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FOOD TECHNOLOGY MEETING

Ithaca staff members interested in Food Technology and the Food Technology staff in Geneva met Monday afternoon in Jordan Hall. The topic of discussion was the Field of Food Technology at the Graduate Level.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETS

The Agricultural Committee of the New York State Cannery and Freezers Association met with Geneva and Ithaca representatives of the College of Agriculture on Monday in Jordan Hall. The committee made plans for the annual Fieldmen's Conference which will be held at the Station in February.

VISITOR

Mr. Lennart Kahre, in charge of the germinating department of the Seed Control Station at Stockholm, Sweden, will visit the Station on Monday. He expects to spend several days with members of the Seed Department.

MAIL BAG

We have a letter from The Wesselmanns which is excerpted as follows: We left the States in August for Iran. Our first stop was Paris where we spent 3 days. Stop #2 was Rome, for two days which we shall not soon forget. Sight-seeing tours, good-eating, and window-shopping occupied us fully and left us yearning for a return visit.

We got our first taste of the Near East at Ankara, Turkey, where Bob spent a couple of days with some Point IV people. By the time we arrived at Tehran, we were completely off schedule, having lost about 7½ hours in time zones enroute. Through bleary eyes at 5:30 A.M. we saw our home-on-the-sand for the next two years. The weather was hot, bright and dry. This was the end of August and the 100 degree heat was a relief from the mid-summer temperatures, we were told.

In October, we moved from the hotel to our home in the mountain suburbs, called Shemiran. Here, trees and flowers and grass grow readily with the help of water tapped from the mountains. The same source provides Tehran with its water, transported through underground tunnels (ganata) or open surface ditches. We have a beautifully-flowered garden and a swimming pool. Pools are standard equipment for most homes in Shemiran. All houses are walled-in for security purposes. Several other American families live within walking distance. Our car came on the first of December but we're still waiting for the household goods we shipped from Ecuador and Geneva. Until they arrive, we're facing into the brisk North Wind wearing, cottons, silks, sneakers, and bathing suits.

The art of bargaining which Nita picked up in South America is extremely useful in the local bazaar. Each of the larger cities has its catacomb of stalls which sell everything imaginable. As one worms his way deeper and deeper into the underground maze, the adventure becomes more and more interesting, and eerie, and risky.

The American Colony is very fortunate in having a good school which is approved by the New York State Board of Regents. Janine is in the fifth grade and Nancy is

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challenging the best efforts of the 1st grade teacher. Nita keeps her finger in the business by serving as a substitute teacher occasionally.

The Farsi language still has us up a tree but the day may come when some light shines through.

Bob's job is two-fold: First, he's helping to establish a Public Relations and Information Dept. in the Ministry of Agriculture; Secondly, he's working with the Extension Information Dept. to improve and increase the flow of information to the farmer.

For all of our friends in the States, and Ecuador, and elsewhere, we wish a joyous Christmas and a New Year of peace and contentment.

The Wesselmann's address is: Robert A. Wesselmann, USOM to Iran, APO 205, New York, N. Y.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We were saddened to learn of the death on December 30th of Lucile Holtby's mother, at her home after a long illness. We extend our condolences to Lucile and the family. Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. Thursday in the First Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE MORSE

We note with regret the passing of George A. Morse last week at his home on Sodus after a long illness. Mr. Morse was 82 years old. He was a well known figure around the Station for many years in his capacity as President of the Fruit Testing Association. He was also quite active in the State Horticultural Society of which he was a past President.

HOLIDAY VISITING AND VISITORS

The Don Wilsons spent the Christmas Holidays with their folks in Ohio....The Hands had a houseful over the holidays. Their son Clifford was home from Harvard and their daughter Sylvia, her husband and their family were here for a visit..... The Lawson Drakes spent Christmas with the McEwens....The Keplingers are back after a Christmas vacation with their folks in Maryland....The Slates daughter, Barbara Abbott, with her husband and son are visiting. This presents the grandparents with a fine chance to spoil their grandson....Ken Hanson's brother-in-law, Lt. Commander Charles Stokes and his family, are visiting at the Hansons.

SPEND HOLIDAYS IN THE HOSPITAL

Millie McGuigan came home Monday after a week in the hospital with a case of pneumonia. She is getting along fine....Ruby Coe is still in the hospital and is recovering slowly. When she regains her strength the doctor will let her return home....Bill Schroeder is also spending the holiday season in Geneva General Hospital. Bill is recuperating but doesn't expect to get home for awhile yet.

INDONESIAN COOKERY

I had an interesting experience in Sturtevant Hall on Monday and met an interesting person. Miss Yap, a student of nutrition from Indonesia, arrived at the Station to spend a week assisting Keith Steinkraus. Keith has been working for some time with soy beans and in his experiments has produced large lumps of soya curd looking somewhat like cottage cheese, and meatloaf shaped masses of cooked soy beans cemented together by a mold. When sliced this looks like beans imbedded in a white cheese. This is as far as Keith had progressed in this series of experiments.

Soy beans are a major item of diet in Indonesia as they are plentiful, cheap, and highly nutritious, being an excellent source of protein. The moldy product, (Tempe in Indonesia), was pronounced o.k. by Miss Yap and she proceeded to deep fry several slices, also several slices of the soya curd. I was invited to sample these and found them to be very palatable, the slices of 'tempe' having a very pleasant nutty flavor. The soya curd in taste is almost identical with strips of baked, crisp, pork skins which were a familiar delicacy in my youth on a southern farm.

Miss Yap says that in Indonesia the beans are boiled, washed to remove the skins, wrapped in a leaf, usually a banana leaf, a bit of mold introduced and overnight the mold grows through the mass, making it very firm. In this state it is called tempe and is then sliced and cooked in various ways as a meat supplement or substitute. Miss Yap says that nutrition specialists in Indonesia have the problem common to nutrition specialists everywhere, namely to get people to eat new foods. As an example, she says that tempe has been food mainly for the poor and in spite of its being easily made, nutritious, and flavorful, they can't get the more well-to-do Indonesians to eat it.

Keith will conduct further experiments along the same line with other types of beans and Miss Yap will act as cook and taster and suggest other uses for bean products in line with the ways they are used in Indonesia. Miss Yap is at present in this country on a year's scholarship at the School of Nutrition at Cornell University.