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STATION DIRECTORS

The regular summer meeting of the Association of Northeastern Experiment Station Directors convenes in Ithaca next Monday and will visit this Station that afternoon. Special attention of the visiting Directors will be given to the plant introduction project which is a regional cooperative effort in which all of the northeastern states have a stake. Other lines of field work will also be visited as time permits. The group is due back in Ithaca for dinner Monday night.

QUALITY CONTROL

About twenty-five quality control technicians from tomato processing plants around the State have registered for a ten-day training school in Jordan Hall, starting today. Sponsored by the New York State Canners and Freezers Association, the "faculty" includes H. R. Smith and Miss Lucy Witherow of the National Canners Association Laboratory in Washington, D. C., V. S. Troy of the Continental Can Company in Chicago, and E. W. Opp of the American Can Company in New York City. The project is known generally as "the mold school" and has to do with the use of the microscope in determining quality standards in tomato products.

CHAFER CONFERENCE

Federal and State representatives met with Doctors Chapman, Gambrell, Mack, and Tashiro yesterday to discuss research and regulatory procedures relating to the European chafer.

FS&T SEMINAR

Mel Altman will be the speaker at a Food Science Seminar in Jordan Hall this afternoon. His topic: Chemistry of Plant Polysaccharides.

BITTER CARROTS

National and State representatives of refrigeration warehouse operators are meeting with Station personnel Saturday morning for a discussion of the complicated problem of bitter carrots. Doctor H. C. Diehl, Director of the Refrigeration Research Foundation, Colorado Springs, Colo., G. A. Shoemaker, president of the New York State Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, and the chairman of the carrot committee of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association will meet with Doctor Heinicke, Professor Sayre, Doctor Atkin, Doctor Hand, and Doctor Sondheimer.

IN PENNSYLVANIA

The summer meeting of the Northeastern Section of the American Society of Agronomy is meeting at State College, Pa., this week. In attendance from here are Doctor Vittum, Doctor Dolan, and Nathan Peck. Part of the week's program centers around "The Jordan Plots", a series of soil fertility plots laid out by Doctor Whitman Howard Jordan, Director of this Station from 1896 to 1921. Doctor Jordan was soil chemist at the Pennsylvania State College from 1878 to 1882.

RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Doctor Ernest Sondheimer and Doctor Frank Lee are in Meriden, N. H., this week for the Gordon Research Conference on plant biochemistry and agriculture.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We take pleasure in welcoming to the Station Doctor and Mrs. Ronald E. Glegg and son. Doctor Glegg has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Food Science Department where he will be associated with Doctor Kertesz. He received his Ph.D. degree from McGill University and has been employed there in the Department of Anatomy. The Gleggs are residing on Castle Road.

We also welcome to the Station ranks Mr. Frank Kirk, formerly with Sylvania. He has been appointed a power plant helper at the heating plant.

TOUR PLANNING

Al LaPlante, Extension Entomologist at Ithaca, spent some time here yesterday, to plan a tour for spray service specialists, county agents, and industry representatives in mid-August. The tour will extend from the Hudson Valley to Western New York with stops at orchards where research with pesticides is underway. This has become an annual event that is almost a "must" for industry representatives and those concerned with Extension work in fruit pest control.

FLOWERS AND FRUIT

Leo Klein and George Slate were in Oswego last week as featured speakers before the Oswego Men's Garden Club. Leo talked about tree fruits and glads, believe it or not, and George discussed lilies and small fruits.

IRRIGATION REPORT

Nathan Peck of the Vegetable Crops Department is scheduled to speak before the Empire Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America at its annual meeting in Johnstown, N. Y., Friday and Saturday. His topic of "When to Irrigate" is a natural this year. He will discuss the extensive irrigation experiments on vegetable canning crops here. Doctor Vittum is also attending the meeting.

KRAUT PACKERS

Catawba Cliffs, Ohio, overlooking Lake Erie, was the place. A meeting of the National Kraut Packers Association was the occasion. Last Friday was the time. And Doctor Carl Pederson was the speaker.

ENGLAND, HOLLAND, ISRAEL, ARGENTINA

Our guests of the past few days have included persons from widely scattered areas. Doctor R. P. Adams of the University of Bristol, an extension worker in food science spent a week-end here. He was also interested in Doctor Hofer's work with soil bacteria. Enjoying Geneva's "warm" weather, he commented on the fact that when it reached 74 in London it was really hot and that the distinguished members of the House of Lords found it necessary to remove their wigs. He didn't elaborate on what the noble Lords might remove in Geneva's 90 degree weather.... Doctor Hans Plaut of the Division of Plant Protection at Haifa, Israel, had hoped to enjoy some cool weather in the "north", especially since the wind-up of his stay in the States would be in Washington, D. C. He devoted his time to absorbing information from the entomologists by following them around in their experimental orchards and fields.... Mr. John Nieuwenhuizen of Leyden, Holland, spent two days in the Food Science Department. He is a manager of a food processing plant in his home city.... And Angel C. Stura, accompanied by an interpreter, called on the entomologists and on Keith Kimball in connection with the grape phylloxera work. Mr. Stura is chief of the Plant Protection Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Argentina.

WEDDING BELLS

Week-ending here for a different purpose were Doctor and Mrs. Ellsworth Wheeler of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. They had come "west" to attend the wedding of Beverly Enzie in Albion. Beverly's father, Walt Enzie, was at one time associated with the Vegetable Crops Department here and is now Director of Raw Products Research for the Birds Eye Division of General Foods. Ellsworth Wheeler was formerly with the Entomology Department here and prior to that taught at Hobart.

HOT--BUT NO RECORD

Maybe you thought it was hot last week, but Herman Jahn's official high was only a meager 99 on Friday--not enough to set any kind of a record for July. Remember July 9, 1936, when the official reading was 106? Or maybe you can remember July 5, 1911, when it went to 105. Hundred-degree temperatures in July are not uncommon in the Station records which go back to 1883. But it will be hard to convince Jim Hefferon and Nate Chadwick that Friday's heat didn't set some kind of a record. The thermometer in the garage went up to 114! (But then there's always surplus hot air around the garage!) Herman Jahn also recorded 0.01 inch of rain Saturday night, a phenomenal precipitation for this area this season. Bill Tapley has been sailing in nearby spots the past two week-ends and on both occasions encountered rains up to 1½ inches. There is a conspiracy afoot to keep Bill confined to quarters this weekend to see if he can work his magic here.

WANT A HAMMOCK?

A hammock complete with metal standard and in Al condition is available from Mrs. Middleton--at a consideration, of course. Here's just the thing for these warm days. Imagine yourself reclining on this practically new contraption while your wife chases after the kids, moves the sprinkler, keeps the lemonade pitcher filled, etc., etc.

ONE LEFT

There's still one large yellow bowl and serving spoon left over from the picnic. If not claimed, it will be added to the Station Club supplies.
