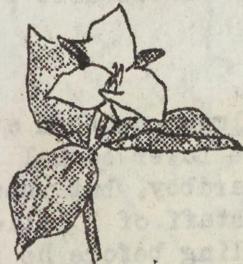


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TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FARM & HOME WEEK

Karl Brase will speak to the Maine State Pomological Society on Wednesday, April 4th. The society is meeting at the University of Maine's Farm and Home Week being held in Orono, Maine, April 2nd to 5th. Karl will speak on the "Status of Semi-Dwarf Apple Trees for the Northeast."

WILL ATTEND ROCHESTER MEETING

Dr. Chapman and Dr. Gambrell will visit Rochester next Tuesday to attend a meeting of Amateur Gardeners and Home Owners. This meeting is sponsored by the Garden Stores Association. Dr. Chapman will speak on Insect Problems of Home Gardeners and Dr. Gambrell will take part in the Question Box which will follow the talks.

ATTENDED CONFERENCE IN ITHACA

Dr. Clark, Professor Tapley, and LaVerne Herrink went to Ithaca Tuesday to attend a meeting of the College Seed Committee to consider Certification Standards for 1956.

CORNELL CLASS VISITS SEED LAB

A class in Weed Control from Cornell visited the Station Monday and spent the afternoon in the Seed Lab.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE IN MASS.

Dr. Z. I. Kertesz is in Natick, Mass., today for a conference at the Quartermaster Research and Development Center on the irradiation research project.

ON A THREE DAY TRIP TO LONG ISLAND

John Tomkins left Tuesday for a three day trip to Long Island, with stop offs at Herkimer, and the Hudson Valley. John is making a variety planting of strawberries at Riverhead on Long Island.

STATION SEMINAR - SIGMA XI MEETING

Keep open Thursday evening, the 12th of April, for joint Station Seminar-Sigma Xi meeting. The speaker will be Dr. R. G. Busnel of France who will show some of his sound films on the phonotropism (yes, phono is right) of insects. In addition to professional recognition his photos were featured in Life magazine last year. More next week.

CERES CIRCLE RECIPE PARTY

Ceres Circle will meet Monday, April 9 at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Heinicke. Mrs. Hand, program chairman, has announced a recipe party. All who wish to compete for the prizes may bring a copy of their favorite recipe. A prize will be awarded to the cook who submits the best favorite recipe and another one for the best foreign recipe. The recipes can be for any type of dish. Mrs. Nelson Shaulis will be the hostess for the evening.

EMPIRE GLAD SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of the Empire State Gladiolus Society will be held in Lima, New York on April 7th. The meeting will be held in the Lima High School. President Leo Klein will give the welcome at 9:45. Claude Heit and Leo Klein will speak on "Gladiolus and Flower Seed Germination". Dr. Robinson will speak on "Color Classification". The afternoon session will feature a Question Box Panel which will include Dr. Gambrell and Leo Klein. As a special attraction, George Slate will speak on "Spring Bulbs" during the afternoon. There will be a banquet in the evening followed by a bulb auction.

MAIL BOX

Dr. Chapman received a letter from Ralph Dean who is now almost settled at Los Banos in the Philippines. Ralph says they are still in the lower social stratum, having only one part-time maid and a very occasional yardboy, but when they move into the Matthyses' house on April 5 will inherit a staff of 2 full-time maids and a yardboy. Ralph has been doing a lot of traveling before he settles down at the University. He says the Islands have plenty of insect problems but not much modern equipment to combat them. Ralph says a name frequently heard around the Philippine Research Stations is Dr. Otto Reinking. I see by his letter he has run afoul of the durian, a tropical fruit, but here is Ralph's quote: "It smells like garbage, tastes at first like a king-size onion and, after the taste buds are numbed by the first shock, has a faintly sweetish flavor. It is highly regarded by all Mindanoans, mosquitoes and George Matthysse. Due to popular reverence for the durian, a tree cannot be cut and, due to the smell, the airlines will not permit the fruit to be carried on the plane. I vote with the airlines." Stick with it, Ralph, and before long it will be your favorite fruit, as it is highly regarded by everyone and everything wherever it grows. It is admitted it has a powerful smell and because of this fact has been banned from many European hotels in southeastern Asia.

NOTICE

Anyone who has had a recent change of address or phone number please write it on a slip of paper and send it to Lucille Holtby so she can keep her files up-to-date.

CHANGE IN HEATING PLANT PHONE NUMBER

For the telephone list dated Feb. 15th the Heating plant phone number has been changed to 9-6621. Call this number to get anyone working there.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy is extended to Thomas Murray and family on the death of his sister Friday morning at her home in Geneva.

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL LUNCHEON

Members of Ceres Circle are invited to attend the Agricultural Council luncheon in Ithaca on Monday, April 9 at 1 P.M. in the main dining room of Willard Straight Hall. The cost is \$1.50, to be paid at the luncheon. The staff recommends that you check your coat. Reservations should be made by Thursday, April 4, through Mrs. E. H. Smith, 9-6532.

SOCIAL EVENING

Station entomologists will go to Ithaca on Thursday for a social evening with entomologists at Cornell University.

SPRING FIELD WORK

Ray Bergstresser rolled out the speed sprayer Monday to put the first dormant spray on the sweet cherries. He got started and it began to rain and ran him in. Ray says he normally gets started about the middle of March, but the weather has been lousy this March....Karl Brase says the crew is about through with pruning but the ground is so wet that planting is out of the question.

HERE AND THERE

Talked to John Watson on Monday and the full name of the youngest Watson is Benjamin Tyson Watson....Sig Lienk left Tuesday for a vacation in Chicago, the rest of the family went to Canada....Susan Klein had her tonsils out Saturday and is getting along fine, but, needless to say, is not feeling so chipper.

Professor Peterson will be here April 9th. Appointments will be made through Miss Holtby.