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THE FUTURE OF ENTOMOLOGY

Our lead item this week concerns a talk which was given in Houston, Texas, on Monday. Dr. Paul Chapman presented the salutatory in a brace of talks tracing the history of professional entomology and its outlook, presented at the national meeting of the Entomological Society of America. The local scientist left Geneva by air last Saturday and served in his capacity as a member of the Governing Board at meetings on Saturday and Sunday. The national meeting winds up a year's celebration of the profession's hundredth anniversary.

REPORT TO NEW JERSEY GROWERS

The Horticultural Society of New Jersey is holding its annual meeting this week at Atlantic City and the emphasis will be on tomato production. Seeking first hand information about the tomato grading work conducted at the Geneva Station, they have invited Dr. Hand to address the group to point out the salient findings. He is scheduled to appear on today's program.

COUNTY AGENTS SCHOOL

The annual school for New York State's county agricultural agents begins today at the College of Agriculture. Purpose of the training period is to acquaint the extension workers with latest research at Geneva and Ithaca, and recommendations to be made for the coming year. Several Station plant pathologists and entomologists will take part in the three-day school.

STATE CANNERS MEETING

Station food scientists and vegetable specialists will sit in on the annual meeting of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association, being held at Buffalo on Thursday and Friday of this week.

CERTIFIED SEED GROWERS MEET HERE

Several members of the Certified Seed Growers Co-op met with Dr. Jensen of the College and Dr. Clark and Mr. Herrink on Monday. The meeting, held here, was for the purpose of setting standards for the ultra-violet method of detecting oat variety mixtures.

ALBANY MEETINGS

Dr. Clark went to Albany yesterday to join in a two-day meeting with horticultural inspectors. They're organizing the 1955 seed inspection program....And Dr. Gambrell was in the State capital on Monday and Tuesday for a meeting dealing with the European chafer.

SWEET TALK

At a meeting of the Empire State Beekeeping Association, held in Syracuse last Friday, Mr. Palleson of FS&T spoke about "Heat Transfer in Honey". Herb has made quite a study of bees and has had a considerable amount of first-hand experience with the little stingers.

SPEAKS AT G.L.F. MEETING

Dr. Crosier and Mr. Kayn were guests at the recent meeting of Auburn area G.L.F. members in that city. Dr. Crosier gave a report on proposed seed legislation and the seed outlook for the coming year.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Two members of the State's Department of Commerce stopped in last week and spent a couple of days getting acquainted with the work of the Station. They were C. D. Wagoner of the Radio Bureau and Mr. Mulligan of the Publicity Bureau. The visitors spent considerable time with Messrs. Heit, Luckett, Tapley, Chapman, and Pederson, and are planning to capitalize on some of the Station work in New York State publicity projects.

UNEXPECTED GUESTS

The Publications Department prides itself in having trained its coworkers so well. Last Thursday, Dec. 2, Prof. Luckett and Mr. Wesselmann spent the afternoon at the Vegetable Growers Meeting in Syracuse. Upon their return, well after 5 P.M., they opened their afternoon's mail and learned that a group of visitors was coming on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 1 P.M. There was no need to fret about water which was already over the dam. Mrs. Middleton had quickly enlisted the help of Miss Catlin and Professors Slate, Chapman, Lienk and Pederson, in providing a full afternoon's program for the visitors--about 50 girls and their teachers from Nazareth Academy. Our thanks for a job well done.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Heartening word from the Geneva Hospital gives favorable progress reports for two Station people who underwent surgery last week. Both Miss O'Malley and Prof. Hening are well on the road to recovery.

BRIDGE PARTY REPORT

Top honors in last Friday's evening of bridge in Jordan Hall went to teams made up of Lucile Holtby and Leon Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Wellington. John Natti and Gil Mack will take charge of the next bridge party which will be held sometime in January. Date to be announced.

CERES CIRCLE REPORT

About 30 members turned out for the Ceres Circle's Christmas meeting held on Monday night. The group heard about life in Liberia, as told by Miss Eunice Corbin, a William Smith student who plans to return to her native land after completing her medical training in this country. The remainder of the evening was spent in wrapping gifts for the Station Club Christmas Party, singing carols, and planning for the costume party in February. President Barbara Lamb reports that someone left a pink fountain pen at the meeting and it is now in her custody.

STATION CLUB DOINGS

Fenton Carruth and his Station Club membership committee have wound up a highly successful job. With the solicitation practically 100% complete, Fenton reports a total of 166 paid memberships. Our congratulations and thanks to him and his workers.

The membership committee also undertook the task of enrolling children for the Christmas Party, to be held on Friday of next week. The tally so far indicates that 129 youngsters will be on hand to greet Santa Claus. The list of names has already been forwarded to the North Pole but that doesn't mean that the register is closed. Because of the limited time remaining, the Party committee asks that adults who may wish to bring additional small fry, assist Santa by also providing a gift for the young'un in Santa's pack. The child's name should, of course, appear on the package. To further insure that no one has been overlooked, a copy of Santa's invoice will be posted in Jordan Hall at the time of the party. Parents are asked to check the list to ascertain that their charges' names appear. In case of error, the committee will be prepared to make quick amends. Final details next week. Honorary Club members are invited to join in the fun on Dec. 17th.

STAFF MEETING MONDAY

A regular meeting of the Station staff has been called for next Monday afternoon at 4 P.M. in Jordan Hall.

IT WON'T BE LONG

The winter meetings of the Horticultural Society are only a very few weeks away. Departments and specialists are being alerted to the fact that exhibits will be needed for the display areas at Rochester and Kingston. "Volunteer or be drafted", is the warning from the Simon Legrees in the Publications Department.

CHIT CHAT

Speaking of being drafted, Leo Klein thought that his current studies at Ithaca would exempt him from the usual run of public speaking assignments. Not so. He's being called upon by various groups at the College--the latest being on Monday night when he discussed fruit-breeding work at a food science seminar....Mort Adams, a familiar sight at the Station and prominent member of the Cannery Association, is the speaker at today's meeting of the Geneva Rotary Club. He'll talk about "Opportunities in Farming"....Bob Traphagen, son of Mrs. Mary Traphagen and brother of Doris, joined the Air Force at Rochester on Sunday. After taking care of preliminary examinations at that city and Buffalo, he was scheduled to settle down for basic training at Sampson, yesterday....In case you're wondering about the heavy blanket of snow which started Monday and is still going strong, the Farmer's Almanac knew all along that it was coming. On the chance that you've misplaced your copy, we'll give you the straight dope for December and January: the first half of December will be boisterous, windy, and accompanied by snow. There'll be a white Christmas in areas north of Washington, D. C., and January promises to be snow-, wind-, and coldbound. This season's weather, says the Almanac, will give the lie to the current thought that winters are becoming milder.
