



STATION NEWS

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A DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

Sigma Xi is to be congratulated upon securing Doctor Hans Bethe as the speaker for its meeting next Tuesday, March 22nd. At present the John Wendell Anderson Professor of Physics in Cornell University, Doctor Bethe played a major role in the development of both the A and H bombs. The February 25th issue of Science carries an article by Doctor Edward Teller entitled "The Work of Many People" in which he states that without Doctor Bethe's contributions to nuclear research "no real progress would have been made" in the development of the bomb. This article makes good background reading for Doctor Bethe's remarks on "Enrico Fermi and Modern Physics". It is reported that he plans to "tailor" his remarks to his audience which means that he will step down out of the realm of astrophysics for the evening. Jordan Hall is the place and 8:00 p. m. the hour. All interested persons are welcome.

STAFF COMMITTEES

The results of the balloting for Staff committees announced at the Staff meeting Monday presents the following line-up:

Policy Committee

W. T. Tapley, 56
B. E. Clark, 56
E. H. Glass, 57
A. W. Avens, 57
John Einset, 58
R. M. Gilmer, 58

Library Committee

E. H. Glass, 56
G. L. Slate, 56
Z. I. Kertesz, 57
M. Szkolnik, 57
R. C. Lamb, 58
J. D. Atkin, 58

Publications and Information

A. C. Davis, 56
O. F. Curtis, 57
K. H. Steinkraus, 58

Graduate School Committee

J. M. Hamilton, 56
C. S. Pederson, 57
R. W. Holley, 58

Nominations Committee

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M. L. Vittum, 57
J. J. Natti, 58

Inter-Faculty Relations

J. D. Luckett
(1-year term)

Agricultural Council

P. J. Chapman, 57

SEMINAR MONDAY

Doctor Shaulis will be the speaker at a Stationwide seminar in the Staff Room Monday, the 21st, at 3:45 p. m.; coffee "hour" at 3:30. Doctor Shaulis will discuss his work on soil fertility and grape production.

A NEW GRANT

The Director was in Fredonia yesterday to meet with representatives of the newly formed New York State Concord Grape Production Research Fund Organization. He was accompanied by Doctors Einset, Shaulis, and Braun. Doctor Taschenberg of the Fredonia Lab represented Entomology at the conference. This is a rather unique movement in that grape growers in the Finger Lakes and Chautauqua areas are making personal contributions based on their production to finance research by the Station on production and quality problems. They hoped to be in a position to present their check to Doctor Heinicke at the Fredonia meeting.

ATTENDED SEMINAR

A meeting of Jugatae, the entomology seminar group at Ithaca, was graced by the presence of a Geneva delegation Monday evening composed of Doctors Chapman, Glass, Lienk, and Davis.

SOMETHING NEW

Ithaca Staff Purchases, Inc., began operations last Thursday in Barnes Hall (telephone Ithaca 9166). The new organization has been created "to facilitate the purchases of merchandise at the most advantageous price for members of the Cornell University staff and their families" as listed in the current Staff Directory. A charge of five per cent of the gross order, with a \$1.00 minimum, will be made to meet operating costs of the service. V. L. Timerson, formerly a buyer for GLF, is the Manager, and Mrs. Eleanor Donnelly, assistant. The enterprise will be governed by a Board of Directors of five Faculty members elected on a rotating basis. The present Board consists of L. B. Darrah, Agricultural Economics; H. A. Freeman, Law; R. F. Holland, Dairy, and one-time member of the Dairy Department here (1939-40); J. M. Rathmell, Marketing, Business and Public Administration; and H. F. Wiegandt, Engineering.

GOOD THINGS COMING

A recent letter from Frank Boyle hints at some good things in the food line that evidently are in the not too distant future. "There's all kinds of work under way and in the planning stages in our food processing laboratory, especially on tropical fruit products," writes Frank. "We've developed a very nice passion fruit and an excellent guava nectar drink, as well as various coconut, mango, lychee, and Methley plum products. Papaya is much more difficult to process, but we've made some progress. The recent volcanic eruption on the Island of Hawaii has wiped out one of the largest papaya and passion fruit plantings, but other plantings at higher elevations are still safe." Frank has been engaged in food processing research at the University of Hawaii since last July. He will return to Geneva with his family early in the summer.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORT

Writing from his headquarters in the Hotel National in Washington, Bob Wesselmann states that he has about completed the indoctrination course and will now be concentrating on Spanish. He leaves the Capitol City on the 31st to rejoin the family at Dolgeville. Then on Monday, April 3rd, the whole family will fly from Idlewyld to Miami and thence to Panama and Ecuador, arriving in Quito at 10:00 a. m. April 4th. "The airlines have had to speed up the last leg in order to get me down for the coffee break," writes Bob. The job in Ecuador is going to be quite similar to what he was doing here, he says, except that "there will be no tours, no weekly gossip sheet, and no errands to run (though where he 'ran' and for whom are a complete mystery to us!". Once more, Bob expresses thanks to all of his friends at the Station. "Our parting has not been sweet sorrow," he adds. "We shall not forget the many fine favors and gestures done in our behalf--nor did they make our departure any easier." In conclusion he promises to give us his first seminar upon his return to the States. Considerate to the last, he enclosed three stamps (cancelled, of course) for the next three issues of the NEWS!

CHANGES IN ITHACA

Word comes out of Ithaca of staff changes that are of more than passing interest to us. One is the announcement of the retirement on April 1st of Professor L. D. Kelsey of the Extension Service. He has been largely responsible for Farm and Home Week programs in recent years and has been our "contact" for the stream of visitors who come here under various foreign aid programs. Then there's the announcement of John Carey's move from Vegetable Crops to Michigan State College at the end of this term and of Vic Stephen's transfer from Extension Teaching and Information to Penn State. John has been a familiar figure at vegetable growers meetings and Vic has been our right-hand man in handling many planning and production details of Farm Research.

ALBANY REPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the Geneva unit of CSEA (without benefit of AFL) will be held in Jordan Hall Friday evening, the 18th. Reports will be made on the meeting of the State Association in Albany last week and on the balloting for local officers for 1955-56.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

- Zechmeister. Progress in the chemistry of organic natural products, v. 11, 1954. Berlin, Springer.
- Burrows. Textbook of microbiology, 16th ed. Saunders, 1954.
- Marsden. Solvents and allied substances manual. Elsevier, 1954.
- Conn. Biological stains, 6th ed. Biotech Publications, 1953.
- Stiles and Leach. Respiration in plants. Wiley, 1952.
- White. Yeast technology. Wiley, 1954.
- Johnson et al. Kinetic basis of molecular biology. Wiley, 1954.
- Visher. Climatic atlas of the United States. Harvard Press, 1954.
- Dubos. Biochemical determinants of microbial diseases. Harvard Press, 1954.
- Harris et al. Vitamins and hormones, v. XI, 1953. Academic Press.
- Lane. Neotropical culicidae, 2 vs., 1953. Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- Mrak and Stewart. Advances in food research, v. 5, 1954. Academic Press.
- Brues. Classification of insects, 1954. Cambridge, Mass.
- Clements and Shear. The genera of fungi. Hafner, 1954.
- Kirk and Othmer. Encyclopedia of chemical technology, v. 13, 1954. Interscience.