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LABELLE PREPARES FOR SABBATIC

Professor R. L. LaBelle, Department of Food Science and Technology, is currently finalizing plans for his one year sabbatic leave which starts 1 September. He will spend the year in Engineering Development, Western Regional Research Laboratory, Albany, California. While on sabbatic, LaBelle will work under Dr. Arthur Morgan. They will concentrate research efforts on foam-mat and/or freeze drying procedures.

LaBelle and his family plan to leave Geneva on 21 August. They will travel the central route through Salt Lake City, spending a total of about 10 days on the road. They plan to spend their nights at various campsites en route. The new address of the LaBelles will be 122 El Toyonal, Orinda, California, the same house occupied by the R. S. Shallenbergers.

Bob LaBelle says they are looking forward to seeing the Frank Boyles recently returned from Hawaii (Frank is now at the Western Regional Research Laboratory) and Ernest Sondheimer, who is presently on sabbatic at the University of California, Berkeley.

MARTIN VISITS CROSIER

Dr. W. C. Martin, Morton Chemical Company, Woodstock, Illinois, spent 23-24 July visiting Dr. W. F. Crosier, Department of Seed Investigations, to review methods in microbiological assays of treated seeds. They also arranged the program for an evening meeting of the Seed and Soil Treatment Committee of the American Phytopathological Society to be held at Amherst, Massachusetts, 27 August.

Dr. H. F. Goonewardene, Corona Division, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Moorestown, New Jersey, also visited Dr. Crosier on 24 July to review the results of seed treatments of small grains.

HEIT ATTENDS CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS MEETING

C. E. Heit, Department of Seed Investigations, attended the 1963 Summer Convention of the New York Christmas Tree Growers Association held at Saratoga Springs, New York 25-27 July. He participated in the Directors' meeting Thursday evening, and helped lead a discussion, along with E. J. Eliason, Head of the

Research Unit, New York State Conservation Department, regarding Scotch Pine seed source plantings at the Saratoga State Nursery. Heit is Chairman of the Tree Seed Improvement Committee which is attempting to promote legislation for better labeling of tree and shrub seed, both foreign and domestic.

E. H. GLASS RETURNS

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Glass and their two children, Anne and Ted, have recently returned from Boydton, Virginia, where they were called at the death of Mrs. Glass' father, Lewis Presley Webb. Our deepest sympathy is extended.

MASSEY ATTENDS GORDON RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dr. L. M. Massey, Jr., Department of Food Science and Technology, just returned from attending the Gordon Research Conference on Radiation Chemistry held at New Hampshire 22-26 July.

PICKLING CUCUMBER MEETING

Drs. R. W. Robinson and S. Shannon, and G. Tehrani, a graduate student of the Department of Vegetable Crops, will spend 31 July-3 August attending the National Pickling Cucumber Improvement Committee meeting at East Lansing, Michigan.

NEW ADDITION

The sincerest congratulations of the Station staff are extended to Bob and Linda Ennis on the birth of a daughter, Helen Louise. The baby girl was born on 20 July. Both mother and daughter are reported doing fine.

VEGETABLE CROPS FAMILY PICNIC

Members of the Vegetable Crops Department held their annual Family Picnic on 30 July at the farm of Dr. N. H. Peck, Lyons Road.

WOODAMS PLAN RETURN TO ITHACA

Ed Woodams, who has been working for the past month with R. L. LaBelle, will return to the Ithaca campus at the end of this week. Ed has been helping LaBelle study the relationship between bruising and firming of Montmorency cherries. Ed is a graduate student in Food Technology.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR OPEN HOUSE

Slowly, but surely, plans are beginning to gel for the Station Open House scheduled for 15 August. An attendance of anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 persons is anticipated. Ladies of the Seneca Castle Methodist Church have agreed to serve lunch to the throng. Bus tours of all Station farms will leave the main campus every half hour starting at 10:00 a.m. A new Station brochure has been prepared especially for the occasion. Incidentally, because of a premium on parking facilities, staff members are asked not to park anywhere on the main campus. Further details regarding this matter

will be sent to you in a few days.

FOR SALE

As most of you know, Dr. H. Tashiro, Department of Entomology, is leaving for his new assignment in California on 12 August. He would like to sell the following items before that date if possible:

- Power saw--table model
- Electric range
- Wheel barrow
- 200 board feet, cabinet grade Black Walnut--surfaced
- 2 snow tires--6.00-13.0
- Child's desk
- Girl's ice skates, size 5

If interested in purchasing any of the above items, please phone 789-5771, or stop by the house at 445 William Street.

WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
July 18	90	65	fair
July 19	86	64	fair
July 20	75	62	1.62 of rain
July 21	84	58	.12 of rain
July 22	86	60	fair
July 23	84	59	.22 of rain
July 24	89	61	fair
July 25	91	65	fair
July 26	92	68	fair
July 27	91	68	fair
July 28	90	69	fair
July 29	85	58	.32 of rain
July 30	72	53	.37 of rain

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G. J. HUCKER RETIRES FROM EXPERIMENT STATION--
GAVE 44 YEARS SERVICE TO STATION AND COMMUNITY

Employees of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, packed the Reception Lounge of Jordan Hall Friday, 16 August, as they honored Dr. G. J. Hucker, Department of Food Science and Technology, on the occasion of his retirement.

One of the most distinguished and colorful of all Station scientists, Dr. Hucker officially retires 1 September. He will leave behind him a history of 44 years of scientific research and community service that undoubtedly will not be equaled for some time to come.

Dr. Hucker joined the Bacteriology Department of the Experiment Station in October 1919. Among his first assignments was a request to investigate the sanitary quality of milk for cheese making. Later, he became involved in technical studies on the organisms associated with food poisoning (coccaceae), mastitis, an udder infection in dairy cattle, and cheese ripening. Perhaps his most significant research contribution was on mastitis, where his scientific explorations lead to the development of methods of testing for this disease.

During the first 25 years of his distinguished career with the

Station, Dr. Hucker spent most of his research hours on bacteriological problems involving milk and milk products. In 1943, the Dairy Department was permanently moved to Cornell University, Ithaca, and 2 years later, the Geneva Station formed a new Department of Food Science and Technology. This new Department was a combination of the former Departments of Chemistry and Bacteriology, plus scientists from a relatively new field of Food Technology. With this change in the Station's makeup, Dr. Hucker switched his scientific talents from studies on milk to research on the microflora of frozen foods. Throughout his entire career, however, Dr. Hucker was always concerned with the major problem of sanitation. He has a total of more than 200 scientific papers to his credit.

Born in Cascade, Iowa in August, 1893, Dr. Hucker completed his A.B. degree at Lenox College in 1915. From 1920-1921 he attended Cornell University, and in 1916 received his A.M. degree from Columbia University. In 1924, the degree of Ph.D. was conferred upon him by Yale University. He is one of three Station employees listed in Who's Who in America, and also appears in American Men of Science.

His professional honors are staggering. He is a member of Sigma XI; a Cutler fellow of Yale University; Fellow and Chairman, Committee on Food Sanitation, American Public Health Association; Member and Chairman, Committee on Policy and Procedure, Society of American Bacteriologists; and Chairman, Central New York Section,

Society of American Bacteriologists. One of his most significant contributions, outside of his research work, was his part as a Founding Member of the Institute of Food Technologists. This Institute, today, is the most influential body in the industry. He has also served as Secretary of this group, and about a year ago, members of the Institute paid him honor for his outstanding service. Other professional associations or activities with which he had a part include Member, American Chemical Society; Fellow, American Association of Advisory Science; Member, American Dairy Science Association; Member, International Association of Milk Sanitarians; Editor, Food Research. He was the Official Delegate in 1928 to the World Dairy Congress in London, and in 1934, served as Secretary, Food Sanitation Section, International Microbiological Congress.

In 1926-27, he was requested by the International Education Board to visit laboratories in London, Paris, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Berlin, Rome, and Berne. That same year he conducted research studies in London and Copenhagen. A year later, Dr. Hucker embarked on a further survey of certain research centers in London, Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Hague, and Strassburg.

1937 saw this untiring scientist leave the United States once more on a special assignment for the New Zealand Government. He was asked to study the country's food problems and recommend a suitable agricultural research program. Two years later he left his homeland again to study sugar and molasses spoilage problems in Puerto Rico.

To his home community of Geneva, New York, Dr. Hucker means just as much as he does to the scientific world. He has an extremely strong sense of civic responsibility. He is proud of Geneva, proud of the Experiment Station and the role it plays in New York's agriculture, and proud of the people in Geneva. He spends many long hours **each** year working on community affairs and has done so for the better part of his 44 years in Geneva. He is also a Ruling Elder in the North Presbyterian Church and has been Treasurer since 1960. He was appointed as a Delegate to the United States General Assembly in 1961.

His most arduous efforts in community affairs, however, have been with the Geneva General Hospital and the Geneva Community Chest. He is still a Director of the Hospital, and has served as President of the Board of Directors. During his term as Director, citizens of Geneva have seen the hospital become one of the finest equipped and staffed institutions of its size in the country. Dr. Hucker has also served as a Director and President of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Regional Council of Hospitals.

Recognizing the value of the Geneva Community Chest, Dr. Hucker served as a Director in 1951, President from 1953-54, and as General Campaign Chairman from 1951-53 and again in 1955. Many fine achievements can be listed for this organization during these years.

His service to the other academic institution in Geneva, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, has also been outstanding. For example,

in 1950 he served as Chairman of the Capital Fund Drive, and subsequently was recipient of a special citation in 1959 from the College. Other community activities include key positions in Rotary International, both in the local and national organization, Geneva University Club, and Finger Lakes Torch Club, which is an academic discussion group.

He is currently actively engaged as President of the Geneva Historical Society.

Dr. Hucker and his wife Alice have just purchased a home on Sunset Drive, and will spend much of their retirement continuing their community services. Dr. Hucker has also been engaged by Cornell University to write an anthology on the history of Food Technology in New York State.

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