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AFTER 31 YRS., 3 MOS., 13 DAYS

Vic Hopkins is retiring on June 30th. Although only 62 as of last Friday (June 3rd), Vic has accepted a temporary assignment with the Plant Pest Control Branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Newark, N. Y., after more than 31 years of service to the Station. He is now on "terminal" vacation from the Station.

Victor S. Hopkins was born in Canandaigua June 3, 1893, and attended Canandaigua Academy where he won fame as a star end and quarterback on the Academy's football team. Vic began work at the Station on March 17, 1924, having engaged in general and dairying farming prior to that time. He has served as research assistant and labor foreman in connection with the Department of Entomology's research program and since 1946 has held the title of Experimentalist. From the beginning of his work here he has had the responsibility of carrying out measures to protect the Station fruit plantings from insect pests and diseases. This task has become increasingly important as the Station fruit plantings have expanded through the years and as pest control measures have become more complex and difficult.

Vic has served under five Directors and three Entomology Department heads, which in itself speaks well for his durability. He married Rita Simmons December 27, 1916, and they have one son, Frank, and two grandchildren.

Vic's friendly nature won him scores of friends among his associates at the Station and in the community where he has long been active in church and community affairs. He was an especially effective "contact" man at Station exhibits at the State Fair and the State Horticultural Society meetings where growers came around year after year and asked for Mr. Hopkins.

For the present, the Hopkins's will continue to reside at their home at 100 Lafayette Avenue and we hope to see much of them at Station Club affairs where Vic rates special attention as a past president of the Club. Our best wishes for the years ahead!

STRAWBERRY GROWERS

Strawberry growers from Onondaga and Oswego counties are here today for an inspection of the Station's strawberry breeding and cultural investigations. While some of this work would be more impressive to look at during the fruiting season, the growers will be too busy then to get away from their own plantings, hence the early date of the tour. Professors Slate, Tomkins, and Braun will serve as guides.

VISITING PEA PLANTINGS

Doctor Charles Mahoney, Director of the Raw Products Division of the National Canners Association in Washington, will head up a group composed of members of the Association's Technical Advisory Committee on an inspection of the precision pea planting trials here today. Professor Sayre and Doctor Vittum will meet with the group.

FEDERAL INSPECTION

Representatives of the Agricultural Research Service of the USDA have been around the Station this week, reviewing projects in the different Departments which receive support from federal funds. Miss Christine Justin, who assisted with the inspection last year, and Mr. Nolan Farris, who states that he was here twenty years ago, will complete their survey today.

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Professor W. D. Mills, better known simply as "Bill", of the Department of Plant Pathology at Ithaca, was the recipient of an award for special recognition of services rendered in his capacity as Extension Plant Pathologist in New York State by Secretary of Agriculture Elva Benson at ceremonies in Washington recently. Congratulations, Bill!

VISITED BROOKHAVEN

Doctor Kertesz was in Upton, N. Y., last week to confer with members of the staff of the Brookhaven National Laboratory on irradiation research. Cornell is one of six cooperating universities concerned with the program at Brookhaven.

DOCTOR PETRY TO RETIRE

The Department of Botany at Ithaca is holding an "Open House" for Doctor Loren Petry next Sunday afternoon in recognition of his 32 years of service as Professor of Botany which will terminate with his retirement July 1st. Former students here at the Station and others of his associates plan to attend. The Petrys plan a trip to Europe this summer and in September Doctor Petry will enter upon his duties as Visiting Professor in the Department of Botany at the University of Missouri for 1955-56.

PASSED

Robert Howe successfully weathered his examination for the Ph. D. degree last week when he appeared before the Graduate School committee of which Doctor Chapman is a member. Bob has been working on corn earworm control on Long Island.

PEST CONTROL REVIEW

County agents and spray service specialists from western New York counties met here with College and Station specialists on fruit insects and diseases last week for briefing on latest developments in pest control.

VISITORS FROM ABROAD

Among visitors to the Station this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Oman of Sweden who were enroute home following a sojourn at the University of Oregon where Mr. Oman, an industrial chemist, was an exchange student. He is a brother of Mrs. Stoyla of Food Science....Also, as reported in last week's NEWS, Dean and Mrs. L. B. Uichanco of the College of Agriculture at Los Banos, the Philippines, were the guests of Doctor Heinicke Monday and made a complete tour of the Station's facilities.

DOINGS OF THE CROSIERS

The daughter and son of Doctor and Mrs. Willard Crosier are making academic history these days. Marlene graduates from Cornell next Monday and on Wednesday of next week will start work as a biological chemist in the School of Nutrition at Ithaca. In the meantime, Don this week began summer work with John Natti after having completed his exams 10 days early and thus earning 6 extra points.

HOMeward BOUND

Communications from the Moyers in Sydney, Australia, and the Boyles in Honolulu tell of plans for their return to the Station next month. Mrs. Moyer writes that winter is setting in in their part of the world but the natives do not recognize it as such and have no provision for central heating. As a result the Moyers bundle up in their winter clothes and dream of Fourth of July in Geneva when they expect to be back from their world-circling journey. The Boyles are sailing for Vancouver June 14th and expect to arrive in Geneva about July 15th, following stopovers on the West Coast.

HONORED BY MCGILL

Doctor M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist in Ottawa, and father of our Sandy, was recently given an honorary degree by McGill University. At the same time the University conferred an honorary degree on Doctor W. H. Britton, now Principal of Macdonald College and formerly entomologist in Nova Scotia where he had among his assistants one George Hervey. Both men were members of the first graduating class at Macdonald College, a subsidiary of McGill. Sandy attended the ceremonies.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Robert B. Spencer, recently of Sayre, Pa., has been appointed a field assistant in Entomology and began work June 1st.

BACK ON THE JOB

We are happy to welcome Professor Sayre back to his desk in the Vegetable Crops Department following a session with the doctors. He says he feels almost as peppy as ever.

NEWCOMERS

Congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. Kenneth Hanson on the arrival of Edwin William at the Geneva General Hospital Monday. Ed signed in at 8 pounds, 9½ oz. Also, new grand nephews rate special mention this week with the arrival at the Geneva General last Friday of James William Van Blarcum whose mother is a niece of Miss Agnes Ryan. Congratulations!

THANKS A MILLION

The thanks of our host of readers and especially our own thanks to Miss Jennings for master-minding last week's NEWS! All of those who would prefer to have her continue as Editor-in-Chief, please write to Box 22, Jordan Hall.
