

Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

A MOLD-COUNTING "SCHOOL"

Yes Sir, these are school days at the Experiment Station! A group of 20 technicians from some fifteen canning companies are undergoing an intensive training period in the Bacteriology Division laboratories this week to fit them for control work with tomato products in their respective plants during the forthcoming tomato canning season. The "School" was organized by Mr. John P. Street of Rochester, Secretary of the New York State Canners Association, and Dr. Pederson is acting as technical adviser. The teaching staff is comprised of Miss Gertrude Speiden of the National Canners Laboratory in Washington, Miss Ruth Kirkpatrick of the Continental Can Company of Chicago, and Dr. Wheaton of the American Can Company of Maywood, Ill. Several members of the Station staff are also giving supplementary lectures on tomato growing, handling, and processing. The school will terminate with a dinner at the Country Club Friday evening after which a number of food authorities will participate in a program relative to tomato products in general.

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY

Final plans are rapidly being completed for "Station Day", one of the most important details to be settled during the past week having to do with the refreshment stand. The Seneca Castle Grange has agreed to take over this service. Two busses have been engaged for the day to aid in the tours and arrangements are pending for a public address system for announcements and for amplifying the speaking program in the afternoon. A little cooperation from the weather bureau now, and all will be well.

HORT SOCIETY TOUR

The summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society is to take the form of a tour to the Vineland Experiment Station in Ontario, Canada, next Wednesday. Dr. Tukey is planning to go on the tour. Tomorrow the eastern section of the Society is holding a tour of Dutchess County, and several members of the Staff who happen to be working in the Valley at this time will be on hand.

HERE FOR FOOD CONFERENCE

Among those who will participate in the food conference Friday and who have already arrived in Geneva are Dr. H. E. Goresline of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils and Prof. B. E. Proctor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

NURSERYMEN HERE TOMORROW

The Advisory Committee of the State Nurserymen's Association is planning to visit the Station tomorrow to inspect the plant propagation work under way here.

CALLED TO THE FRONT

Dr. Hervey set out yesterday for Albany and vicinity where he expects to be engaged for the next month in an intensive campaign against the European corn borer which has broken out in alarming numbers in the Albany-Schenectady market garden areas.

TALKED TO ROTARIANS

Dr. Carpenter spoke before the Waterloo Rotary Club Monday evening on the general subject of plastics.

Mr. George Darrow, small fruit specialist of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; Prof. J. H. Clark, horticulturist of the New Jersey Experiment Station; and Miss White of Whitesbog, N. J., were recent visitors to the Station and nearby points where they were especially interested in blueberry culture. Mr. Slate conducted them on a tour of blueberry plantings in Wayne and Oswego counties.

A SUBSTANTIAL AWARD

The National Cancer Advisory Committee of Washington, D. C., has granted a substantial award of funds to Dr. Nebel for studies of the physiology and cytology of non-green plant tissues under action of phenanthrenes with special reference to mitosis.

WELL KNOWN HERE

Dr. Fred C. Meier, the plant pathologist of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture who was on board the ill-fated Hawaiian Clipper lost over the Pacific Ocean last week, was well known to the plant pathologists here. Dr. Meier was believed to be studying the distribution of plant disease spores carried by air currents at great heights by means of a spore trap designed by Col. Lindberg.

CONNS HEARD FROM

The most recent communication from the Conns tells of driving thru an unprecedented hail and electrical storm in the mountains of Colorado. They were adhering closely to their original plans and had picked up Herbert at Boulder and were continuing on west.

FROM SWITZERLAND

Mr. M. H. Wipf, a University student from Switzerland primarily interested in agricultural engineering, arrived at the Station yesterday and at once made a friend of the Director by donating stamps off of his letters from home to the Director's collection, or rather to John's collection.

A SUMMER PASTIME

The Director and Editor will spend the heat of the day tomorrow in the cool depths of Rochester's Chamber of Commerce Building discussing plans for the 1939 Apple Blossom Festival. They will be part of a delegation from Geneva bearing the City's bid for the 1939 event. It's one of these interesting by-products of experiment station work.

A MONTH LATE

Rumors were flying thick on Monday that Dr. and Mrs. Breed were celebrating a double anniversary, a twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Breed's joining the Staff of the Experiment Station. A bit of documentary research, however, reveals what we believe are the correct facts, namely, that these two events were celebrated about a month ago, but our best congratulations, nevertheless. Perhaps the added fact that Mrs. Alice Breed Laviano of Jackson Heights, Long Island, is visiting her parents gave weight to the anniversary idea.

HOT WEATHER SPORT?

In what year were you born?

What is your age?

In what year did you join the Station?

How many years have you been with the Station?

Add these four numbers and the total will be 3,875; except that if you joined the Station this year (1938) and have already celebrated your birthday, the total will be 3,876.

(Don't ask us why. This is contributed by our star reporter and we take his word for it. He, not the NEWS, offers a prize for the best explanation).