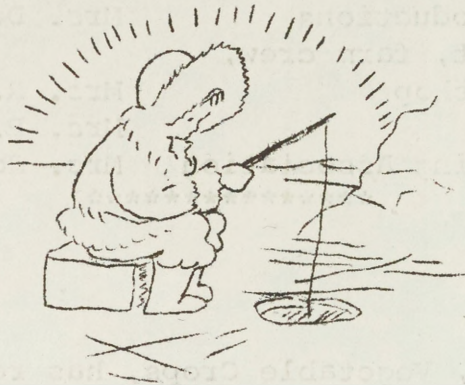


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VITTUM STARTS SABBATIC

Dr. M. T. Vittum, Head, Department of Vegetable Crops, officially starts his sabbatic leave on March 1. He is spending the 6 months as Acting Professor of Horticulture at Oregon State University, Corvallis. He plans to spend most of the time studying and observing commercial production and processing of vegetables. The entire Vittum family, with the exception of Dave, who is in College, has been enroute to Oregon for several days. Members of the Station's Vegetable Crops Department have received cards from various stopping points along the way.

H. J. MACK COMES TO STATION

While the Vittums are in Oregon, Dr. H. J. Mack, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, Oregon State, will travel to Geneva and spend 6 months at our institution. Coming with him will be his wife and four children. They will live in the Vittum home during their stay. Mack's specific field of endeavor has been in the area of soil-plant-water relationships with snap beans. He is expected to arrive at the Station around March 15.

CARD PARTY PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

Plans for the all-Station Ceres Circle Card Party are just about complete with ticket sales now well underway. The party is scheduled for March 6 in the Auditorium of Jordan Hall. Card games will start at 7:45 p.m. According to the Officers of Ceres Circle, practically all kinds of card games will be available. Tables will be already set up, but those who come are asked to bring their own cards.

Incidentally, tickets can be purchased for \$.25 per person from your Department representative. Remember, this party is open to all Station personnel, not just the women. Last day for purchasing tickets is March 2, and a list of Department representatives is given below:

Administration
Food Science

Vegetable Crops
Plant Pathology
Pomology
Seed Investigations

Miss Lucile Holtby
Mrs. J. C. Moyer
Miss Judy Austing
Mrs. K. H. Steinkraus
Mrs. O'Hara
Mrs. J. J. Natti
Mrs. R. C. Lamb
Mrs. B. E. Clark

Entomology	Mrs. S. E. Lienk
Plant Introductions	Mrs. D. D. Dolan
Power plant, farm crew, carpenter shop	Mrs. R. A. Stearman
Greenhouse	Mrs. P. F. DeMaria
Fruit Testing Association	Mrs. Henry Bennett

MRS. BLOOM RETURNS

Mrs. "Jo" Bloom, Vegetable Crops, has returned to work on a part time basis. We are all glad to see "Jo" back again pounding that typewriter.

MEETINGS

O. F. Curtis, Pomology, will be busy most of the month attending Extension Weed Control Meetings in various parts of the State.

A. J. Braun and Henry Bennett were in Beltsville, Maryland to attend the Raspberry Virus Conference. Mr. Bennett was also in Boston, Massachusetts talking to members of the Nashaba Fruit Growers Association on Wednesday, February 12.

E. H. Glass, S. E. Lienk, E. H. Smith, and Alan Jones, Entomology, spoke at the County Fruit Schools all last week and they traveled to Monroe, Wayne, Niagara, and Orleans Counties.

BIRTHS

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Atkinson on February 7. John Federick and Mom, Nita, are both home now and doing just fine.

APPOINTMENTS

G. E. R. Hervey, Jr., has been appointed Research Technician in the Department of Food Science and Technology. Romaine will be working with Dr. Splittstoesser until September when he hopes to enroll at Cornell for his M.S. degree in business administration. He is the son of Professor Hervey who, for many years, was a member of the Station's Department of Entomology.

REGARDS FROM PROFESSOR WALTER

Professor W. G. Walter, who was here at the Station from 1939-42 and who is now the Head of the Department of Bacteriology at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana wanted to be remembered to all of his Station friends in a letter to Claude Heit, Seeds.

LOW INTEREST LOANS

The Cornell Federal Credit Union offers low interest loans to Station employees for autos, appliances, home repairs, etc. Anyone interested can get details from Jerry Van Buren, Food Science, or write to the Credit Union, Bailey Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca.

SPRING'S COMING!

It's winter outside but spring is just around the corner. As a matter of fact, the Horned owls in the Paris Trail woods think it is already here. They put on a fine serenade Saturday night--two basses and a soprano. Paris said, "I'll go down about the first of March and check the old red tailed hawks nest the owls are using and see if they are nesting yet. English sparrows are squabbling over the bluebird nesting box. The downy woodpeckers are drumming in the edge of the woods, getting set to stake out territories. We've been hoping the red bellied woodpecker, who is spending the winter at the feeder, will find a mate and nest in our woods this year, but so far he's alone. Every sunny morning the song sparrows perch on fence posts and sing for several hours." So, in spite of the weather, you just can't ignore signs like these--spring is just around the corner! Oh, yes! The pussy willows are opening up, too.

WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
February 7	39	19	.27 of rain & snow
February 8	27	12	.5 of rain & snow
February 9	22	7	trace of snow
February 10	25	6	cloudy
February 11	30	9	fair
February 12	36	16	fair
February 13	30	28	trace of snow
February 14	20	13	.6 of snow
February 15	37	24	.1 of snow
February 16	31	10	.15 of snow
February 17	29	14	fair
February 18	35	23	cloudy
February 19	29	21	2.4 of snow
February 20	30	17	1.2 of snow