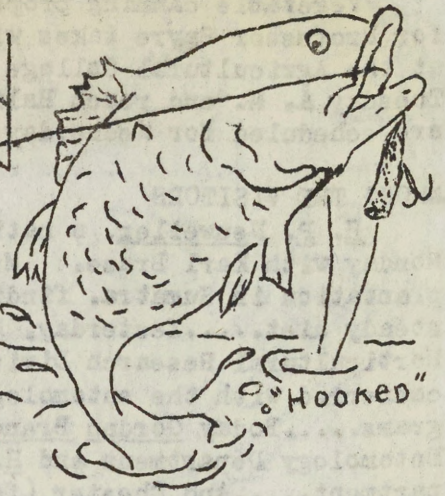


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PROGRAM OUT

The program for the forty-fourth annual Farm and Home Week at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca is now available. The dates are March 21 to 25. Doctor Vittum is the only Station person on the program. He will take part in a discussion of irrigation on vegetable crops, Wednesday afternoon, March 23rd. Walt Clark, now with the School of Nutrition but upon whom we have claim at least as a distinguished "alumnus", will discuss the comparative nutritive value of fresh, frozen, and canned foods. The Pomology Department will put on a display of new fruits, including a collection of new small fruits to be shown in the frozen state.

GRAPE GROWING

Growers, processors, county agents, and Station personnel met in Jordan Hall last Friday to discuss work now underway with grapes, particularly with respect to production and quality control, and ways in which the program might be augmented. The meeting was the culmination of action on the part of growers to finance increased research on grape culture through contributions based on tonnage produced. Growers were present from both the Chautauqua grape region and the Finger Lakes area. Another conference has been called for next Tuesday in Fredonia.

"OLD TIMERS" BACK

Among those attending the grape meeting last week were "Zeke" Mendall formerly of the Entomology Department and now vineyard consultant to the Taylor Wine Company, and Andy Rice who spent sometime here in the bacteriology laboratory. Andy is now in charge of the quality control lab of the Seneca Grape Juice Company at Dundee where he is associated with Ken Holgate, a former Food Science Department worker. Also, stopping in last week was Bob Ransford now with the Red Wing Company in Fredonia.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Doctor Heinicke is in New York for a meeting of Directors of the northeastern experiment stations. Enroute to the Big City he stopped off at the Station's Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations Laboratory at Poughkeepsie.

SIGMA XI ELECTION

Election of officers for 1955-56 of the Geneva Branch of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi resulted in the selection of Doctor Kertesz as Chairman and Professors Brase and Natti as members of the Executive Committee. They take office in the fall.

RASPBERRIES

Otis Curtis and John Tomkins will be in Penn Yan tomorrow for a Finger Lakes area meeting on raspberry culture. Chemical weed control, fertilizing, mulching, and pruning will be among the topics to be discussed.

CANNING CROPS

Vegetable canning crop growers of Monroe County will meet in Rochester tomorrow and meeting with them will be Doctors Schroeder and Vittum.

NOVA SCOTIA BOUND

Vegetable canning crops seem to be a popular theme in other sections as well, for Professor Sayre takes wing next Tuesday for a meeting with Nova Scotia growers at the Agricultural College at Kentville. He will leave by plane from Sampson Tuesday A. M. and reach Halifax about seven o'clock that evening. The meetings are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

AMONG THE VISITORS

H. P. Neuweiler, a native of Switzerland now residing on Long Island, spent Monday with Karl Brase. Mr. Neuweiler recently relinquished a position on a rubber plantation in Sumatra, finding the hazards of life there a bit too exciting for a steady diet.....Yesterday, Miss A. P. Wilson, deputy head of the Agricultural and Horticultural Research Division of Boots Pure Drug Company at Nottingham, England, conferred with the entomologists on the organization of cooperative research programs.....Today Gordan Brandes of Rohm and Haas, Philadelphia, is visiting in the Entomology Department and H. W. Dye of Niagara Sprayer in the Plant Pathology Department.....And Chester (for Chick) Forshey of the Laboratory at Poughkeepsie will spend the next two weeks here at the Station.

GAVE SEMINAR

Miss Charlotte Pratt was in Ithaca yesterday to conduct a seminar in the Pomology Department on her studies with Rubus.

OUT OF THE NAVY

Lt. Donald Pederson and family have been visiting with Don's parents over the week-end and leave today for their new home in Boston. Don has just completed two and a half years' service as a flight surgeon in the Navy and is about to enter upon a three-year residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. Hening has conveyed her appreciation of the gift from Station friends to the Geneva General Hospital Memorial Fund in memory of Court. She writes, "I cherish your kindly thoughts of him."

STATION NEWS ABROAD

Two Station workers have recently received clippings from newspapers abroad that reflect interest in work done here. From Denmark comes a clipping date-lined Geneva, N. Y., and headed "Fantastically Long-lived Bacteria". It tells of studies made by Doctor Hucker of bacteria in frozen foods and speaks of the Station as "The American Agricultural Research Institution". (The underscoring is ours.) The other communication comes from a Vancouver, British Columbia, paper describing operations of B. C. Fruit Processors, Ltd. This clipping was received by Doctor Pederson with a letter from the general manager of the outfit, R. P. Walrod, who is manufacturing apple juice by Dr. Pederson's ascorbic acid process. Mr. Walrod writes, "In view of your vision and effort in the apple juice field, it (meaning the clipping) may be of interest to you. Incidentally, our current juice pack is expected to crowd a million cases." The clipping credits B. C. Fruit Processors, Ltd., with being the largest North American users of ascorbic acid for fortifying apple juice, with processing 1,700,000 boxes of apples at the rate of 20,000 boxes a day, and with using 270 carloads of cans a year for apple juice.

TALKING IN PHILLIE

Robert LaBelle is reporting on work done here on handling sour cherries in relation to scald at the Northeastern Regional Laboratory in Philadelphia.

FOOD PROTECTION

Doctor Hand will be in Washington Friday for a meeting of the Food Protection Committee of the National Research Council.

GOING AND COMING

Doctor and Mrs. Hervey took off for the sunny South Monday afternoon, while the Chapman's and Mrs. O'Hara were flaunting their Florida sun-tans before their frosted and anemic-looking colleagues who have been exposed to Geneva's winter blasts.

SYLVIA HAND MARRIED

Sylvia Hand and Gordon Alan Pott were married in North Presbyterian Church last Saturday. In the bridal party were Mrs. Charles Smith, the former Mary Hervey and Clifford Hand. The young couple will make their home in East Orange, N.J.

HOSPITALIZED

We are sorry to learn that Gay Swetland of the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia is in the hospital for observation following a collapse in the Station vineyard. Another Station man became a statistic in the off-the-job accident rate for State employees when he fell out of a bathtub—that's his story anyway—in the hotel in Fredonia. But it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy and thanks to an assist from Alvin Braun who got him to the hospital immediately, Nelson Shaulis is now as fit as ever. It took several stitches to close a cut on his head and a lot of explaining about a black eye, but all's well that ends well.