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WE HAVE A BUDGET

Out of the turmoil of the regular and special sessions of the Legislature, the Station budget for 1939-40 has emerged somewhat battered but faring rather well in view of the times. The total funds available to the Station for the current year, exclusive of federal allotments, were reduced by \$15,815 as compared with the appropriation for the fiscal year which ended June 30. Savings amounting to approximately \$9,000 which had already been effected and for which the Station got credit, should be added to this figure for an accurate picture, however. Several positions vacated by resignations and retirements remain unfilled. Mention has already been made of the retirement of Mrs. Hoag and Miss Woodbridge. Also retiring July 1 were Pat Corcoran, Jack Steadman, and Olav Einset.

Pat has been connected with the Station since March 1, 1910, and in 1929 was named "Agriculturist" or superintendent of the labor force and of the farm. Pat will be greatly missed in his daily rounds about the Station, but living so close to the Station as he does, we look forward to seeing him frequently and wish for him, good health and the fullest enjoyment of his leisure.

Jack Stedman, orchard foreman since Pat's elevation to farm superintendent, and in the employee of the Station since 1926, also retires with our very best wishes for the future. Jack and Pat were guests of honor at a dinner sponsored by the Station labor force recently when, we understand, their past exploits and their many fine qualities were duly recognized.

Olav Einset who first came to the Station in 1922 under the auspices of the Norwegian Government and later became a member of the staff in the Pomology Division also retired on July 1, having returned to his home in Norway earlier in the year. Olav had as the guiding philosophy of life that carried him along the even tenure of his ways the belief that the only things that mattered were his family and his work. With the return to Norway of all but one member of the family and with the expectation of finding congenial employment there, we are sure that Olav will continue to find the same satisfaction in life in the years to come as he has in the past.

OTHER CHANGES

Work in the Station museum has been suspended, for the present at least, and Miss Barnes has turned to her former profession of nursing and is in residence at the Geneva General Hospital. And speaking of the museum and of Miss Barnes' work, a visit to the Station's World's Fair exhibit last week gave us an opportunity to check up on the "fruits of tomorrow" which are on display there. The models have stood up perfectly under the heat of Flushing Meadows and make a brave display which the watchman, at least, can enjoy if no one else sees it.

Two changes in title were approved at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Hamilton was given the title of Chief in Research and Dr. Carruth that of Associate in Research, effective July 1.

Mr. Traphagen has taken over the duties of Pat Corcoran as superintendent of the labor force and the farm--a real job which Trap will handle most efficiently.

PAY DAY

The payrolls are in Albany and according to a statement from Professor Ralph Wheeler quoted in EXTENSION ECHOES, checks for the first two weeks of July should be in hand within a week or ten days. A slight delay may be experienced for the second half of July, he says, but thereafter we may expect to be back on a normal schedule.

JAMES FLOYD

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Lovelace on the arrival of James Floyd at the Geneva General Hospital last week!

RECOVERING

Miss McGuigan is reported to be making a very satisfactory recovery following an operation last week in the Geneva General Hospital.

NEW BULLETINS AND THE STAFF

Beginning July 1 the Mailing Room adopted a new procedure with respect to the distribution of new bulletins and circulars to the Staff. Heretofore, a copy of each new publication has been sent to every member of the Staff as a routine procedure. Frequent comments protesting against this practice have been received from persons who do not care to see everything coming out from the Station. It has been decided, therefore, to limit general distribution to FARM RESEARCH. In the case of new bulletins and circulars, announcement will be made in the NEWS when a new publication is available and copies will be gladly supplied by the Mailing Room upon request. The usual allotment to authors will, of course, be made immediately upon receipt of a publication from the printer, as in the past. So in the future, if you want to see a new bulletin or circular, dial the Mailing Room and ask for a copy.

ON HOPS

Bulletin No. 687 on "A Trial of New Varieties of Hops for New York" by J. D. Harlan is the first bulletin off the press in the new fiscal year. It deals with tests made in the Station's experimental "hop yard" near Waterville.

DR. TUKEY'S MOTHER

The NEWS joins Dr. Tukey's host of friends in extending sincere sympathy in the loss of his mother.

IN MONROE COUNTY

Mr. Slate and Dr. Suit are planning to take part in a Farm Bureau tour in Monroe County tomorrow when special attention will be given to plantings of raspberries, particularly several of the Station's new varieties.

DR. MACK HERE

Dr. G. L. Mack of the Chemistry Division who is on leave for special investigations at the University of Michigan, paid a brief visit to the Station last week. The Macks will return to Geneva early in the fall.

MORE POWER TO HIM

Mr. E. S. Penczek, who received his master's degree at Cornell in June, has begun work on a frozen dessert investigatorship in the Dairy Division and rumor has it that the ice cream freezer will be operating before the end of the week and certainly before the next hot spell, if any.

A CHANGE

Announcement has been made that milk will be dispensed by the Dairy Division from 10:30 to 12 noon, only. This change is made necessary by the fact that the milk is being pasteurized later in the morning than heretofore in order to reduce the length of time that steam need be kept in the boilers.

ELSE OUT IT GOES

Persons storing experimental material in the ice cream refrigerator in the Dairy Division are requested to identify their property at once as unclaimed material will be discarded in the near future.

FROM OREGON

Dr. W. S. Brown, head of the Department of Horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis, spent Monday at the Station viewing the horticultural work in progress here.

VISITING THE "ALUMNI"

Enroute back to Geneva from the Big City last week, we paused in Hamden, Conn., to visit the Horsfalls and in Amherst, Mass., to call on Mrs. Thatcher. Dr. Horsfall was out in the field, probably introducing red copper oxide to farmers of the Nutmeg state, but we found Mrs. Horsfall and the children at home in their very attractive new house with its large yard. They are beginning to feel as tho they "belong". Mrs. Thatcher is quite well and both she and Mrs. Horsfall wished to be remembered to their many friends in Geneva.