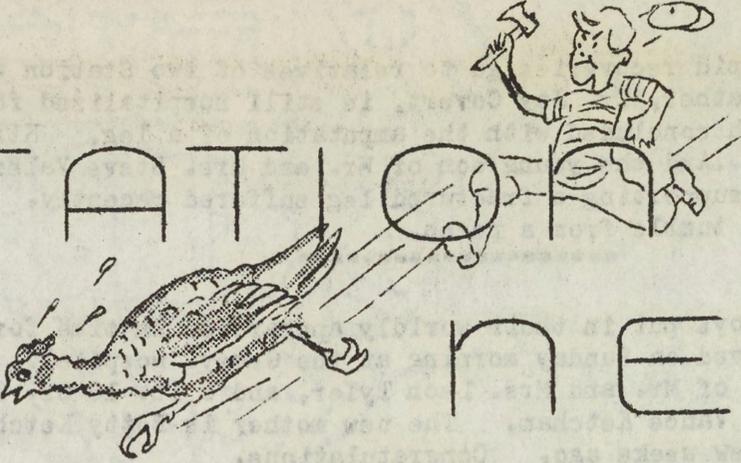


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TURKEY DAY AT CORNELL

Most of the members of the Pomology Department and their families will motor to Ithaca tomorrow for celebration of Thanksgiving. And there's promise of a huge spread of turkey and all of the appurtenances at the traditional feast put on for members and grad students of the Pomology Department at the College.

SEED SCHOOL HELD THIS WEEK

Four Station staffers were in Ithaca on Monday and Tuesday for the annual Cornell Seed School. Representing the Seed Investigations Department were Dr. Clark and Mr. Herink, while Dr. Barton and Mr. Mishanec attended from Veg Crops. During the Monday morning session, Dr. Clark gave a talk on "The Quality of Seeds on Sale in New York". In advance of the school, there was a meeting of the directors of the New York State Certified Seed Growers Co-op on Sunday. At that time, Mr. Herink gave a report on "Ultra-violet Light as a means of Identifying Oat Varieties".

ENGLISH SCIENTIST ADDRESSES STATION GROUP

An FS&T seminar meeting was called for yesterday afternoon to hear a talk by Dr. A. C. Hulme of the Ditton Laboratory in East Malling, England. The professor, who is visiting at Cornell, told about some of his research on the biochemistry and physiology of apples. Prior to his talk, he made a short tour of some of the Station labs and greenhouses.

ON NEW ENGLAND TOUR

Dr. Dolan is combining business with pleasure in a trip through the Northeast this week. On Monday, he presented a seminar at the University of Vermont and gave a repeat performance at the University of Maine, yesterday. He's spending the remainder of the week visiting relatives in New Brunswick.

STATION CLUB CONDUCTS MEMBERSHIP CALL

Fenton Carruth has already unleashed the powerful slate of workers who are conducting the Station Club's membership solicitation. As previously stated, the annual dues are \$1 per adult member and this is payable at the time of sign-up. To facilitate arrangements for the Christmas Party, the membership solicitors are simultaneously taking registrations of adults and children for the yule affair. The Club needs to know the name, age, and sex of all children who will be on hand to greet Santa Claus. Because the Station family has grown so large, it's possible that someone may be missed in the membership drive. If you're not contacted by Friday, the last day of the drive, you can help the Club's cause and line yourself up for some good fun in the year ahead by contacting your committee member. The list is as follows: Sturtevant--Herb Palleson; Pomology--John Tomkins; Plant Path--Eleanor Warren; Veg Crops--Fenton Carruth; Seed Lab--Doris Traphagen; Entomology--Sandy Davis; Chemistry--Margaret Lavin; Outside workers--Vic Hopkins; Pilot Plant--Ralph Stearman; Jordan Hall--Pauline Jennings.

CLASSES AT GENEVA

Veg Crops students from the College of Agriculture paid a visit to the Station's Seed Labs last Friday for an afternoon of familiarization with seed-testing technics. And this Friday, a class from the College of Forestry at Syracuse will come in to learn about the propagation and seed-testing of trees and shrubs. Mr. Heit will be their lecturer.

PROGRAM PLANNING

A contingent of Station specialists was in Rochester on Monday for a meeting with members of the State Horticultural Society. Director Heinicke and Professors Luckett, Hamilton, Braun, and Lienk sat in on a conference to outline the program for the coming annual meeting in Rochester, January 19-21.

THE SICK LIST

Our wishes for rapid recoveries go to relatives of two Station workers this week. Jay Covert's father, Dr. Jay Covert, is still hospitalized following a series of operations which concluded with the amputation of a leg. His condition remains quite serious....And the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Valerio is sporting a fancy cast which is supporting a fractured leg suffered recently. The lad sustained the injury in a tumble from a porch.

LITTLE MEN

Two hungry baby boys put in their worldly appearance in time for Thanksgiving this week. Both arrived on Sunday morning at the Geneva Hospital. An 8-pounder came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tyler, and 6 lb. 10 oz. Stephen Mark arrived for Mr. and Mrs. Vance Ketcham. The new mother is Betty Ketcham who worked in Chemistry until a few weeks ago. Congratulations.

ALLEN-RIZZO

Several Station people witnessed the wedding of Janice Rizzo and Thomas Allen at the North Presbyterian Church on Saturday morning. The bride, who is a stenographer in Entomology, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rizzo and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Allen, all of Geneva. A reception was held at the Tiara Restaurant in the afternoon. The newlyweds are honeymooning in the South.

I'M AN EAGLE

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Chadwick got a taste of what their son's work is like when they left for a trip to Texas last weekend. The Chadwicks took to the air for a visit to Corpus Christi, Texas, to witness the graduation of son John who has been taking flight training. The completion of the course awards the Naval Wings to the flyer.

FORMER WORKER RETIRES

The October issue of Maine Farm Research carries an announcement of the retirement of Dr. Frank Lathrop as head of the Department of Entomology at the Maine Experiment Station. Dr. Lathrop was a member of the Geneva Entomology staff in 1915-16 and 1923-24. Upon leaving Geneva in 1925, he joined the USDA.

CHIT CHAT

Mrs. Hand gave an illustrated report of her trip to Formosa for members of the Fortnightly Club and the Bayview Reading Club on Monday afternoon....A drawing held at the local Oldsmobile agency last Saturday, celebrating the showing of the 1955 models, won a fur jacket for Mrs. Alvin Braun....The Vittums may be overdoing this Thanksgiving business just a bit. They're spending the week in Massachusetts and are planning to celebrate the big day twice; once at Mrs. Vittum's home in Cummington; and again at Mr. Vittum's family home in Haverhill....Pete Gigliotti will try for the tenth time to bag a deer during the current hunting season. He's taking a week off to roam the hills around Pine Plains and Naples....An editorial which appeared recently in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle is based upon the story which has been presented by Dr. Chapman in his popular talk, "This Insect World We Live In". Comments the editor: "...the 'Battle of the Bugs' never is won, but is a continuous warfare in which at best man may expect to hold his own, or possibly to edge forward a little bit. There are many reasons why this continuous battle becomes more intense, rather than slacking off....After a century, the battle is more determined because the stakes of a growing human population are greater. Year by year science is developing new techniques and new controls, and for this we can give the entomologists a loud cheer. They are men of whom the public hears little, but they deserve a devout 'thank you' every time we sit down to eat. Without their skill and devotion food would be scarcer and cost more".

The following is from Rothamstead Experimental Station, Reminiscences, Tales and Anecdotes, 1872-1922, by Edwin Grey:

"I recollect also for the Chicago Exhibition, 1893, we had to make some enormous tables of figures. They were so large we could not find space enough at the laboratory to prepare them, and so a very large empty room was hired at the hat factory for the purpose. We had to use the floor to work on, the calico being stretched on the floor, and to wear carpet slippers whilst working. As these tables were finished they were hung up, figures read over and checked. These American ones were so large they had to be hung outside the laboratory and on the outside walls of the Sample House to be read over. When all were completed they were rolled round a long pole, covered and bound over, and so despatched. I used to wonder what this exceedingly wide calico or white union was used for, and found that this material is used for the painting of the scenery at theaters". (The writer doesn't go on to say whether these charts were made into 3½ x 4 or 2 x 2 slides! --Ed.)

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!