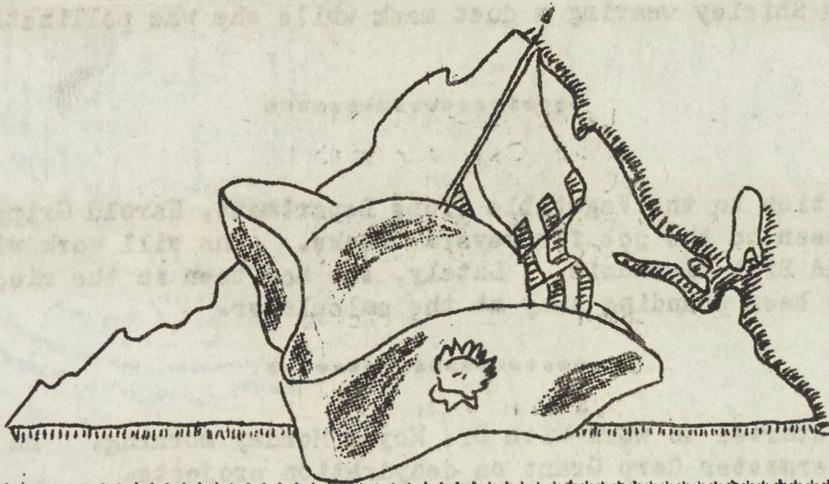


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ARTICLE IN THE GENEVA TIMES

Officials of the local building trade unions recently wrote to Albany requesting information on proposed public works constructions in the Geneva area. In the reply Albany said that among other buildings to be constructed in this area is a new two million dollar Food Science building for the Experiment Station, contracts for which Albany says will be let in the next few months. Bids will be opened February 28th in Albany for the construction of a water tower on the Station grounds which is a prerequisite to the building program.

GRAPE GROWERS MEET

The Eighth Annual Finger Lakes Grape Growers Convention will be held this Friday in Penn Yan. In the morning Dr. Shaulis will report on the 1956 studies in thinning and other management practices affecting quality and in the afternoon will report on the 1956 vineyard weed control trials. Keith Kimball will report on grape bud injury in the Finger Lakes area and will offer practical suggestions about handling damaged vineyards.

PUTTING ON THE MILEAGE

Entomologists have been doing considerable traveling this week. Foster Gambrell left Monday to attend a meeting of nurserymen in Dansville, N. Y. Ed Smith, Sig Lienk, and Ed Glass were away Monday addressing a county growers meeting in Orleans County.

VEGETABLE GROWERS TO MEET HERE

There will be a Vegetable Growers meeting Thursday, February 28th, at 1:30 P.M. in Jordan Hall. Dr. Oyer from the Cornell Vegetable Crops Department will speak on Fertilizer Recommendations and Chemical Weed Control. Dr. Muka of the Cornell Entomology Department will speak on Controlling Vegetable Insects.

SEED MEETINGS

Dr. Clark will attend a meeting in Ithaca on Friday to discuss certification standards with college officials. Then on Monday the college seed committee will meet in Ithaca. Director Heinicke, Bill Tapley, Don Barton, Bill Schroeder, and Earl Waters plan to attend.

SEMINAR

There will be a Food Science Seminar today at 4 P.M. in Jordan Hall. Dr. Wagnenknecht will present the seminar on "Lipids of Green Peas". Interested persons are invited.

ANY ANTIQUES?

An effort is being made to round up old pieces of equipment with an authentic history of their significance as "firsts". They will be properly labeled and placed in the Museum Room in Jordan Hall. Seed Investigations has already contributed the equipment used in the first seed testing "laboratory" by the late Professor Mancel Munn. It consists of a "germinator", sieve, and other items which Professor Munn preserved as relics of the beginnings of official seed testing in this State. Persons knowing of the whereabouts of similar objects of historic value will please advise the Editor.

GREENHOUSE NOTES

Plant Introduction now has automatic steam control and automatic ventilation in their greenhouse. The crew is busy pollinating cabbage, onions, leeks, and broccoli. Saw Shirley wearing a dust mask while she was pollinating cabbage the other day.

A NEW FACE

A new addition to the Vegetable Crops Department, Harold Grippen's wife "Ginger", has been on the job for several weeks. She will work with Don Barton, Bill Tapley, and Bill Mischanic. Lately, she has been in the middle of progress reports and has been pounding away at the calculator.

BACK AGAIN

John Cain started to work with Dr. Moyer Monday morning. He will be working under the Quartermaster Corp Grant on dehydration projects.

THIS N' THAT

Ed and Nell Glass went to Sodus on February 12th to speak and show slides of their European trip at Ladies Night of Sodus Rotary Club.

Next Tuesday the big ping pong round robin tournament gets under way in Leo Klein's recreation room. So far, Leo and Bob Lamb have had their challenge accepted by 2 teams.

MAIL BAG

Janet Copeland, a former member of Food Science and Now Mrs. Alex Ciegler, recently wrote friends in Startevant Hall. Her husband works at the Northern Regional Laboratory in Peoria. They have a young daughter.

Read a short note from Morrie Vittum. He says spring is here (in California, that is). Their almond blossoms are out, and crocus flowers have come and gone. Quit bragging, Morrie. Just read this little item I picked up about your California weather.

During the visit of a Kansan and his wife to Los Angeles, the famed smog of that western city was very much in evidence. A friend, taking them around on a sight-seeing tour to the various points of interest of the city, said:

"Now, on a clear day you can see a range of mountains near Hollywood and Catalina Island."

"Well," drawled the visitor from Kansas, ruefully surveying the smog, "we ain't got much in Kansas, but at least, what we have got, we can see!"

ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSORS

Mention of the professor going home without his car in last week's News brought a communication from an old-timer around the Station telling about another Station professor who drove his car to Albany and when he had completed his business went down to the depot and returned to Geneva by train. Realizing his error, the next day he bought a round trip ticket to Albany to pick up his car. The same professor seemed fated to be the victim of car troubles for he had his car stolen here in Geneva one night. It was recovered the next day near Rochester. A few days later he had occasion to drive to Syracuse and put his car in a garage. When he returned to pick it up, the Syracuse police were waiting for him. They had not been notified of the recovery of the car and so far as they were concerned it was still a stolen car. The story had a happy ending, of course; the professor didn't land in jail.

SOME MORE EXHORTATIONS I WISH I HADN'T EXHORTED

6. Be a sport, Phil! Let's play for a tenth of a cent a point!
7. Next time you folks come over, be sure to bring the kiddies!
8. Just ask me, B. J. I'll do anything for the company; even—ha—ha—sweep up around here if called upon!
9. Look it up in the dictionary if you won't take my word for it!
10. Now, forgetting that we're friends, tell me very objectively what you thought of my speech!