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EMANCIPATION II

Today is the first day of November--and the first day at the mill for three of our professors whose sabbatic leaves chanced to terminate at the same time. Needless to say, we're happy to see the Lucketts back in our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Editor left Geneva in August for a trip to several Experiment Stations in the southern tier and Mexico and certainly garnered interesting experiences in full measure. First big stop on their list was the meeting of the agricultural college editors at the Mo Ranch in Texas. This was followed by a USDA-sponsored trip into Mexico where joint U.S.-Mexican experiments were visited. The Lucketts then pursued a full program of sight-seeing, highlighted by a hair-raising mountain climb on horse-back, at night, during a lightning storm, to view the actively erupting Paracutin volcano. Other spots visited were Mexico City, Taxco, and Guadalajara. Their return to Geneva took them to some of the boundless ranches of Texas, experiment stations in the Gulf Coast states, and Indiana...just in time for that football scrimmage which Purdue had with Notre Dame--a fitting home-coming, to be sure. We've heard that the fishing was good and we're awaiting the fantastic details.

REPORT ON EUROPE

We also welcome back to Geneva Mr. and Mrs. John Einset and little John who have returned from a trip to Norway and Europe. Doctor Einset, on a traveling fellowship, attended the International Botanical Congress at Stockholm in July and visited several horticultural installations in England and on the continent. The family toured Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Western Germany, France, and Belgium and made prolonged stops at Copenhagen, Balsgard, Alnarp, Odense, Hanover, Geisenheim, Lyon, Poitiers, Nantes, and Rheims. In England, the Geneva scientist visited experiment centers at East Malling, Long Ashton, and the John Innes Institute. He was also present at the National Fruit Trials held at Wisley. Several days were spent in the company of M. Gerard Marot, president of the French Grape Hybridizers Association. John comments that most of the fruit breeding work in France is the result of private undertakings by nurserymen. We're looking forward to a more detailed report on this trip.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

With an additional 16,000 miles on their car, the Shaulises returned last week from a sabbatic tour in the state of Washington. Primary purpose of the trip was to study the response of Concord grapes to the pruning, training, and trellis height systems which have been found effective in New York State. Doctor Shaulis made a hurried trip to the Yakima Valley in February to accomplish the necessary pruning operations in the two-acre vineyard which was made available to him. The entire family made the trip in May, stopping enroute at stations in Raleigh and Willard, N. C., Mountain Grove, Mo., and Fresno, Calif. Most of their time was spent at the Irrigation Experiment Station at Prosser but side-trips were made to Puyallup, Wash., and the Summerland Station in British Columbia. Observations were also made on the culture of small fruits. The Shaulises returned by way of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the Fredonia Lab. The story of his experiment was presented to us in the form of one cryptogrammic data sheet--but we'll wait for the popular interpretation.

ADDRESSES GRANGE

Director A.J. Heinicke presented a report from the Experiment Station to the 78th Annual Session of the New York State Grange in Elmira, yesterday. In his talk, he traced the evolution of farming in the past 50 years from a basis of self-sufficiency to one of commercialization. Doctor Heinicke also described the development of organized agricultural research from its embryonic state, just 75 years ago, to a highly specialized status which is closely allied with production and the processing industry. The speaker mentioned briefly some of the projects with which the Station is concerned and also reported progress on the building program.

THIRD ANNUAL FOOD PROCESSING MEETING

Wednesday, November 15th, has been set as the date for the Third Annual Food Processing Meeting to be held in Jordan Hall. About 200 research workers and technologists from the processing industry are expected to attend. The all-day conference will feature talks by many of the Station's food scientists as well as the Director of the A&P Baking Division, Doctor W.H. Cathcart, and the Director of Fundamental Research for Continental Can, Doctor L.E. Clifcorn. Doctor P.E. Ramstad of the Cornell School of Nutrition is also listed on the program. Full details will be presented in a later issue of this paper.

POMOLOGY SOCIAL

Members of the Pomology Division and their wives turned out forty strong at a tea given by the Wellingtons on Sunday. The guests spent an enjoyable social interval and took the opportunity to welcome the Shaulises and Einsets back to Geneva.

CANADIAN BUGS

Doctors Paul Chapman and Ed Smith are on their way to Ontario, Canada, today. Along with some College of Agriculture delegates, they'll attend the 87th Annual Meeting of the Ontario Entomological Society at Guelph.

MEETING THE JOHNSONS

FS&T staff members joined with Doctor and Mrs. John Johnson of Ithaca in a cocktail hour at the Hand home on Friday. The party was held after Doctor Johnson's seminar lecture at the Station in the afternoon. He is the head of the Division of Organic Chemistry at Cornell University.

MEET JIM TOMKINS

Our Michigan field reporter seems to have slipped up on this item but it's still good news. On October 7th (this year, that is), Mr. and Mrs. John Tomkins, formerly of the Geneva Station, became the parents of 7 lb. 12 oz. James Edward. Tommy is now an assistant professor in the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State and their address is: 705 Cherry Lane, Apt. 204, East Lansing.

OVER THE TOP

The campaign is over and the Experiment Station family can be proud that it more than met its \$900 Community Chest quota. Captain David Hand reported yesterday that \$935 had been collected. He wishes to express his gratitude for the full cooperation given by his lieutenants and by the individual donors whose increased subscriptions made the drive a success.

POT POURRI

Doctor J.A. Adams of the Poughkeepsie Lab spoke at yesterday's meeting of the Southeastern New York Turf School in White Plains. His topic—"Grub Control in Turf".....Jim Hamilton is back from a week's vacation at Toronto....Badminton tonight at the North Street School. Attendance is encouraged....Sacre bleu! Have you seen the bowling tournament scoreboard lately? The Experiment Station stalwarts have passed the stalled Lutherans. Last week's games gave the Stationers the 3 points by which they lead their goose-egged colleagues.

EVERY YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME

The day was clear, and the wide sweep of the meadow and pasture gave a perfect view of any moving animals. The hired man was out to get some of the woodchucks which had been causing considerable damage and loss. As he carefully scanned the area he saw the back of a 'chuck just sticking up above a small knoll. He knew it was a 'chuck because it was brown, and occasionally it moved. The rifle went up, the target was in the sights, and the far ball of fur jerked and disappeared as the bullet tore into it. It was a long shot, and a good one, but just to make sure he had killed the 'chuck, the hired man went over to see. What he found was not a woodchuck. It was the neighbor's son, aged sixteen. His head was a bloody mess, and the hollow-point bullet, when it came out the front, had removed a large piece of his face. The hired man knew who it was only by the boy's clothes. His brown, moving animal had been the boy's head, just visible as he rested in the meadow.... This is a true story. Many similar tragic accidents happen every year but they wouldn't if every hunter would make certain to "See what you shoot".

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Regards to her friends at the Station come from Miss Mary Curtis, late of the Seed Lab, who left us last summer to take a crack at the mission service. Writing from the Colegio Centenario, Santa Maria, R. G. de Sul, Brazil, Mary says that her 33 day "cruise" was plenty long enough. Her ship was caught in a Caribbean hurricane, lost control of its steering apparatus for awhile, was fog-bound near Rio de Janeiro, and was hit squarely by a freak gale near Santos. Diners had to catch their food on the fly while the light ship was being tossed from crest to trough. Mary stopped at Aruba, Salvador, Victoria, and Porto Alegre where she began her trek inland. "Santa Maria is a pretty little city nestled in hills like those around Italy Hill or Naples.....I hope to hike over some of them...I haven't started my duties yet since the school year is about over....." The lucky kids down there are just starting their summer vacations, now.
