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COMMENTS, COMMENDATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The generous comments from those who attended the 75th Anniversary Symposium, the ground breaking ritual and the chicken barbecue, as well as the fine newspaper coverage, and favorable editorials in Geneva, Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and other papers all indicate that our Birthday Party on October 4th, 1957 was an outstanding success as a public relations event. Governor Harriman, President Malott, President Carlson, Dean Myers and the group of distinguished speakers and the large attentive audience all entered into the spirit of the occasion and helped to make it a memorable day.

The special committee of the staff under the chairmanship of Prof. J. D. Luckett had been at work since January of this year. They had the assistance of all the Station personnel in planning and carrying out the many details involved. The fact that everything went off smoothly and without a hitch is clear evidence of a fine spirit of team work and cooperation.

There were some lucky breaks too. Ideal weather; trenches for new water mains filled just in time; last load of steel for the new water tower delivered the day before the anniversary and a delay in beginning the riveting scheduled to be underway during the first week in October;—and no World Series broadcast on Friday—all of which meant that everyone could give his undivided attention to the Symposium speakers and enjoy the ideal autumn weather for the ground breaking and the barbecue.

The condition of the greenhouses, buildings and grounds reflected neat house-keeping. Our 'showcase' of field plots south of the greenhouse (representative of the 38,428 similar plots in the rest of the 600 acres of Station farms!); the re-decorated and newly furnished Museum room in Jordan Hall; special display of apples, squash, palms and flowers on the stage of the auditorium; the rehabilitated calf-barn (garage to the younger generation) appropriately decorated with autumn colored foliage; the white Niagara grape juice served in the staff room were all appreciated by our guests.

The Director takes this opportunity to record his thanks for all the fine work on the part of the entire staff.

STATION CLUB DINNER

Committees have been appointed for the Annual Station Club Dinner as follows: General Chairman: Dr. and Mrs. Michael Szkolnik; Reservations and Tickets: Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Braun; Entertainment: Dr. and Mrs. P. McEwen; Door Prize: Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Vittum; Decorations: Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jahn; Transportation: Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pallesen; Publicity: Mr. and Mrs. Paris Trail. It has been decided to have a ham dinner at Lafayette Inn at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 29, 1957. Tickets for members will be \$2.00, for non-members \$2.50. This does not include a tip, so tipping will be left to the individual.

SIGMA XI

The Geneva Branch of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi will be hosts at a luncheon and tour of the Experiment Station on October 18th. The Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory at Buffalo has been invited to attend along with members from Ithaca. The Geneva Branch would welcome a large turnout of Station staff members at the luncheon, whether a member of Sigma Xi or not. Incidentally, the lunch will be served by the same group who served food for the Lazy Club recently.

BE SURE TO TELL YOUR WIFE

A special invitation has been received from the Agricultural Circle at Ithaca to the members of the staff and their wives at the Geneva Campus of Cornell to attend the annual reception to be held this year on Tuesday evening, October 15, from 8 until 10 o'clock in the Auditorium of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall (Home Economics Building). Emeritus professors and their wives are to be guests of honor. The chairman of the Agricultural Circle reception committee writes: "We always feel specially honored when the Geneva staff attend our gatherings. We hope the weather will be favorable for good driving and that therefore a nice 'flotilla' from Geneva will come". Let's arrange for a good turn out.

COLLEGE SEED COMMITTEE TO MEET

On Friday the College Seed Committee will meet at Ithaca to develop plans for the Cornell Seed School and discuss other seed problems. Dr. Clark, Dr. Tapley, and Director Heinicke are the three members representing the Experiment Station.

ATTENDING CALIFORNIA MEETINGS

Dr. Hand has left for California to attend a meeting of The Food Protection Committee of the National Research Council. The meeting is being held Tuesday and Wednesday at Davis, California. Friday and Saturday he is due in Columbia, Mo., to attend a meeting of the Council on Foods and Nutritions of the American Medical Association.

VISITORS

Dr. June Olley of the Torney Research Station, Aberdeen, Scotland, is coming to the Station on Wednesday. She will discuss Lipids with Austin Wagenknecht and will look over the Station. She has been working with Dr. Hanahan at the University of Washington for the past year.... Professor Maurer, professor emeritus at the University of Berlin, visited the Station last week. He is interested in root-stock work and has done much work with Malus Baccata and Malus prunifolia, apple species from Russia. He has selected clones for hardiness and compatibility with European varieties. Some of his material is being tested at Ottawa at present.... Sharon Brown, from the Stanford Seed Company in Buffalo, is spending some time in the Seed Laboratory. She will be here for a week or so for on the job training for purity analysis and germination of grass seed.... Dr. Edward Johnson, former manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, was a house guest of the Kleins recently. Dr. Johnson was enroute to New York City and on his return trip he visited the Kleins again and spent a day at the Station.

ATTENDS ROCHESTER MEETING

Claude Heit attended the New York State Christmas Tree Growers Association in Rochester on Saturday. Claude talked on the effect of seed sources on germination, seedling growth, development and winter coloration and hardiness of Douglas Fir and Scotch Pine.

MAKING PLANS FOR CONFERENCE

A committee of entomologists and plant pathologists are meeting in Ithaca on Thursday to draw up detailed plans for the Pesticide Fungicide Conference to be held in Ithaca November 12th, 13th, and 14th.

CONVALESCING

Ed Smith had his operation last Tuesday at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. Ed has been under observation there for several weeks and the decision was to operate. Ed was on military leave at the time. Reports indicate that the operation was a success and he hopes to be back on the job soon.

POPULATION CURVE STILL RISING

Two new members have been added to the 36 children in pomologist families. Judith Corrine Watson was born Tuesday, October 1st, at 6 P.M., weight 9 lbs. 6 ozs. Mother and daughter are home and doing fine. Born one hour later was Robert Owen Kimball weighing in at 7 lbs., 9 ozs. Mother and son doing fine.

CERES CIRCLE

The Ceres Circle meeting at Mrs. Heinicke's on Monday was well attended. Dr. Kertesz related some of his experiences in Turkey and showed color slides after which cider and doughnuts were served. The new slate of officers elected at the business part of the meeting were: President, Mrs. Grace Sferra; Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Amdon; Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Gladys Tomkins.

BACK AGAIN IN SEED LAB

Nancy Inscho is back in the Seed Lab after a long siege with pneumonia.