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COSTUME PARTY NEXT MONDAY

Persons who attended the Ceres Circle costume party in the last two years are eagerly looking forward to another hilarious evening this coming Monday. This year, the Station Club is lending moral support to the ball which will have a Mother Goose theme. Costumes may be chosen from any story which can be attributed to the old gal. If that field isn't broad enough, we're told that characters can also be borrowed from Father Goose. Prizes will be awarded for the best get-ups. In addition to the spontaneous fun which is certain to occur, there'll be a "formal" program of skits put on by each of the Departments. Following the merrymaking, there will be another delectable array of eats which has won plaudits for Joanne Whitcomb at previous parties. A charge of 40¢ per person will be levied to defray costs of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, who are in charge, will call for reservations by Departments, tomorrow. Everyone at the Station and his or her spouse are invited to attend, and this invitation needs to be urged upon only those who missed the previous parties. A costume isn't mandatory but it does add to the fun. The time will be 8 P.M. in Jordan Hall. You'll hate yourself if you miss it.

CANNERS MEETING NEXT WEEK

This year, the annual Raw Products Conference of the Canners and Freezers Association will be held for the 30th time. The State Extension Service and the Experiment Stations are cooperating with the Association in providing the program next Tuesday and Wednesday. Jordan Hall will again serve as the mecca. Serving on a panel concerned with insect control and residues will be Doctors Hervey and Davis on Tuesday morning. Dr. Hervey will remain on the speakers' platform for the ensuing item—a panel on pesticide applicators, in which Dr. Schroeder will also take part. Professors Tapley and Vittum and Mr. Peck will be three members of a panel on irrigation scheduled for the early afternoon. Processors and Ithaca specialists will provide the rest of the afternoon program which will include a bean cutting-bee of newer varieties canned in 1954. The annual banquet at the Canandaigua Hotel will occupy the participants in the evening. Wednesday morning, Doctors Natti, Barton, and Adams will join in a discussion of experiences with Stewart's Wilt on sweet corn, and Dr. Barton and Dr. Schroeder will tell about recent progress in pea breeding. Dr. Hand will then compare the values of U.S. #1 and #2 tomatoes as based upon the quality of the resulting juice. Prof. Tapley will discuss new tomato varieties and Prof. M. C. Bond, who has often appeared on the conference program, will speak in a new role. As Cornell's new Director of Extension, Prof. Bond will talk about the stake of the Extension Service in the processing industry. A section for fruit processors will run concurrently with the morning vegetable session. Dr. Hamilton will discuss fire blight in pears and apples; Dr. Tomkins will speak about cultural problems in strawberries and raspberries; Dr. Shaulis and Dr. Robinson will relate the maturity of Concord grapes to vineyard practices; Dr. Robinson will discuss the relationship of sour cherry scald to harvesting conditions; Dr. Braun will speak about recent research in strawberry disease control; and Mr. Klein and Mr. LaBelle will explain pilot plant tests on new varieties of apples for processing. The last Station specialist to appear on the program will be Prof. Sayre who will discuss changes in yield, grade, and gross value of beets at various stages of maturity. His talk is scheduled for 2:30 on Wednesday afternoon.

SPEAKS TO INDIANA CANNERS

Cannery fieldmen in Indiana held their annual winter meeting at Purdue University last week and Dr. Schroeder was one of the speakers. The local plant pathologist appeared on Wednesday's program and discussed the use of spray concentrates on tomatoes.

WINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Robert Holley is the recipient of one of the traveling fellowships awarded annually by the College of Agriculture. The food scientist will utilize the grant to attend two international congresses in Europe this summer. In July, he'll join a world-wide gathering of organic chemists at Zurich, Switzerland, and in August he'll participate in the International Congress of Biochemistry at Brussels.

PROFESSOR HENING REHOSPITALIZED

Still recovering from an operation performed several weeks ago, Professor J. C. Hening was taken to the Geneva Hospital last Friday night following a severe attack of pneumonia. His weekend was exceedingly uncomfortable but he was reported to be slightly improved, yesterday. We join his many friends in hoping for a steady upward curve on his progress chart.

COUNTY FRUIT SCHOOLS

The annual trek to the Hudson Valley and Long Island will be made by Professors Slate, Braun and Tomkins next Sunday, to speak at county fruit growers meetings. All three will speak to Suffolk County growers and Professors Slate and Braun will continue on to meet similar groups from Nassau, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster, and Orange Counties. The trip will be completed on Thursday.

COUNT 'EM, QUICK!

With many Station men boasting about becoming grandfathers, Sam Kayn of the Seed Lab has set a mark for all to shoot at. The birth of a boy on January 28th to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tassone of Auburn racked up the 19th time that Sam and Mrs. Kayn have become grandparents. Sam points out that any delay in publishing the information may invalidate the data.

FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS FORM ORGANIZATION

An honorary society of food technologists has been formed with headquarters at the University of Massachusetts. Several members of FS&T at this Station have been elected to charter membership. The fraternity will go under the designation of Phi Tau Sigma.

SEMINAR TODAY

All interested persons are invited to attend a Food Science seminar to be held in Jordan Hall at 4 P.M. today. Dr. Robinson will discuss his work on dehydrated peas.

EXHIBITS VALENTINE COLLECTION

Mrs. Everett Carleton is in Orlando, Florida, where she is displaying her assortment of old-time valentines. Her collection caught the attention, recently, of the proprietors of the Whistling Oyster Gift Shop in that city. The Genevan is attending the exhibit to explain the background of the items.

CHIT CHAT

A former stenographer in Entomology was married last weekend. The former Mrs. Mildred Wharton became the bride of Earl E. Deal of Fayette in ceremonies at Stanley. Mrs. Deal worked for the entomologists about six years ago.....Leo Klein is catching up on accumulated work at Geneva. He has returned from his semester at the Ithaca campus.....Col. Frederick Hofer has arrived at Bremerhaven for about a year's tour of duty with the Army in Germany. Among other subjects, Fred studied Russian during his training in the States.....The stenogs in Entomology are aces high these days. The bug boys are congratulating them on a king-size job of key-clicking as they polished off all of the Department's progress reports by the deadline.

GRANGERS TO HEAR FORMOSA TOPIC

Viggo Jensen, master of the Enterprise Grange at Oaks Corners, extends an open invitation to the public to hear a program lecture this evening from 8 to 9. Dr. Hand will speak about agriculture in Formosa and will utilize the sizeable collection of color slides which he made on his recent trip.

COSTUME PARTY-----MONDAY NIGHT-----8 o'clock-----DONT MISS IT!