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THE HOME STRETCH

Representatives of various seed growing, inspecting, and marketing interests are meeting in Jordan Hall today to put finishing touches on the proposed revisions of the State seed law. When the proposals have been whipped into final shape, they'll be presented to the State Legislature for consideration at the next session.

EXTENSION MEN VISIT STATION

Extension and research workers compared notes last Friday when Professors Kent, Sherf, Wooley, and Shoemaker, of the College of Agriculture made a tour of the various experimental plots being used by the Station's plant pathologists. The visiting plant disease specialists also called on Dr. Schroeder who is recuperating at his home following a recent heart attack.

THRUWAY TRAVEL REIMBURSABLE

An amendment to State travel regulations has been received from the Department of Audit and Control and is quoted in part, relative to official travel over New York State Thruways by personally-owned cars: "In addition to the mileage rate payable...reimbursement for travel by personally-owned automobile on the controlled interchange system of the New York State Thruway will be made at the toll rate established by the Thruway Authority, provided the total reimbursement for Thruway tolls during any one calendar year shall not exceed the cost of a permit for the unlimited use of such section during such year. Reimbursement will be allowed for tolls actually paid for the use of portions of the Thruway other than the controlled interchange section. Claims for reimbursement pursuant to this sub-paragraph shall be supported by a receipt for actual payment of tolls, or where the permit is in use, by evidence of travel obtainable at Thruway toll collection stations upon request."

ENTOMOLOGY'S CENTENNIAL

A series of more than a dozen articles dealing with the role of entomology in the twentieth century made its bow in Monday's Geneva Daily Times. Dr. Chapman is heading up the local promotional work in regard to professional entomology's 100th birthday and has compiled items by specialists in research and extension.

SHORT CHANGED?

If your most recent paycheck was smaller than usual, don't be alarmed. It may be because you got a raise! The integration of cost-of-living adjustments into the base pay has pushed some of us into higher insurance brackets which, in turn, led to larger premium deductions. For those who have enrolled in the Blue Shield and/or the Blue Cross Plan, extra premium deductions were made in order to keep policies paid up for a month in advance.

FARM SAFETY WEEK

Next week has been designated National Farm Safety Week. That doesn't mean that it's the one week of the year when we're supposed to be careful...but it is a reminder that we should take stock of our own practices and our own premises to see if we may have become slovenly in our safety precautions. Farm accidents are happening in alarming numbers not only in adjacent areas but right here at home. Practically all accidents are preventable and any accident, regardless of how serious or how slight, is usually an indication that someone has been derelict, and it's not always the victim. An error of omission can be just as serious as one of commission. Don't let the blame fall on you.

VISITORS

Dr. Arnold Mayer, an entomologist from Ingelheim in West Germany, came to Geneva last week to talk with Station entomologists and plant pathologists....Another European caller was Dr. Mihailo Krstic of Jugoslavia. A forest pathologist at Belgrade, Dr. Krstic discussed the germination of tree seeds with Mr. Heit---reminisced about last year's meeting at Dublin with Dr. Crosier---and talked about the old country with Sam Kayn.....Dr. A. W. Lindquist of Beltsville's Entomological Research Branch stopped in to see the local insect specialists on Monday.

THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

The facts of life,- birds, beasts, and bugs,- were pointed out to a few Genevans during the past few days. Joe Petrone registered the first complaint while in the process of dressing up the exterior of Sturtevant Hall. A first thought that his sweet disposition was attracting large numbers of honeybees was discarded with alarm when it was found that a king-size swarm of the insects had been making its home in the cornice of Sturtevant Hall. Maurice Neve, made the shocking discovery when he tore off a chunk of the woodwork which was literally dripping with honey. The maintenance boys couldn't agree as to whether the job of bee-skedaddling was properly classified as carpentry, painting, plumbing, or electrical. While they were debating the issue, Herb Palleon, who is quite an apiarist in his own right, donned his regalia and frightened most of the buzzers away. He expected that his reward for such heroism above and beyond the call of duty would be the bees' cache of honey but before he could get out of his shining armor, Austin Wagenech and Frank Lee had made off with the spoils. Ostensibly, they'll conduct some sort of food research on the stuff. A few of the bees are still straggling around the entrance to Sturtevant so anyone entering the building is advised to make a noise like a piece of honey to avoid being challenged.

And the other Food Science Building had its share of trouble during the past week. Seems that some of our feathered friends, called pigeons among other things, were creating their traditional nuisance to the point of becoming a health hazard. John Gigliotti was given the Herculean task of evicting the culprits without breaking any ordinances. Name-calling helped but some pungent fumes did better. The campaign isn't yet over with and, frankly, we're putting our money on the birds.

The third incident concerned neither insects nor birds but a hairy-legged spider. A visiting entomologist registered at a local inn for his Geneva stay and included in his luggage was a tarantula which he had picked up in his travels. In its own container, the unlikeable tarantula was stowed on a closet shelf when the maid came through to dust the room. Wondering if the container was empty and should be discarded, she opened the package and was consequently petrified at the sight of the monster. Apparently the latter was equally startled and was fully content to remain in his ersatz home.

OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS

Dr. Einset was the guest speaker at last night's meeting of the Rotary Club of Sodus. He spoke about fruit-growing in Europe.....Professor Sayre and Mr. Feddema will return tonight from a three-day visit to weed control plots at Ithaca, Yonkers, and the Vegetable Research Farm at Riverhead.

GREENHOUSE FUMIGATION

A regular fumigation of the greenhouse has been scheduled for the latter part of this week. Anyone who desires special treatment for his plants should contact Dr. Lienk, Dr. Gilmer, or Mr. Jahn by this afternoon.

CHIT CHAT

Dr. and Mrs. Pederson have returned from a visit to his home at Tomah, Wisconsin, last week.....Miss Holtby is spending the week at her newly-acquired cottage near Kashong.....The Kleins have moved to Keuka Lake for a month. Leo will take part of his vacation during that interval, and commute the rest of the time.....Latest Station victims of the car window exploding fad are Gertrude Catlin and Leon Jones. They make the third and fourth that we know of.....Lt. (j.g.) Harrison Jahn has been released from active duty with the Navy and is spending his terminal leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jahn. It was a grand reshuffling day for the Jahns when they made their recent trip to New Jersey and Rhode Island. At Newport, they watched the fleet come in, bringing son Harrison back from a Mediterranean cruise. A tour of his ship and a visit to relatives filled in the period necessary for execution of his separation. Then the family saw son Gunter and his family off at Idlewild, headed for their new home in Minneapolis. It was an exciting trip but the Jahns are happy to be back in the slower-tempoed Finger Lakes country.....Eight members of a youth hostel group stopped at the Station on Monday as part of their two-week tour of Western New York. The cyclists hailed from New York City and California.....Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heeg of Montreal were weekend guests of the Kleins. She is Mr. Klein's sister.....The NEWS is still trying to peddle several pieces of crockery and tableware which were left at the Station Club Picnic. There's a glass bowl, dinner plate, serving spoon, and a knife, and they don't go well with your editor's kitchenware so they're available for claiming.....Little Pete Kimball is recovering at home following an operation performed at the Geneva Hospital last Thursday.....Pomology reports that there are some sweet cherries, sour cherries, and blueberries available for sale at the barn. The sour cherries must be ordered in advance.....Our sympathy to Leon Hong who suffered the amputation of a finger joint after tangling with the Pilot Plant's cherry-pitting machine.