

SEMINAR

The Food Science Department will hold a seminar Friday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. in Jordan Hall. The speaker will be Dr. Shallenberger and his topic will be "The Relation Between PCA and a Heat Induced Off-Flavor in Beet Puree". Interested persons are invited.

JOB WELL DONE

Wilson Hey's farm crew deserves a vote of thanks for the excellent job of handling the snow removal problem. The janitors of the various buildings are also to be commended for keeping the entrance walks cleared. I understand that Nick Varno even hired an assistant!

CERES CIRCLE

The next meeting of Ceres Circle will be held on Monday evening, March 3rd at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Heinicke. Mrs. Warren Hanscom of Waterloo will present a demonstration of floral arrangements including table arrangements for Easter. It should prove to be an enjoyable evening.

OUR MISTAKE

The Station News offers its apologies to Everett and LeEtta Henecke for the errors it made in spelling, names, and date in reporting the birth of their daughter in last week's issue. We did get the baby's weight correct, I think.

MRS. McPHERSON

Mrs. Ethelyn McPherson, widow of Roy P. McPherson, former Secretary of the New York State Horticultural Society, died at the home of her daughter near LeRoy last Wednesday, following a long illness. Mr. McPherson served as Secretary of the Hort Society for 25 years or more and during most of that time Mrs. McPherson was his "first assistant" in handling Society affairs. Mr. McPherson died in February 1951, following retirement a year or two before on account of failing health.

FAREWELL PARTY

The Food Science Department gave a farewell party for Norm Lawrence on Friday. Norm has accepted a position with the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Alabama Medical School in Birmingham. Norm expects to move this week but with this weather his schedule is rather uncertain.

FREE FOR THE ASKING

Cliff Davis has 6 puppies of beagle ancestry to give away. Five males and one female, ready to go.

BETTER STICK TO APPLE BREAKS

"Fly Saves Lives of 16". That's a headline in a New York Times story from Sao Paulo, Brazil. "A servant in one of the Departments of the Finance Secretariat here", says a Reuter's dispatch, "preparing coffee for the mid-afternoon coffee break, noticed that a fly that lit on the open tin of coffee immediately fell dead. Experimenting with another fly, with the same results, the servant took a closer look at the coffee and noticed a strong smell of burnt almonds. The police, called in to investigate, analyzed the coffee and found it to be mixed with a large quantity of cyanide". Let this be a warning to Station coffee breakers. Either "convert" to apple breaks or have a supply of Pat Sferra's flies on hand to run a "screening" test on your coffee supply. Of course it has long been common knowledge that the Plant Pathologists use Fermate for their coffee break (or maybe their coffee just tastes like Fermate) so the fly test may not work for them--just another reason to switch to apples.

COUNTRY NOTES

The warm west wind of the last few days is rapidly lowering the depth of the snow drifts and is hinting strongly of spring, or maybe we're just tired of looking at all the snow. The birds seem to think spring is on the way, at least those at the writer's place. The English sparrows are becoming interested in our martin house and every night for several weeks a trio of Great Horned Owls have serenaded us from the trees near the house. Expect two have paired off now and the female is incubating eggs in an old crow or hawk's nest down in the hemlock woods. The cardinals and tree sparrows around the bird feeder are also singing quietly, almost to themselves, every morning. Incidentally, a list of birds at our feeder may be of interest. Regular panhandlers include about a dozen tree sparrows (sometimes very annoying because of their habit of sitting singly in the feeder for long periods and fighting each other and the chickadees off), the friendly ever-present chickadees, white breasted nuthatches, a pair of cardinals, downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers, and a single song sparrow. Had a different sort of visitor Sunday and he wasn't after bird seed. A Cooper's Hawk dashed up and tried to catch a sparrow. He missed but sat on the feeder trying to terrorize one of them into leaving the safety of the forsythia bush until Butch rapped on the window to shoo him off. Am afraid he'll be back.