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DON'T BE HALF SAFE!

Applications are now being accepted for enrollment in the Station group of the Rochester Hospital Service. The Station group now has 68 enrolled members. Since many of the contracts were started on July 15th, this would be a convenient time to enroll for the additional benefits of the Genesee Valley Medical Care Plan. Further information may be obtained from Curtiss Dearborn, Bob Foster, Foster Gambrell or Alvin Braun. Applications for new membership or transfer should be submitted to Doctor Braun in Room 220 of Hedrick Hall by June 10th.

SAFARI!

Jordan Hall is anxiously awaiting the return of the Editor who left last Friday on a fishing trip which is carrying him several hundred miles through the Canadian wilderness. (This despite the fact that fishing has never been any better than it is right now on Seneca Lake.) We stopped him as he was about to embark and asked if he had a statement for the STATION NEWS. Upon seeing the envy in our eyes, he obligingly threw off his packbasket, dropped his dufflebag, and carefully set down his portable radio. Then gazing far into the distance he uttered these words, "We hope to enjoy what ex-president Hoover calls the only true democracy in the world—fishing. 'All men are equal before fishes', says Mr. Hoover, 'and all who go fishing accept that....There are only two occasions in American life when people have a regard for one's privacy. One is when you are at prayer; the other when you go fishing. At both you are able to be by yourself'". I was still gazing into the distance as he threw his packbasket back on but a gurgling sound brought me back to earth. I looked suspiciously into the pack, and then quizzically at the Editor. "Mosquito repellent", he explained seriously,——and was off in a cloud of dust.

SLATES AT DEDICATION

Travelling to Montreal over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. George Slate participated in the dedication of a monument in honor of Mrs. Slate's father, E. H. Wilson who, at the time of his death, was director of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard.

TOMATO GRADING PROJECT

Representatives of the Production and Marketing Administration and the New York State Department of Farms and Markets will meet with Doctors Heinicke, Pederson, Hand and Sayre today in Jordan Hall to discuss the project on tomato grading. The project will involve the comparison in grades of tomatoes before and after processing.

TWO TALKS BY REINKING

The Rotary Club at Prattsburg heard Doctor Reinking speak last night on "Agriculture in Texas and the Far West". And a week from today at 12:30, Doctor Reinking will give a short talk over the Rural Radio Network on "X-disease". This talk will be in connection with the present "Choke the Chokecherry" campaign.

MUNN TO TAKE SABBATIC LEAVE

Professor Munn expects to start his four-month's sabbatic leave sometime next week. He and Mrs. Munn have planned a trip that will take them through about eighteen states and their seed testing laboratories. The Munns will head westward through the northern states so as to reach Corvallis, Oregon by June 26th where Professor Munn will represent New York at the meeting of the Official Seed Analysts Association. This convention will wind up on July 2nd when the Munns will continue their trip through Oregon, California and back home via the southern states. Other stops of fairly long duration will be made at Oregon State College, the University of California at Davis which is the source of New York State's red kidney bean seed, Washington State College, and UCLA where Mr. Munn will study seed borne diseases, principally of flowers. The entire trip will be made by car and the professor states that Mrs. Munn will act as both secretary and treasurer.

SEEN AND HEARD

Miss Mary Curtis, who has been with us at times in the past, will be back at work in the Veg Crops Division in July. Mary is finishing her studies at Keuka this year and will start full-time work in the Seeds Division on August 1st....We were sorry to hear that Bob Larsen's mother suffered a fractured hip in a fall at her home last week. The medical report states that she'll be in the hospital for eight weeks.. And Tom Gainey is still on the sick list. He's been worrying so much about the furnace in Jordan Hall that his blood pressure is pretty much up in the air....Walt expects Dotty to be able to come home around the end of June. Her eyesight is slowly improving.....The Cain's are moving into their newly acquired home out Oaks Corners way.....One of those 30,000,000 cars which were on the road over the weekend belonged to Court Henning. He and Mrs. Henning enjoyed a trip to Boston where they visited Professor Arnold Hosmer, formerly a member of the faculty at Hobart.....Al Braun spent Friday and Saturday in the Hudson Valley inspecting some disease control plots..... And Larry Carruth spent yesterday in the Albany area working on the European Corn Borer.

FRUIT SPRAY CONFERENCE

The annual summer conference on fruit spray information is being held in Jordan Hall today. The meeting is being headed by A. A. LaPlante and W. D. Mills of the extension staff at Ithaca and is being given for county agents in the Western New York area. Local entomologists and plant pathologists will participate in the conference.

DOCTOR PROEBSTING TO VISIT

Doctor E. L. Proebsting of the University of California is expected to visit the Pomology Division this week. Doctor Proebsting is on sabbatic leave and has been at Ithaca for the past few weeks.

INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS

Communication No. 2 from the Organization Committee of the Seventh International Botanical Congress in Stockholm, July 12-20, 1950 as well as preliminary application forms for those interested in taking part in the Congress are available on application to Doctor R. S. Breed.

GLEANED FROM "EPISODES"

Sanford S. Atwood, a staff member of Cornell since 1944, will be the new head of the plant breeding department on July 1st. He succeeds H. H. Love who retires.... March 20-24 inclusive is the date for Farm and Home Week in 1950. Following the successful pattern of this year, it's the week prior to spring recess.

LI PO SO EAST

We were sorry that we ran out of space to explain the last item in last week's NEWS but figured it wouldn't need explanation anyway. But the large number of queries seems to justify the rest of the story. The item was taken from the CHEMICAL AND ENGINEERING NEWS and it's a letter from a reader which goes like this: "Dear Sir: I would like to make the last contribution to your mnemonics column. I composed the following poem as an aid in remembering the electromotive series of metals: Li po so bast, Ca mal m'zinc, C'r cadfe co nictine; Lehi cu ant? Hag plateau!" The reader then goes on to say that as any fool can plainly see the poem reads "lithium, potassium, sodium, barium, strontium, calcium, etc."...."The simple rhythm of this poem is unforgettable and one can, by rendering it as a sing-song chant, pass it off on nonchemical friends as a Malayan courting song."

SHADES OF ELI

Doc Pederson tells us that Paul Yale, son of Doctor Maurice Yale who was formerly a bacteriologist here, has graduated as valedictorian at the Patterson High School in California. Paul has registered for his freshman year at the University of California starting in September. A younger brother, Kenneth, graduated from junior high school this year and sister Maureen has completed her freshman year in high school. How tempus fugits!
