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PRESIDENT HUCKER

Doctor Hucker was elected President of the Institute of Food Technologists at the business meeting of the Institute in Boston yesterday. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization and as Editor of the Proceedings since 1939. Plans were also furthered for the first International Congress of Food Technologists to be held in Philadelphia in June 1948. Official approval of the International Congress has been given by the State Department, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and FAO, and invitations have been issued to more than forty countries, many of whom have indicated interest in the Congress and will send official delegations. Doctor Hucker will serve as the presiding officer at the Congress. Congratulations!

NURSERY PROBLEMS

A conference on nursery insect problems occupied the attention of several members of the Division of Entomology yesterday. Among those in attendance were E. G. Brewer, B. A. Porter, A. S. Hoyt, and Joseph Silver of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Prof. C. E. Palm and Prof. H. H. Schwardt of the College of Agriculture; and Dr. A. B. Buchholz and B. R. Blanch of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets; also, representatives of the nursery industry.

PEA VINER

The Vegetable Crops specialists may not have any peas this season--or at least only a token crop--but they will have a standard pea viner of their own in operation on the Canning Crops Farm by the time the pea harvest comes around. The foundations for the new equipment have been placed and it is expected that the machine itself will arrive any time now. Equipped with special sieves to handle both peas and lima beans, it is expected that the new installation will prove to be an important tool for carrying on experimental work. Heretofore the canning crops specialists have been dependent upon commercial viners in handling their experimental plantings, with the result that in the rush at pea harvest time in normal seasons, the experimental lots have had to take second place to the commercial crop with disastrous results in getting yield data on test plantings in many cases.

ON WAY TO IOWA

Doctor Lee is attending a conference on quality control in the home freezing of foods which is being held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, tomorrow and Friday. The conference was organized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

PROFESSOR READIO

Entomologists at the Station learned with regret of the death of Professor P. A. Readio in Ithaca last week. Professor Readio had been associated with the Department of Entomology at the College of Agriculture since 1934 where he lectured on economic entomology.

FROM BRAZIL

Professor Daria Brossard, economist with the University of Porto Alegre in Brazil was a visitor at the Station on Monday. He has been taking work in agricultural economics at Ithaca and was interested in observing the organization and program of the Station.

HERE FOR THE SUMMER

Mr. Charles Rutschky, who has been taking graduate work at Ithaca, has returned to the Station for the summer months and will assist Professor Wheeler.

PICNIC PLANS

Mrs. Alvin Braun has called a meeting of the committee on the Station Club picnic and plans will soon be in the making for that annual event. The date--to be set definitely within a few days--will be the latter part of June. Watch the NEWS for further details.

A DAY IN JUNE

June started in where April and May left off--with a good driving rain that added up to 1.39 inches by 8:00 a. m. yesterday when we checked with Mr. Jahn. And last Monday Miss Sperry completed the records for May, revealing that the total precipitation for the month amounted to 5.33 inches, including 0.6 inch of snow! There were five clear days in the month and 20 days with more than 0.01 inch of rain which tells the story so far as the farmer is concerned--not to mention the field work at the Experiment Station. Temperatures for the month ranged from 30 to 81 degrees and curiously enough were not far out of line with an "average" May. The combined rainfall for April and May was just about twice the normal which should mean something for the remainder of the season, but we are not posing as a weather prophet.
