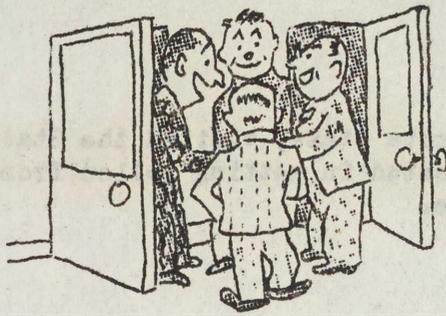


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FIELDMENS CONFERENCE

Yesterday and today saw Jordan Hall full of people as the 31st Annual Raw Products Conference moved into its final day with two morning sessions, one on Vegetables, the other on Fruits. The afternoon session will be under the chairmanship of Professor Sayre and will include a Question Box. A few former Station employees were present, Walt Enzie, formerly of the Vegetable Crops Department, and now with the Birds-Eye Lab at Albion; Ray Sheldrake, who did graduate work in the Vegetable Crops Department under Professor Sayre and is now Assistant Professor in the Vegetable Crops Department at Cornell. Incidentally Ray presented a bond to Steven Smith, winner of the State Canning Crops Youth Project.

SPEAKER AT PENN STATE

Dr. Desmond Dolan will be at Penn State Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week. He will give two seminars on plant introduction work in the North East region and will confer with Dr. Larson of Penn State on reports on plant introductions that he sent to Pennsylvania plant breeders.

VISITOR

Miss Anna Liisa Myllymaki from Finland was a recent visitor to the Station. She is an Extension Horticulturist for the Finnish government. She is in this country on a USDA sponsored trip and came to the Station after spending some time in Ithaca. She spoke to most of the Station pomologists, and also visited the Plant Pathology Department and Entomology Department.

EXTENSION SPEAKER

Dr. Curtis has three more extension talks this week. He spoke to apple growers in Monroe County on Tuesday and to growers in Wayne County on Wednesday.

SPEAKS TO GARDEN GROUP

Claude Helt spoke to the Community Garden Club of Canandaigua Tuesday night. His subject was "Seed Testing in the Lab and in the Field".

STATION SEMINAR

There will be a Station Seminar on February 20th at 4 P.M. in Jordan Hall. The speaker will be Nathan Peck of the Vegetable Crops Department. His subject will be "Evapotranspiration of Vegetable Crops".

PAID THEIR RESPECTS

Among out-of-town persons who had at one time or another been associated with Doctor Breed here at the Station and who came to Geneva over the week-end to pay their respects to his memory were Doctor and Mrs. H. B. Tukey of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.; Doctor and Mrs. W. A. Wall of Cortland, and Richard Eglinton of Hartford, Conn. Wall and Eglinton were former city bacteriologists under Doctor Breed. From Cornell came Doctor A. C. Dahlberg, formerly head of the Dairy Department here, Professor Emeritus E. S. Guthrie, Professor J. C. White, and Professor J. M. Sherman.

BACK FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH

Pauline Jennings is back on the job this morning looking nice and tan from that Florida sun. She took one look at the huge pile of magazines and books beside her desk and said "I think I'm going back to Florida".

"MISS VALENTINE"

Miss Palma Bruni, daughter of our own Tony, was selected "Miss Valentine" at the Geneva Schine Theatre Tuesday night. Tony says she has been showered with many beautiful gifts by the local merchants. Palma is a senior at Geneva High and was among the five girls from that school and five from DeSales who were competing for the title "Miss Valentine" in a contest sponsored jointly by Local Merchants, Radio Station WGVA, and the Youth Center. Tony, of course, is so proud that he's popping the buttons on his vest.

VISITING POMOLOGIST

Dr. Ronald Peterson, Pomologist from South Dakota State, visited the Station for three days last week. Dr. Peterson was interested in getting pollen from the Station to be used in breeding work at Dakota State.

ATTENDING LECTURE SERIES

John Einset and Charlotte Pratt are attending lectures at Cornell by Dr. Arnold Sparrow of the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Dr. Sparrow is lecturing on Radiobiology. He formerly worked in the Pomology Department at this Station as assistant to Dr. Nebel. He is on leave from Brookhaven to teach a semester at Ithaca as a visiting Professor in Plant Breeding.

THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND

By means of our spies in the South, we learn that Doctor Fred Hayward, one-time chemist here and more recently in chemical consulting work in Chattanooga, Tenn., has accepted a position with the Florida Citrus Experiment Station at Lake Alfred. Doctor R. F. Suit, a former member of the Plant Pathology Department here, is also located at Lake Alfred.

SNOW BOUND

Bob LaBelle was stranded in Phelps last Saturday night. Bob had been in Newark defending his title as Finger Lakes Chess Champion and got as far as Phelps before the snowstorm grounded him. He spent the night at Dr. Robinson's. Incidentally, chess requires lots of stamina. Bob said the third game of the nine game series lasted six hours.

TONSILECTOMY

Kenny Hanson had his tonsils out Saturday morning. Ken says he is getting along fine.

ROGUES GALLERY

There is a rogues gallery of characters taken at the Ceres Circle Station Party on display in the visual aids office. In case I haven't mentioned it before this was a most excellent party and a note of credit should be extended the hard working chairmen, Nan and Sandy Davis.

PRE-SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Housecleaning is going on in the Pomology Department. Investigating a remarkable combination of odors emanating from one of the labs this reporter found Charlotte behind a big tub of dishwasher, surrounded by bottles and jars, apparently immune to the lack of oxygen. Charlotte says one label dates back to 1911.

FINIS

Bob LaBelle says he finally caught up with two naturalized natives of New York who have been raiding his hen house. Bob says he's been on the lookout and dashed out the other night with a baseball bat and caught the two red-handed. Result--two "possum" hides nailed to the barn door.

BRIDGE PARTY--The Station Club Bridge Party will be held February 17th at 8 P.M. in Jordan Hall.

1877-1956

Doctor Breed died unexpectedly at his home at 6 Sunset Drive Friday morning, February 10th. He had been in the library and other offices about the Station through the week in the discharge of his duties as editor of Bergey's Manual of Determinative Bacteriology, a project which had occupied much of his attention since 1938, and particularly since his retirement in 1947. He is survived by Mrs. Breed and a daughter, Mrs. Girard Laviano of Woodside, L. I. Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Monday) at 2:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Doctor Breed began his professional career as Professor of Biology and head of the Department at Allegheny College in 1902. He retired officially October 31, 1947, from his position at this Station and was named Emeritus Professor of Bacteriology by Cornell University. But Doctor Breed never actually "retired", he simply changed his official status and carried on with his characteristic drive in the field of science in which he had a major interest--systematic bacteriology.

Born in Brooklyn, Pa., October 17, 1877, he graduated from Amherst College in 1898, received the M.S. degree from the University of Colorado in 1899, and the Ph. D. degree from Harvard University in 1902. He joined the staff of the Experiment Station August 1, 1913, as head of the Division of Bacteriology.

Dairy bacteriology won his early attention and opened up a field of research in which he was destined to win international acclaim for his contributions. He served as an official delegate to many international dairy congresses and for several years was the Permanent Secretary of the International Committee on Bacteriological Nomenclature.

Author or joint author of numerous technical publications from the Station and in scientific journals, he also had much to do with formulating standard laboratory methods for measuring the quality of dairy products. Reports on these procedures, published under the auspices of the American Public Health Association, passed through eight English editions and were translated into French and Spanish.

Doctor Breed also found time for many extra-curricular activities along with his scientific work. He was long a leading spirit in the Geneva Historical Society and was a past president of the Geneva University Club. He was a member of Rotary for more than 25 years and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. For many years he assisted Mrs. Breed in Girl Scout work and delighted in citing as his reward the privilege of chaperoning girls who won trips to the circus for meritorious work. He was a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Gamma Delta.

For more than 25 years, Doctor Breed supervised the milk and water supplies of Geneva, winning for the city a record of high standards unequalled at the time by communities of similar size in the State. He had long been a member of the City's Health Department. In 1941 he was the recipient of the Geneva Kiwanis Club award for outstanding service to the community.

At the time of his retirement, the Milk Industry Foundation at its national convention in Miami, Fla., cited Doctor Breed in the following words:

"A distinguished leader in the field of dairy bacteriology for forty years. Revered for his contributions to dairy science which are legion. Renowned for his part in the development of the Direct Microscopic Method for enumerating bacteria in milk, for his internationally recognized work on the classification of bacteria, for his untiring work down through the years in the standardization of official methods for the examination of dairy products and for his success in developing younger dairy scientists by his sound teaching, his steady influence, and his inspiring nature."

Our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Breed and Alice. We hope they will find much comfort in memories of one whose life was filled with notable achievements of lasting value and in the knowledge that he was privileged to lead such a full and useful life to the very end.

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