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VEGETABLE GROWERS

Ontario County Vegetable growers will gather in the auditorium in Jordan Hall tomorrow afternoon to hear speakers from the College of Agriculture at Ithaca discuss the outlook for vegetable crops and fertilizer and other recommendations. Bill Schroeder will also report on bean seed treatments. County Agent Glen Nice made local arrangements. This is an annual affair and generally brings 75 to 80 growers to the Station.

BETTER GRAPES

The sixth annual Finger Lakes Grape Growers convention met in Penn Yan yesterday to discuss the general theme of "Producing Better Grapes". Contributing to the program from here were Nelson Shaulis, Keith Kimball, Al Braun, and Tasch--for Taschenberg. George Slate and Dick Wellington went along for the ride.

PEAS AND SWEET CORN

To discuss their favorite topics--peas and sweet corn--Professor Sayre and Doctor Barton traveled to Churchville yesterday where Monroe County vegetable growers assembled for briefing on new developments in vegetable growing.

AND FRUIT GROWERS

Keeping up with the times, the entomologists are covering Wayne and Monroe county fruit areas where fruit schools are being held. Today Doctors Smith, Glass, and Lienk are in Williamson. Tomorrow, all three will be in Rochester. And Friday Ed Glass will speak in Red Creek. Karl Brase is in Rochester today for the beginning of the Monroe County fruit school.

SMALL FRUITS

George Slate will be in Columbiana, Ohio, next Tuesday for a meeting of area fruit growers. He will discuss the latest developments in small fruit varieties and culture.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT

A while back we noted that Charlie Sayre was speaking to Canadian growers on his work on the production of peas for processing. Now comes a request from the same sponsor, the Ontario Vegetable Marketing Board, for a repeat performance in Hamilton, Ontario, next Tuesday, when Charlie will address growers from another part of the Province.

PICKLING

Doctor Pederson left yesterday for East Lansing, Mich., where he will attend the annual pickle and kraut school sponsored by Michigan State College. Carl will also appear on the program. He was accompanied by Dr. William R. Fornerod of the Institute of Storage and Processing of Horticultural Produce at Wageningen, The Netherlands, who spent Monday and Tuesday at the Station.

VISITED VINELAND

Leo Klein was in Vineland, Ontario, last Monday discussing fruit breeding with Canadian pomologists.

Gunnar Nes who spent last summer working with Karl Brase and the past term at Ithaca, is sailing for home tomorrow. He has been in the U. S. for the past two years, including some time in Michigan and on the West Coast.

FROM RUTGERS

Miss Muriel Hegwood, a technical assistant in the Department of Horticulture at Rutgers University, is spending two or three weeks in the cytological laboratory in the Pomology Department here.

FROM MCGILL

Doctor Ronald E. Glegg, a chemist with McGill University, visited the Station Monday and Tuesday of this week.

WELL REPRESENTED

The Station and New York are well represented in the February number of the American Fruit Grower. Major articles in the number were contributed by Doctor Chapman, on mites, and Doctor Smith, on curculio. Then, Harold Tukey of Michigan State and formerly with this Station, contributed a lead article on the late Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey. Doctor Bailey's picture also appears on the cover.

CALLED HOME

We regret to record that Foster Gambrell was called to his home in Pendleton, South Carolina, by the serious illness of his mother.

SICK CALL

Several cases of virus troubles have been reported around the Station, but usually the victim is back on the job before we hear about it. We do have three people on the sick list, however. John Tuffy who works for Karl Brase was hospitalized following a fall in his home; Betty Mockhoek has been undergoing treatment at Clifton Springs Sanitarium; and Claude Heit suffered a dislocated ankle in a fall from a tree where he was gathering cones.

MR. WEIR ELECTED

Lloyd Weir, president of the local unit of the Civil Service Employees Association, was chosen at the meeting last Friday to represent the group at the annual meeting of the Association in Albany, March 9 and 10. Also elected Friday night was a Nominating Committee headed by Jim Hefferon and including Roy Bergstresser, Paul Smith, Bob Hefferon, and Ralph Clark.

NAMED TO STATE COMMITTEE

Jules C. Marquardt, formerly a member of the Dairy Department at this Station and now with the Division of Milk Control of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, has been named to a nine-member committee to work with the State University of New York on dairy problems. His first assignment is to prepare brochures on technical training in dairying in the State.

SIGN 'EM UP!

We quote from a letter to Leon Jones by Frank Boyle in Honolulu:

"Please give my regards to all the folks at the Station. It won't be long before we'll be seeing all of you again. So far I have some pretty good slides, both of a technical and tourist variety. I have been learning to play the guitar (ugh) and Susie has been taking Hula lessons (hurray), so maybe we'll be able to demonstrate some Hawaiian music and dancing, too."

Program chairman for the next Station Club party take note!

HEADED SOUTH

Mrs. O'Hara of the Vegetable Crops Department left a lot of disconsolate folks behind as she started out last Saturday for a two and a half weeks' tour of Florida.

THE LADIES--BLESS 'EM!

Top honors at the Station Club bridge party Friday evening went to the ladies. Tied for first place were teams composed of Mrs. Reitmann and Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Overholser and Mrs. Carpenter.

PARTIES, PARTIES, PARTIES

A succession of parties to speed the Wesselmann's on their way to Ecuador terminated with a stag party at the Klein home last night. Thursday evening of last week, the Wesselmann's were entertained at dinner at the Town Pump by the occupants of Jordan Hall, and at that time were presented with gifts of personal jewelry from all of their colleagues at the Station. Anita and the children left Saturday for Dolgeville and Bob bade farewell yesterday afternoon. He will leave early next week for Washington after completing a tour of duty at Sampson as a reserve officer.

Heard at the Station seminar Monday: The only thing harder to explain than atomic fission is a stray hair.