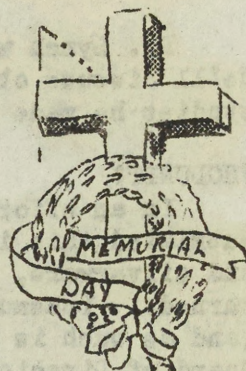




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CONSERVING THE SOIL

District representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and County Agricultural Agents from many parts of the state, met at the Experiment Station on Friday morning to take a look at the field brome cover crop experiments. As reported in the April issue of FARM RESEARCH, this important grass is being advocated as a semi-permanent cover in cherry and peach orchards where a permanent sod may be detrimental to tree growth. The Soil Conservation people spent the morning at the Station and then traveled to Wolcott to observe further trials. From this point, the SCS will work with growers who intend to undertake the practice.

VISITORS

The Seed Production Class of the Agricultural and Technical School at Farmingdale came to the Station last Wednesday to study seed inspection technics in the Seed Laboratories.....On Thursday, a group of high school pupils from the Bloomfield Central School paid a short visit to the Museum, Greenhouses, Seed Labs, and Insect-rearing Labs at the Station.....Today, a group from the Williamson Central School will make a similar tour, and tomorrow, a dozen patients from the Canandaigua Veterans Administration Hospital will spend part of the afternoon seeing the Station.

BALLOTING RESULTS

There are indications that a recount may be demanded as the result of balloting which has just been completed by the Station staff. The position to be filled is that of Representative to the Agricultural Council for the College of Agriculture and Experiment Stations. The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Cornell Board of Trustees. The names of Professors Lockett and Sayre appeared on the ballot and Teller K. D. Brase announces that 52 ballots were cast. One of these was ruled invalid and the final tally gave 27 votes to the Veg Crops Head, 24 to the Editor. A roll call by states may be the next move.

MR. PECK GIVES ITHACA SEMINAR

"The Correlation of Climatological Data with the Irrigation Requirements of Canning Crops" (all one topic) was the subject discussed by Grad Assistant Beary Peck at the Agronomy Seminar in Ithaca on Saturday morning. Some of his Geneva colleagues took in the affair.

CERES CIRCLE REPORT

A few more than thirty members and guests of the Ceres Circle met at Mrs. Heinicke's home on Monday evening for the final get-together of the season. Two Geneva high school students, George Abraham and Jewel Hara, provided musical entertainments which was well-received. Special attention was attracted by the colorful and eye-catching arrangements of flowers. The tea was put on by Mrs. Heinicke, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Arnoldy.

BLUE CROSS ENROLLMENT

Another of the semi-annual enrollment dates for the Blue Cross Hospital Plan and the Genesee Valley Medical Care Program has rolled around. Anyone wishing to enroll with the Station group should do so by June 10th. Similarly, any policy changes should be made before this date. For further information or application forms, contact Mr. Jones at 6462.

AUSTRALIAN METHODS

Dr. Lynch will speak to the Veg Crops Seminar group at Ithaca on Thursday. He'll discuss objective methods for measuring maturity of peas, which was one of the studies he made in Australia.

WHODUNIT?

In an effort to avoid paying the regular rate for a classified ad, Miss Warren submitted this item as a news story: An inventory of Station Club dishes, pots, pans, and silverware, reveals that some of said property has been appropriated and not returned. Inasmuch as Miss Warren is supposed to be the custodian of this property (and as such is pecuniarily responsible) she would appreciate its return before the Board of Directors learns of this irregularity. (Note to Mr. Jones: This item should be billed at regular classified rate)

IN THE NEWS

The work of the Fruit Testing Cooperative was given a lengthy writeup in last Sunday's edition of the Democrat & Chronicle. The history and present status of the organization was ably covered by Columnist Frank Lonergan, rural editor of the paper, who has long been in close contact with the work of the Cooperative as well as the Experiment Station....And the June issue of Farm Journal gives due recognition to Donald Britt, the Genesee County teen-ager who twice won the Canners Association award for outstanding accomplishment in the production of canning crops.

IN THE NEWS--25 YEARS AGO

May 1928--Frank Newton retired as Chief Clerk after 44 years of service to the Station....Court Hening rescued a 7-year-old boy from Seneca Lake near Lakeside Park. Although a crowd of onlookers was at the scene, no one moved to save the lad until the Station scientist plunged into the water....Close observers report progress in the contest between Harry King and Foster Gambrell for hirsute adornment of their upper lips, with Mr. Gambrell very noticeably in the lead. In fact, it was only quite recently that Harry was suspected to have entered the contest, although he claims to have been a contestant from the start....The Station ball team won a contest from the Kiwanis Club by a score of 14-2. All that was lacking to make the affair a complete success was a good fight, and that almost materialized.

BRIDGE RESULTS

The Reitmann clan monopolized top honors at the Station Club bridge party on Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reitmann were the high North-South combination and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reitmann were East-West champs. Yes, there were other teams in the competition.

CHIT-CHAT

Willard Robinson was back in town over the weekend. The chief purpose for his return was to make arrangements to sell the family home out Phelps way. Since they left in April, the family has expanded to the point where more ample quarters must be procured upon its return to Geneva. Robby hopes to see some of the old gang at the IFT Meeting in Boston next month....The entomologists are mighty proud of the redecorating job which Joe "Rembrandt" Pettrone has just completed on their library and reception room....Henry Bennett's father is recuperating from a major operation which he underwent about two weeks ago...."Typewriter and Camera in the Garden" is the title of a talk to be heard by the Geneva Writers' Club tonight. Bob Wesselmann will discuss the various media used by the Station in disseminating information, as well as his personal experiences in free-lance writing and photography.

MEETING IN NEW JERSEY

Dr. Chapman will go to New Brunswick on Friday for a meeting with entomologists at Rutgers University and members of the Geigy Company.

QUIZ CORNER

The answer to that one about the six men on each side of the stone wall goes somewhat like this: The fellows on the inside ran around and around until they passed out; and the men on the outside ran around and around the structure until they were all in. We agree that the answer has an offensive odor to it so we'll pose another problem which has a straightforward answer:

A sportsman establishes his camp, walks five miles due south, and sees a bear. He chases it five miles due east and shoots it dead. Being a large and powerful man, he drags it five miles back to his camp. What color is the bear? (From CHEM-unications.)

Oh well, it'll probably rain Friday, anyway.
