Representing the Station on the committee are Director Heinicke, and Professors Hervey, Slate and Smith.

TO SERVE AS ROTARY DELEGATE

Mr. Bigelow, secretary for the Geneva Rotary Club, will be a delegate to the Rotary International Convention in Seattle next month. Mrs. Bigelow and daughter, Beth, will accompany him on the motoring trip to take advantage of a sightseeing vacation through the West. The Bigelows will leave Geneva on Saturday and plan to stop at Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone Park before making the Rotary meeting which will run from June 5th through 10th. En route, "Cap" plans to visit a few Experiment Stations and the family also hopes to pay brief calls on some former Genevans: the Larry Carruths, the Wayne Howes, the Rodneys, the Bevanses, and perhaps a few others as time permits. They'll also take a look at British Columbia before returning to Geneva.

FRUIT TESTING OPERATIONS

Surgery is in the news at the Fruit Testing Association this week. The venerable Pat Handlan submitted to an operation at the Geneva Hospital last week..... And little Patty Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett, finally had that heart operation last Saturday. She's coming along nicely but will have to remain in the Rochester hospital for awhile.

STAFF TO BE MUGGED

The new Photo Lab in the basement of Jordan Hall is nearing completion and one of the first undertakings in prospect will be the photographing of individual staff members. The present photo file is either outdated or incomplete and the Station is frequently called upon for photos of individuals. Sittings will be arranged on an appointment basis as soon as the new photo facilities have been set up.

Regretfully, we note that Prof. Hartzell has been under the weather for the past few days. The professor emeritus has missed his daily stand at the Station only a few times, since his retirement on December 31, 1948. A disorder with his vision sent him home on Thursday of last week but latest reports indicate that he'll soon be back with us.

SCIENCE PUPILS VISIT STATION

A tenth year science class from the Geneva High School, under Mrs. Glasgow, paid a visit to the Station yesterday afternoon. The group learned about horticultural research through talks and demonstrations on grafting and pollination by Mr. Klein, insect-breeding by Miss Holland, biological control measures against the European chafer by Dr. Tashiro, and seed testing by Mr. Patrick.

CORNELL DEDICATES NEW SPORTS ARENA

In informal exercises on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Teagle of Byram, Conn., presented Cornell University with the new sports building to be known as Teagle Hall. Construction of the two-million-dollar structure began two years ago. It is situated adjacent to Schoellkopf Field.

CERES CIRCLE TEA CANCELLED

The guest tea which had been scheduled for May 24th by the Ceres Circle has been cancelled.

SOCIETY COLUMN

The Vittums and the Moyers were among the guests at last Sunday's wedding of Herb Palleson and Miss Janice Shaw in Jacksonville.... Florence Updike is spending two weeks in Indianapolis where she is visiting at the home of her brother.... Miss Marlene Crosier has been selected chairman of the Cornell Women's Voluntary Participation Group which is lending a helping hand to polio victims at the Reconstruction Home in Ithaca.... Mr. and Mrs. Rubert Naslund and daughter of Chicago are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Schroeder. Mrs. Naslund is a sister of Mr. Schroeder.

SPEAKS AT ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

Geneva Rotarians celebrated their 35th anniversary at the Seneca Hotel last week. Among the evening speakers was Dr. George Hucker who has been active for many years in both local and district offices.

VISITORS FROM PHILLY

The processing of peach puree for baby food was discussed with food scientists on Monday when Dr. Claude Hills and Mr. Paul Knierem of the Eastern Regional Laboratory in Philadelphia visited the Station.

CHAFER PROGRESS

The results of several years of research are being utilized by state and federal horticultural inspectors in their efforts to stem an infestation of the European chafer on a plot near the White Springs section. About eight acres of lawn and roadway have been treated with chlordane, according to recommendations made by Dr. Gambrell. This is the only reported occurrence of the comparatively new pest in this immediate vicinity. Herman Breitfield of the State Department of Agriculture and Joe Silvers of the USDA are working on the problem.

CHIT CHAT

Dr. Tomkins spent last weekend in the Hudson Valley inspecting cooperative raspberry plantings.... Dr. Robinson missed the Washington trip last week because of illness.... Mrs. Adelaide Whitney has been engaged on a temporary basis in FS&T. She is working for Dr. Avens. Mrs. Whitney's husband is stationed at Sampson.... Well, the sun peeked out from behind dark clouds last week and that was the signal for the Veg Crops gang to make hay. They lost no time in fitting land and getting seed underground. In fact, they were so busy at news-gathering time that we couldn't learn how many acres they had taken care of so far.

SUBTERRANEAN ORGANISMS ARE AIR-BORNE

A Science Service news release, date-lined Montreal, tells about bacteria and fungi which successfully span the Atlantic from west to east by traveling in moving air masses. The deduction was made after samplings of air on two round-trip flights by Dr. S. M. Pady and Dr. C. D. Kelly, the latter a former Geneva Station worker. The number of organisms varied considerably but this appeared to depend on the type of air mass. No evidence was found that organisms became fewer as distances from land increased. Micro-organisms in air masses from the tropics were much more numerous than in air masses from polar regions. The scientists said that the organisms were chiefly from the soil, the report concludes.

For the information of the Veg Crops fishermen, Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st--provided that the spring planting gets taken care of.

There is no cure for birth or death, save to enjoy the interval--

--George Santayana