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LAZY CLUB MEETING

A warm welcome is extended to all members and newcomers to partake in the current season's activities of the Lazy Club. The Lazy Club, a semi-social organization of the faculty and graduate students in the Departments of Vegetable Crops, Floriculture and Pomology at Ithaca and Geneva, usually holds the first meeting of the year here at the Station. The first get-together will be here on Monday, October 8. The program will include a tour of the Station at 3:00 p.m., a dinner in Jordan Hall at 6:30 p.m., followed by a discussion on quality control of New York seeds by Dr. Ben Clark.

AGRICULTURAL CIRCLE RECEPTION

The annual informal Agricultural Circle Reception will be held in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall on the Ithaca Campus, October 15th, from 7 to 10, with the Rural Education group as hostesses. All members of Ceres Circle and their husbands are cordially invited to attend this reception.

CORNELL CLASS VISITS STATION

Professor Munger brought his class in Plant Breeding to the Station last Saturday. Members of the Pomology Department took charge of the tour.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Mohammed Zahun started to work for the Pomology Department in September. Dr. Zahun has just received his Ph.D. in Botany from Cornell. He will be working with Lloyd Powell in plant hormone studies and with John Einset and Charlotte Pratt on plant radiation projects....Dr. Robert S. Shallenberger has been appointed Assistant Professor of Biochemistry in the Department of Food Science....Lyle Gray is a new man in the Vegetable Crops Department. Lyle graduated this year from Cornell and has just returned from Denmark where he has been living with a Danish family since June under a youth fellowship. Lyle lives on a farm near Penn Yan....Leon Hong has resigned his position as Chemical Analyst with Food Science to take up graduate work at Cornell.

STATION CLUB DINNER

Here is some more information on the big Station Club Dinner. It will be a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Reservations will be \$1.75 for Station Club members and \$2.25 for each guest. Tickets are expected to be ready at the end of the week and representatives in each Department will be contacted. All reservations should be in by October 12th.

FOOD SCIENCE SEMINAR

Dr. Holley has charge of the Food Biochemistry Seminar which is held at Cornell every Tuesday during the fall term. He presented the lecture last Tuesday. Dr. Kertesz spoke this Tuesday. The seminar class is for graduate students in food science and beginning next week the students will present the talks at the seminars.

A NEW LIENK

The Lienks are the proud parents of a new daughter born September 25th. The young miss weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz., and has been named Marta Ross. Mother and daughter are now home and doing fine.

FROM MISSOURI

Mr. Guenrich from the Stark Brothers Nurseries in Louisiana, Mo., visited the Station last Monday. Mr. Guenrich was interested in rootstocks and spent the day at the rootstock farm.

SILVERWARE

About fifth members of Ceres Circle, including a liberal sprinkling of husbands, met in Jordan Hall Monday evening and heard an intensely interesting account by Doctor Hucker of the history of silver and of the practices of silversmiths down through the years. His remarks were illustrated with slides and a number of pieces of silverware from his personal collection. Reporting for the nominating committee, Mrs. Lamb presented a slate of officers for 1956-57 which included Mrs. Kenneth Hanson for President, Mrs. Robert LaBelle for Vice-President, and Mrs. Freeman McEwan for Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Ed Smith presided.

FAREWELL PARTY

The Chemistry Department got together Friday in the Chemistry Building for a farewell party for Doctor and Mrs. Hand. Doctor Pederson took over Monday as Acting Head of the Department during Doctor Hand's leave of absence, and from now on will have two offices and will be a very busy man, indeed.

NEW HOME

Mary Lou and Jack Dumbleton moved into their new trailer on their lot on East Lake Road on Monday. They plan to live there until they build a house.

BLUE RIBBONS

Guilford Mack, the younger, won a blue ribbon for his Dorset lamb at the Phelps Rotary Agricultural Community Fair. He also won another blue ribbon for his Toggenberg goat.

WORD FROM HAWAII

Heard from the Boyles. They are now in their new house in Honolulu and enjoying themselves very much. Nora has requested that the Station News be forwarded to them. Their address is 4316 Roe Place, Honolulu, Hawaii.

PAGE BILL TAPLEY!

A feature story in the September 8th issue of The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee tells about the success of the Red Top tomato in that area. "For tomato paste, the small, firm, pear-shaped San Marzano is raised extensively. During the past two seasons a newcomer, the Red Top, also highly desirable for tomato paste, has gained considerable notice," states the article, which continues as follows: "George Scribner of Courtland...planted 30 acres of Red Top...His yield last year was 33 tons per acre. The Red Tops are pear-shaped but larger than San Marzanos. The vines are small, do not spread out, and are resistant to most diseases...They are heavy producers, with fine, bright color and...the fruit ripens all at one time." The article also carries a picture of a grower displaying his Red Tops with evident satisfaction. Red Top is one of Professor Tapley's notable contributions to the tomato grower and processor. It was introduced in 1952 and first went into production in 1953.

MECHANICAL "BRAIN" FALTERS

'Tis said that to err is human. Also, it appears to be a weakness of mechanical gadgets as well. Last April we preserved in our files the "Datatron" ratings of the Big League teams as published in This Week magazine under the caption "Brain Picks the Pennant Winners!" Here's the way the Datatron ratings made in April compare with the final standings at the close of the season last Sunday:

National League				American League											
Datatron Ratings			Final Standings			Datatron Ratings			Final Standings						
Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct
Brklyn.	91	63	.591	Brklyn.	93	61	.604	Det.	97	57	.630	N.Y.	97	57	.630
Cinc.	87	67	.565	Milw.	92	62	.597	Chi.	93	61	.604	Clev.	88	66	.571
N.Y.	87	67	.565	Cinc.	91	63	.591	N.Y.	91	63	.591	Chic.	85	69	.552
Milw.	83	71	.539	St. L.	76	78	.494	Bost.	88	66	.571	Bost.	84	70	.545
Phila.	77	77	.500	Phila.	71	83	.461	Clev.	88	66	.571	Det.	82	72	.532
Chi.	71	83	.461	N.Y.	67	87	.436	Balt.	61	93	.396	Balt.	69	85	.448
St. L.	63	91	.409	Pitts.	66	88	.429	Wash.	53	101	.344	Wash.	59	95	.383
Pitts.	57	97	.370	Chi.	60	94	.390	K.C.	42	112	.273	K.C.	52	102	.338

Of course the Brain did pick the Dodgers and would probably claim the privilege of experimental error on the rest of the line-up. As for the World Series, the NEWS picks the Yankees—very much against our wishes but just because they are the d-***#! Yankees.