

SIGMA XI

The Sigma Xi luncheon and tour went off very smoothly last Friday afternoon. About 30 visitors participated in the tour. The officers of Sigma Xi and members of the executive committee who planned the event appreciate the cooperation of everyone who contributed to the success of this event.

HONORED

Doctor Kertesz was honored recently by being named "Man of the Month" by Food Packer Magazine. Congratulations!

VISITORS

Professor Javier Becerra, Head of the Agronomy Engineering Department of the National College of Agriculture at La Molina, Lima, Peru visited the Station on Monday. He has been in this country four months visiting various Experiment Stations. Professor Becerra is interested in fruit and vegetable research....Another visitor to the Station Monday was Dr. E. Gunthart, entomologist from Dielsdorf, Switzerland. He is a representative of the Dr. R. Maag Chemical Company. Dr. Glass was a visitor at the Company there last year.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. Belcher has resigned her position as Laboratory assistant in the Seed Laboratory. Mrs. Lillian Fischer has been appointed to fill the vacancy....Audre Flaningam resigned her position as Lab assistant in the Food Science Department. Ann Clarke has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

SOCIAL NOTES

Ed Smith made a flying trip home for the weekend. He is getting along fine, but has not yet been released from the hospital and had to return Monday....The latest word from the Dean family comes from Christ Church, New Zealand. Ralph says the earliest apples are starting to bloom.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDEN ARTICLE

The latest Garden News in the Better Homes and Gardens for September has an article on the Barry apple. The article has this to say: "American plant breeders have combined the marvelous flavor of Cox's Orange, sometimes called the world's finest dessert apple, with one of America's best, the Mackintosh. The New York State Experiment Station has introduced the apple under the name "Barry". The fruit has the light amber flesh of the Cox Orange and the flavor is a combination of the two parent varieties."

AROUND THE STATION

Workmen showed up bright and early Tuesday morning and began to hook up welding machines and start generators on the west lawn of Jordan Hall. Looks like the water tower is going up....After the pond was constructed on the Smith Farm this year it was noted that a wet spot formed in the field below the pond and prevented the field from being farmed. Investigating this condition, a bulldozer excavated a trench just below the dike. Below the old tile drain, which was cut when the pond was constructed, they struck a layer of gravel. Water was gushing out of the gravel. Apparently the gravel layer extends under the pond and is acting as a natural drainage system. Conservation officials are studying the problem.

FOUND AND LEFT

After all the meetings this fall the lost and found department has a surplus. One wicker lunch basket complete with service for two (used); One comb; One fountain Pen; One Hat. Owners can claim the same at the Editor's office.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY RECENTLY

- Smith. A textbook of plant virus diseases, 2nd ed. Little, Brown, 1957.
- Mellan and Mellan. A dictionary of poisons. Philosophical Library, 1956.
- Hubbard. Fleas of western North America. Iowa State College Press, 1947.
- Hawes. Index XIV to the literature of American entomology. Ent. Soc. of America, 1956.
- Ross. A textbook of entomology, 2nd ed. Wiley, 1956.
- Popjak & Le Breton. Biochemical properties of lipids. Interscience, 1956.
- Entoma, 11th ed. Ent. Soc. of America, 1955-56.
- Annual review of entomology, v. 2, 1957. Ann. Reviews, Inc.
- Selected scientific papers from the Instituto Superiore de Sanita. Rome, 1957.
- Vercier. La determination rapide des varietes de fruits, 3 vols. Paris, 1948.
- Brownlee. Industrial experimentation, 4th ed. London, 1949.
- Thompson & Kelly. Vegetable crops, 5th ed. McGraw-Hill, 1957.
- Gleason, Gosselin and Hodge. Clinical toxicology of commercial products. William and Wilkins, 1957.
- Little. General and applied entomology. Harper, 1957.
- Storer & Usinger. General zoology, 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill, 1957.
- Ruhland, Handbuch der pflanzenphysiologie, v. 2: General physiology of the plant cell. Springer, 1956.
- Ruhland. Handbuch der pflanzenphysiologie, v. 3: Water relations of plants, Springer, 1956.