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TWO SEMINARS NEXT MONDAY

The staffroom of Jordan Hall will be utilized twice on Monday for scientific lectures. The first, coming at 4 P.M., will be a Station seminar at which Dr. Natti will be the speaker. He will discuss "The Accumulation of Starch in Potatoes Infected by Leaf-roll Virus". Preceding the talk, coffee will be served at 3:45.

And all interested persons are invited to a Sigma Xi lecture at 8 P.M. The speaker will be Prof. L. C. Luckwill, head of Pomology at the Long Ashton Research Station in England. Dr. Luckwill is a Visiting Professor of Pomology at Cornell and will speak on "The Application of Chromatographic Methods to the Study of Plant Hormones".

FORMER STATION SCIENTIST AT LONDON MEETING

Dr. Elmer Stotz, former head of Food Science and Technology here, is serving as one of two United States delegates to a conference in London this month. Composed of representatives of sixteen countries, the group is planning an international organization of biochemists. This organization would be responsible for arranging international congresses and standardizing nomenclature required for international cooperation. Dr. Stotz served as the first head of FS&T at the Station, from 1943 to 1947. From here, he went to Rochester to become head of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry.

STILL GOING STRONG

An item appearing in the Geneva Daily Times under the heading of ten years ago mentions that plans were underway for a new food building at the Experiment Station. That was way back in January of 1945. Today, the plans are still underway and, to give impetus to the movement, Dr. Heinicke and Dr. Hand were in Albany on Monday to discuss the matter with higher authorities.

IRRIGATION CONFERENCE

Dr. Vittum and Mr. Carleton joined Ithaca specialists in a meeting at the University, yesterday. The participants met to standardize irrigation recommendations for the 1955 season.

CANADIAN CANNING CROPS CONFERENCE

The annual conference for Eastern Ontario Canning Crops Growers will be held at Belleville, Ontario, tomorrow. First speaker on the program will be Prof. C. B. Sayre, who will discuss some of the new developments in pea research.

DR. HAMILTON BEREAVED

Dr. Hamilton was called to Canada on Sunday by the death of his mother during the previous night, at her home in Mt. Albert, Ontario. Death was due to a heart condition. Besides the Station specialist, the deceased is survived by a daughter in Gananoque. We extend our sincere sympathy.

REPORTS ON SABBATIC

Station entomologists and plant pathologists joined in a dinner meeting at the York Inn last Friday evening to hear a report on Panama. The speaker was Dr. James Brann of the College of Agriculture. He returned a few months ago from a leave spent in Central America studying some of the tropical troubles of plants. About thirty people were present to enjoy the illustrated talk.

NEW YORK MEETING

Dr. Hand is in New York City today, attending a meeting of the Packaging Institute. He will discuss "The Safety of Chemical Ingredients in Food Packaging".

ALSO IN GOTHAM

The Technical Committee for the Stone Fruit Virus Project (NE-14) will meet in New York City on Friday. Professors Gilmer and Brase, local members of the committee, will attend.

ACCIDENTS

Station families were besieged by misfortune during the past week. A week ago today, young Kenny Braun, who is a pastmaster at this accident business, was at a scout meeting playing some kind of game called "chicken fight". But that chick took a spill and wound up with a broken drumstick. After having the fracture reduced, he's convalescing at his home....Another purple heart goes to Otis Curtis, the elder, who took a turn at ice-skating on Sunday. But, just as in automobiles, some of the older models seem to have too high a center of gravity. A spill spelled a broken left arm for the pomologist. Reports are that it was a simple, nasty break but he hopes to be back punching his calculator, one-handed, in a day or two....Leo Klein came out of an auto accident unscathed on Monday but we can't say as much for his car. The mishap occurred during a commuting trip to Ithaca on a slick highway when the DeSoto was clipped by another vehicle.

BUSINESS OFFICE REQUEST

On next payday, pay envelopes will contain a residence certificate to be filled out by each Station employee. The Business Office requests that the forms be completed, signed, and turned in to your Department secretary as soon as convenient.

MILESTONES

A staunch supporter of the Station News, E. H. Wheeler of Amherst, Massachusetts, bemoans the fact that we didn't publicize a great event in December. Seems that the former Station entomologist and Mrs. Wheeler became grandparents on Dec. 14th. Responsible for the event were a baby boy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harland of Pittsburgh...In hopes of our reinstatement, we'd like to mention also that Ellsworth, Jr., has become engaged to Miss Ann Cole of Hamden, Connecticut. She's a student at Mt. Holyoke, and he's studying at Dartmouth. Congratulations to everybody.

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION DOINGS

There will be a Western Conference Meeting of the Civil Service Employees Association at Rochester on Saturday afternoon. Present will be a delegation from Geneva and further particulars may be obtained from Lloyd Weir...The next meeting of the local Chapter will be on January 21st in Jordan Hall.

BRIDGE PARTY SCHEDULED

John Natti and Guilford Mack are in charge of the next Station Club bridge party. It's scheduled for Friday of next week in Jordan Hall at 8 P.M. Those planning to attend are asked to contact either of the gentlemen.

YOUNGSTERS VISIT STATION

A group of 35 seventh graders from Geneva will visit the Experiment Station this afternoon. They'll make stops at the Museum, the Seed Lab, Entomology, and Pomology.

CHIT CHAT

The workers in the Seed Department will be treated to a sauerkraut dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kayn on the Lyons Road this noon. A similar occasion last year met with high favor as the Kayns put on their specialty from the "old country"....Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kuryla became parents last week. Mrs. Kuryla worked as a stenographer for Plant Path and Veg Crops last year....Another former employee, Miss Mary Lou Holliday (FS&T summer worker) of Galveston, Texas, was one of the finalists in last week's crowning of the Queen of the Cotton Festival at Memphis. Miss Holliday is a cousin to Mary Lou Andrews of the Vitamin Lab..... When Otis Curtis gets back on the job, you're apt to see him sporting a seedling mustache. He and Don Wilson and other songsters are cultivating the embellishments for the Barbershoppers Jamboree to be held in Geneva on February 12th. (Incidentally, they have tickets, too!)

A BUSY WEEK

A heavy schedule faces the Station people next week. The three-day Rochester meeting of the State Horticultural Society opens on Wednesday with the Station to be well-represented both on the speaking program and in the exhibit area...On Tuesday, vegetable specialists will be involved in the New York State Growers Cooperative meeting at Batavia...And entomologists and plant pathologists will take part in the five-county fruit school to be held in Jordan Hall, also on Tuesday. Dealing primarily with stone fruits, the school is open to growers in Steuben, Schuyler, Yates, Ontario, and Seneca Counties.

PARTY PLANS

Lest you forget, plans are progressing for the big costume party being sponsored by the Ceres Circle and the Station Club. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are general overseers and they'll be helped by the Einsets on decorations and the Atkinsons on entertainment. Joanne Whitcomb, who really hit home with last year's menu, is back on the refreshment committee by popular demand. If you haven't yet decided on your costume, the party is to be in a Mother Goose vein, and the date is Feb. 7th.
