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JOB CLASSIFICATION

By this time practically everyone around the Station has had an opportunity to go over the various communications and forms having to do with a review of all non-professional positions and their classification. A committee of representatives of the State-supported institutions under Cornell University, headed by Prof. A. H. Peterson of the Business Office in Ithaca, has been working out the details of the survey, with the aid of Mr. Walter Foertsch of the firm of Walter H. Foertsch and Associates in Rochester, business and personnel consultants. Mr. Foertsch is to be at the Station this afternoon for a series of conferences. All persons designated as Supervisors for purposes of the survey are to meet with Mr. Foertsch in the Staff Room in Jordan Hall at 2:30 p. m. Then, at 4:00 p. m., all nonprofessional employees are requested to assemble in the Auditorium in Jordan Hall where Mr. Foertsch will go over the details of the "Duties Statement" each person has been asked to fill out and answer questions. Please note the date and the hour.

LAZY CLUB MEETS NEXT WEEK

Next Tuesday evening, the Lazy Club will meet at 6 o'clock in the Plant Science Seminar Room on the Ithaca campus. Doctor John Carew will serve as moderator in a general discussion on "Weed Control". Geneva staff members who plan to take in the meeting should make reservations at Miss Jessie Sperry's office by Friday noon, January 11th.

"SCIENCE IS A SACRED COW"

Using the title of his book as his subject, Anthony Standen will address the University Club at the Seneca Hotel on Monday evening. Mr. Standen studied at Oxford, New Hampshire, and M. I. T., in the field of chemical engineering. He has spent several years in Spain and Brazil on the chemical control of insects and took time out during his travels to take casual cracks at the stuffiness found in scientific research. In his own words, "One of the great sophistries of the world is the over-extension of the scientific method into realms where it does not belong. To expose sophists is my aim, but it is tricky business." The speaker is currently editing the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology and is acquainted with Geneva chemists. His talk will follow dinner which begins at 6:30 P.M.

ADDRESSES NURSERYMEN

At the nurserymen's meeting in New York City last week, Director Heinicke was one of the speakers. He told the group about the Station work, dwelling particularly on those phases concerning nursery stock.

WINDOW DRESSERS

Leo Klein, Bob Wesselmann, Jack Shannon, and Harry Wieser will go to Rochester on Friday to set up fruit displays in two windows of Sibley, Lindsay, & Curr. The exhibits will tie in with the Rochester meeting of the Horticultural Society and will feature standard apple varieties and the most recent Station introductions.

ANOTHER BRIDGE PARTY

The Station Club's first bridge party went over with such a bang that another one is already cooking. It's set for the evening of Friday, January 25th, in the auditorium of Jordan Hall. Chairmen of the party are Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Mack. They would like to see more novices show up for this match, in order that some of the older sharks can be dethroned. The play will begin promptly at 8 P.M. and the cover charge will be 25 cents per head.

FOUND: A woman's cigarette lighter. Can be claimed from Louis Withers upon proper identification.

ANNUAL C. S. E. A. DINNER

Maxwell Lehman, Editor of the Civil Service Leader, will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Geneva Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association. The meeting will be held at the Seneca Castle Grange at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, January 19th. Tickets are \$1.50 each and those planning to attend are asked to notify Doctor Hofer at 2629 as early as possible. Efforts are being made to have other speakers and those attending will be given an opportunity to participate in a question box. Election of officers for the new year will follow the speaking program.

ENTOMOLOGICAL CONFAB

Members of the Entomology Division met with Doctor Harry Dietz of the DuPont Company last Friday in a discussion of the possible use of superior oils in the home garden. The visitor came from the company's Wilmington office.

FORMER ENTOMOLOGIST UNDER KNIFE

Seton Mendall of Hammondsport successfully underwent a major operation at the Bath Hospital on Saturday. After a period of no less than three hours on the operating table, doctors reported that the patient was on the mend. Mr. Mendall worked in the Entomology Division at the Station from 1940 to 1943.

KING MUD BEGINS REIGN

The tunnel-digging job for steam pipes has begun and with it the promise of all the mud we'll want until the work has been completed. Telephone service to the garage and greenhouse was disrupted in order to let the power shovel pass the wires. Our sidewalk superintendents should be out in full force from now on.

THE SPOTLIGHT

Badminton will resume tonight in the North Street School....The church bowling league wound up the first half of its season with the Lutherans hovering around the fourth rung in the ladder while the Experiment Station team was steadying the ladder. The rivals will meet each other for their second half match near the end of February.

HERE AND THERE

The Cains have returned from three weeks in Florida with reports of beautiful warm weather as soon as they got out of the New York State cold belt....Speaking of Florida, the Hands are due back today from a similar trip with their house-on-wheels....Mrs. Herman Filipini of Wyoming, Penna., gave birth to a son on Christmas Day in Kingston. She is the former Raphael Gillotte who worked in Doctor Breed's laboratory during the war. The Christmas child has been appropriately named Noel Raphael....Claude Heit is resting up in the Geneva General Hospital after undergoing an operation yesterday. Our best wishes for a quick recovery....A recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glass was her brother, Louis P. Webb of Boydton, Va.Doctor Kertesz attended Monday evening's meeting of the American Chemical Society in Rochester. The speaker was Doctor George Calingeart of Hobart....The Enterprise Grange of Oaks Corners is holding a round-and-square dance on the evening of January 19th. Tickets will be \$1.25 per couple.

SOMETHING NEW UNDERFOOT

Those stacks of boxes which reposed for several months in the reading room were opened during the Christmas season and are being spread out thin on the Library floor. When Bob, Willie, and Maurice get through, there'll be a brand new covering of green asphalt tile covering the old familiar concrete slabs.

OUCH!

We quote from a review of a recent manual issued by the University of Illinois on "Preparing Technical Material for Publication: A Manual for Authors of College and Station Publications", which appears in the November 17th issue of the British journal, Nature: "There is a further reason for caution in recommending this manual to British readers. While the principles of arrangement and construction are independent of language, when it comes to handling words, the fact that the manual is written in English can disguise the truth that British and American writers are really dealing with two different languages. The same words quite commonly have different meanings or nuances. This is apt to give the impression, which sometimes may be quite mistaken, that American writers do not handle their tools with the same precision or show the same regard for style as their British confreres."

Temperament is temper that is too old to spank.