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SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS PLAN GENEVA MEET

"Land Use" will be the theme of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Empire State Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America when it convenes at the Experiment Station on January 18th and 19th. The two-day program will include speakers from Geneva and Ithaca as well as from other institutions. The NEWS will print the complete agenda in next week's issue.

GUEST SPEAKER

Professor Sayre will discuss his studies on pea maturity at a meeting of Canadian canners tomorrow. The Canned Foods Association of Ontario, meeting at Guelph, has also invited the local specialist to take part in a panel discussion.

AT MASSACHUSETTS MEETING

And Dr. Shaulis will tell members of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society about some New York State findings when he speaks on grape production tomorrow. The meeting is being held in Worcester.

NEW YORK MEETINGS

Two horticultural meetings in New York City have also called some of the Station scientists this week. Director Heinicke and Dr. Gambrell put in appearances at the Eastern New York Nurserymen's annual meeting which began earlier this week....And Dr. Dolan is presenting a paper dealing with pre-emergence weed sprays on asparagus at the Northeastern Weed Control Conference which opened yesterday.

MISHAP INJURES DR. LI

Dr. Karl Li reported to the Geneva Hospital on Monday evening for treatment of second degree burns which he sustained just a few minutes before the end of the working day. The accident occurred when an ether-distilling apparatus exploded in his first floor laboratory in Sturtevant Hall. The still was operating inside a hood, which was rent from its pinnings by the concussion. Prompt action by co-workers who armed themselves with CO-2 extinguishers squelched the flames. Though his condition is not serious, Dr. Li suffered painful burns on his hands and face. His fellow workers are to be commended for their prompt action in extinguishing the blaze. This is a concrete illustration of the importance of knowing where the nearest fire extinguisher is located.

INJURED IN HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

A two-car collision a few miles west of Batavia on Friday sent Dr. Hamilton to the Clifton Springs Sanitarium for observation and treatment. The plant pathologist was returning from a holiday trip to Toronto when the mishap occurred. Although his automobile was badly damaged, Dr. Hamilton reportedly suffered only some bruises and a severe shaking up.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Messrs. Holley, Sondheimer, Ronwin, Lee, and Steinkraus motored to Rochester on Monday evening to take in an American Chemical Society lecture on "A Biochemical Approach to Chemotherapy".

THE BELTSVILLE STORY

Dr. Dolan met with the pomologists on Monday to discuss the fruit exploration and importation at the USDA Plant Introduction Station at Beltsville.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year arrived a few hours ahead of time for Mr. and Mrs. William Mishanec (Veg Crops). Their bouncing baby boy arrived on the evening of December 31st--too early to qualify for the raft of gifts offered by Geneva business concerns, but in time to qualify as a 1953 tax exemption for his dad.

THE SICK AND THE QUICK

Lou Eames has returned to his custodial duties in Jordan Hall after an absence of several weeks. Lou made a remarkable recovery after a major operation and appears none the worse for his experience.....We hope environment has nothing to do with it but John Gigliotti, who pinch-hit for Lou in Jordan Hall, now finds himself in the hospital, also to undergo surgery. His complaint is a leg ailment, and we wish him a quick recovery.

THE INSECT WORLD

Dr. Chapman continued his road circuit on Monday evening when he appeared as guest speaker at the Waterloo Rotary Club meeting. It's apparent that Chappie's presentation of "This Insect World In Which We Live" is being well received. Since his premiere about a year or so ago, the Station entomologist has delivered the topic well over a dozen times to Rotary Clubs, and has even appeared before Kiwanians! Without a doubt, this show enjoys the longest run on Station record.

VISITS BROOKHAVEN

During her holiday trip to New York, Pomology's Charlotte Pratt made a stop-off at the Brookhaven National Laboratory where the Station has a segment of horticultural stock in the radiation test area. Charlotte met with some of the specialists to discuss the cooperative project on somatic mutations.

BADMINTON RESUMES

With the holiday season a thing of the past, badminton play at the North Street School gymnasium resumes this week. The enthusiasts meet Monday and Wednesday evenings.

BRIDGE CLUB NOTES

The next meeting of the Station Bridge Club, originally scheduled for this Friday evening, has been postponed until the following Friday, January 15th, because of conflicts with other activities. Persons planning to attend are asked to notify Mr. Jones, Mr. Gilmer, or Mr. Bigelow, by Wednesday in order that proper arrangements can be made.

MILESTONE

Mr. Sayre was overwhelmed by a mob of well-wishers the other evening on the occasion of his birthday anniversary. He was presented with a cake which was so large that it had to be tipped on edge in order to pass through the doorway.

GREETINGS FROM OSLO

Seasonal greetings and personal regards to all of their Geneva friends come from Mr. and Mrs. Odd Tvete in Norway. The Tvetes spent several weeks at the Station back in 1952 and made many lasting friendships.

CHIT CHAT

The entomologists are expecting a hasty visit early next week from their sabbaticking professor, George Hervey. He'll return to Geneva for a day in order to pick up the family car. Dr. and Mrs. Hervey, returning from a trip to Europe, will spend the last half of his sabbatic leave touring research stations in the South...The Tapleys returned from their month's vacation in Florida on Monday night. Dick Larsen will don government-tailored clothing on January 14th. He's reporting for military service with an Ontario County contingent....Mr. Walter Neuburg of Birdseye-Snyder's plant in Hillsboro, Oregon, was a Sunday guest of the Holleys. Mr. Neuburg is in charge of horticultural research at his west coast station.

Many a small boy is the kind of kid his mother tells him not to play with--Atlanta Constitution.