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ONONDAGA GROWERS MEET

Agriculturists of Onondaga County will open a three-day show today at the War Memorial Building. Station Director Heinicke will tell the group about "Forty Years of Progress in Fruit Growing" at today's meeting. Tomorrow, Prof. Slate will discuss new varieties of small fruits and will spend some time on cultural methods.

OTHER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Tuesday--Prof. Shaulis, Peterson, Kimball--Grape Meeting, Penn Yan.
Prof. Brase--Morton, Monroe County.
Wednesday--Prof. Brase, Lamb, Klein--Williamson, Wayne County.
Prof. Smith, Glass, Lienk--Morton, Monroe County.
Thursday--Prof. Vittum, Schroeder--Genesee County.
Prof. Glass, Brase--Red Creek, Wayne County.
Friday--Prof. Glass--Williamson, Wayne County.
Prof. Schroeder, Vittum--Monroe County.

OTHER MEETINGS

Doctors Clark and Bula spoke at the Certified Seed Growers' School in Batavia, yesterday....Prof. Slate is on his way to Hamilton, Ontario, where he's scheduled to speak to the Berry Growers Marketing Board, today.

TROPICAL VACATION

Dr. Hamilton will board a ship on Friday at New York City, enroute to Honduras and a short rest before the new growing season begins. While there, he plans to visit the United Fruit Company's Tropical Research Department, and has been invited to address the staff members there. He'll discuss some of the work at Geneva with particular emphasis on fruit disease research.

TEMPERATE VACATION

Dr. Frank Lee left Geneva last weekend for his annual vacation in California. He plans to visit relatives there and will also take in the American Chemical Society Meeting in Los Angeles from March 15-19.

FORMER STATION WORKER DIES

At Columbus, Ohio, last Thursday, occurred the death of Professor Wendell Paddock, professor emeritus of Ohio State University. Prof. Paddock was a horticulturist at Geneva around the turn of the century and worked with Prof. S. A. Beach on the fruit books.

THE SICK LIST

Dr. Natti returned to his home from the Geneva Hospital on Sunday. Though he still has his ups-and-downs, his condition is reported slightly improved....Kenny Braun is completing his recuperation at his home. He left the hospital on Friday and is making good progress....Mr. John Patrick, father of Stuart Patrick, is back home after spending a few days in the hospital with a slight case of pneumonia..... With the many types of respiratory complaints still making the rounds, it's difficult to list all who are being bitten by "the bug".

MR. POULSEN BEREAVED

Our sympathy goes to Carl Poulsen who received word last week of the death of his mother in Aalborg, Denmark. She was known to some Geneva people since she visited here in 1949.

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE WINTER

Candlemas Day may have passed only three weeks ago but despite the groundhog's prediction, the season soft and vernal is upon us. Out in the sticks where the Wesselmanns live, Snowdrops are blooming vigorously and a robin stopped in the other day. We're not sure whether that bird is the first one of the new season or the last one left over from 1952....Not content with Snowdrops, the Herveys have some Crocuses which opened up outdoors last week.



SEED BULLETIN MAKES BOW

The seed bulletin for 1952 is due from the printer this afternoon. Bulletin No. 757 gives the results of last year's official laboratory and field tests, conducted in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

EXHIBIT PLANNING

Mr. John Kelly of Kelly Brothers Nurseries will meet here on Friday with Dr. Heinicke, Prof. Luckett, and Prof. McDaniels of Ithaca, in a discussion of possible exhibits for the annual meeting of the Association of American Nurserymen in New York City next July.

SMALL TALK

At Geneva's World Day of Prayer held in the Methodist Church last Friday, Mrs. M. T. Vittum provided organ accompaniment and Mrs. Ed Smith was a soloist....Members of the First Baptist Church will hear a report on Guatemala, tonight, when Dr. Szkolnik gives his Kodachrome-illustrated talk....Dr. Curtis has been selected to head the Station's Red Cross Drive next month....In company with her mother and aunt, Doris Traphagen left Geneva last weekend for a two-week's vacation in Florida...Members of the Methodist Church held a father-and-son night last week and Bill Heit gave the youngsters' toast. Cap Bigelow was imported to provide piano music.

AT ALBANY MEETING

Dr. Avens is in the state capital where he is taking part in the annual meeting of feed and fertilizer inspectors and control officials. The three-day meet opened yesterday.

KLASSIFIED

Sam Kayn has a brooder house, measuring 8 x 15 feet, and he'd like to get rid of it reasonably. Contact him for details.

John Binset's doghouse has a half-dozen new tenants. One of his beagles issued its second litter about a week ago. She repeated her phenomenal sex distribution of 5 males and 1 female, too.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Teams composed of the Macks, and Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Moyer, took top honors at Friday's five-table play in Jordan Hall.

ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING

Six Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Miss Anna Hall, will visit the Station this afternoon. They'll make stops at the Museum, the Seed Lab, and the Insect-rearing Laboratory.

In the absence of a more startling item, we'll toss in another teaser this week. It's about a bank nightwatchman who heard a noise in the bank's vault in the middle of a night. Upon a stealthy investigation, he was further surprised to discover that it was the bank's president, a Mr. Jones. "Mr. Jones, what in the world are you doing here at this hour?" "Well, it's funny, Smith, but I woke up in the middle of my sleep after dreaming that the body of a dead man lay in this vault. It was so realistic that I had to come down and see for myself. Of course, there's nothing to it. It was just an odd dream.

Said Watchman Smith, "That certainly is odd, Mr. Jones, for I've had the same dream, only I've had it three nights in a row and in my dream the dead man was YOU!" Banker Jones gave a shudder, then laughed it off and went home. When he returned to the bank in the morning, he fired Smith. Why?

SWEET SIXTEEN

We call attention to a new and generous service of Geneva's Welcome Wagon. Called "Sweet Sixteen", this service salutes the young ladies of town on their sixteenth birthdays. Gifts from Geneva business firms acquaint the young ladies with the many services which can be found in Geneva, and they also remember Mom and Dad. If the Welcome Wagon is notified in advance of a coming 16th birthday, they'll take care of the rest.

"That's a nice-looking hat you have there."

"Yes sir, and you might not believe it but that hat is ten years old. I've worn it almost constantly, too. I dropped it in the river once, had it cleaned, and blocked only once in the last ten years, and swapped it twice in a restaurant."

--Western Farm Life.
