

Station News

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NATIONAL APPLE INSTITUTE

An event of considerable importance to the apple industry will be staged in Rochester Wednesday and Thursday of next week when the National Apple Institute will hold its annual meeting. While a good share of the program is to be devoted to marketing problems, the subject "New Developments in Apple Juice" is slated for discussion, with Mr. Parrott and Dr. Pederson taking the lead so far as this Station is concerned. Mr. Ralph Celmer of the Chemistry Division will also discuss the utilization of surplus apples in the manufacture of apple beverages. The National Apple Institute is made up of a number of member organizations, one of which is the New York and New England Apple Institute. The meeting in Rochester is expected to attract some 200 prominent fruit growers from more than twenty-five states, together with a number of experiment station and federal investigators.

DR. WILLAMAN TO BE HERE

Following the meeting of the National Apple Institute in Rochester, Dr. J. J. Willaman, Chief of the Biochemical Division of the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Mottern, also of the Laboratory staff, will spend Friday, April 19, at the Station in conference with Mr. Parrott, Dr. Pederson, and others on the fruit products work under way here.

AS TO APPLE BLOSSOMS

The Ontario County Apple Blossom Festival Committee, Mr. Chas. S. Wilson of Hall, Chairman, met in the Director's office yesterday afternoon to arrange further for Ontario County's participation in the Western New York Festival in Batavia in May. Among those in attendance were Mr. J. W. Turner of Shortsville and Mr. Rodney Peaso and Philip Thomas of Canandaigua.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Breed, President of the Geneva Historical Society, has announced plans for the annual meeting of that organization next Tuesday, April 16. The affair is to be a supper meeting in the Home Dairy at 6:30, with Dr. T. Wood Clarke of Utica as the speaker. Dr. Clarke is the author of a new book just published by Macmillan entitled "The Bloody Mohawk" and is a student of the men and events of the Revolutionary period. His topic Tuesday evening is to be "Sir William Johnson and the Butlers of Butlersbury". All Station people interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend, either for the supper (tickets 75 cents) and the program or just for the program which will get underway about 7:30 o'clock.

IN DANSVILLE

Dr. Carpenter was the speaker at the Dansville Rotary Club guest meeting last night where he discussed his favorite topic of plastics, particularly casein plastics.

FROM THE WEST COAST

An impromptu "tasting bee" of frozen products was held in Mr. Wellington's office Monday afternoon when Mr. Black and Mr. Lawless, Frosted Food Products representatives from Los Angeles, Calif., called to discuss the freezing work here and to display some of their samples. Of special interest to the local scientists were samples of frozen plum juice and frozen nectarines and peaches. Mr. Black and Mr. Lawless are making a tour of the United States to sound out the sentiment of ice cream makers and others on the utilization of frozen fruits in their products.

INSPECTED PROPAGATION HOUSES

Dr. McNew inspected tomato canners' propagation houses in the Medina, Albion, and Lockport areas last Monday with special reference to disease.

FUTURE HOTEL MANAGERS

Dr. Hucker spoke before the students in the Hotel Management course at Cornell yesterday afternoon. Dr. Hucker's subject was the investigation under way here on cleaning and sterilizing glasses and dishes in public eating places. Mr. Walter, who is assisting Dr. Hucker in these studies, is doing residence work at Cornell this term.

A PREFERRED CHOICE

Many members of the Staff draw a wide variety of speaking assignments in the course of the year, but it remains for Dr. Roinking to top the list for engagements before the ladies' organizations. His latest assignment was before the Fortnightly Club of Geneva last Monday when he spoke on "Central American Agriculture". But he also draws the usual run of engagements, such as speaking before the Phelps Grange tonight, for example. What's he got that the rest of us don't have?

THE HORT SOCIETY REPORT

The Proceedings of the eighty-fifth annual meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society are now available and have been received by those who participated in the meetings last winter. There are a few extra copies available in the Editor's office which may be had for the asking as long as the supply lasts. Station folks listed under the heading of "Speakers" in the index include the Director, Mr. Anderson, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Harman, Dr. Palmiter, and Dr. Suit.

SPOKE IN CANANDAIGUA

Mrs. Nebel spoke before a joint meeting of the Canandaigua Garden Club and the Women's City Club of Canandaigua last Monday evening.

SEED VALUE

Mr. Munn was the speaker before the Rose Hill Grange at their recent annual seed meeting when he discussed "Seed Value as Applied to the Home Vegetable Garden". This marked a return engagement for Mr. Munn as this Grange has been making a special study of seed stocks.

TO TALK ON DOLLS

The April meeting of the Ceres Circle will be held at the Director's residence next Wednesday, April 17, at 3:00 o'clock when Miss Elizabeth Brown of the Seneca Castle Road will talk on dolls. Miss Brown has won considerable fame in Louisville, New York City, and elsewhere for her dolls representing famous historical characters.

BACK AT WORK

Arthur Clark returned to his laboratory last week, altho he is not yet attempting full-time resumption of his duties following his recent illness.

"COMING ALONG"

That is the way that Dr. Hedrick's physician at Clifton Springs Sanitarium reports on his patient's condition. It has been a long siege, but Dr. Hedrick has made definite gains the past week.

LAYING OUT EXPERIMENTS

Mr. Collison is in the Hudson Valley making fertilizer applications in various experimental orchards in that region and arranging for new fertilizer tests on small fruit plantings.

OUR NEW GRAPES

Writing in North and South Dakota Horticulture for April under the title of "Grapes in a Prairie Garden", Mr. Claude A. Barr has the following to say about the Station's Fredonia and Golden Muscat for that region: "Fredonia has been grown without winter cover and fruited in Fall River Canyon, near Hot Springs, where I first saw it. The vine is fairly hardy, the season sufficiently early for South Dakota, and the flavor and quality—well, those who have eaten, among black grapes, only the Concord or similar varieties, have a distinctly finer experience awaiting them...And I fully expect to eat Golden Muscat from my own vine, possibly ripened in sawdust when other grapes are gone."