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MR. GIDDINGS' DEATH

Altho he had been ill for some time, Mr. William Giddings' death on last Friday came as a shock to his many friends around the Station because, despite his failing health, he had stuck so persistently to his job that few realized the seriousness of his condition. Bill, a World War veteran, had been a familiar figure around the Station for the past several years, having served as field man for Dr. Horsfall for one thing, and about four and a half years ago was appointed to a position of skilled laborer in the U. S. Department of Agriculture and assigned to work on the cooperative fruit juice investigations of the Department and the Station. We extend sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Giddings and her daughter.

A "MOLD-COUNTING SCHOOL"

Under this rather formidable title some twenty-four technicians from as many canning factories which specialize in tomato products will assemble at the Station next Monday for a week of intensive instruction on the technic of determining the mold content of tomato products. The "School", as in the case of a similar one conducted here last year, will be directed by Miss Speiden of the National Cannery Association who will be assisted by Miss Kirkpatrick of the Continental Can Company and Mr. Wheaton of the American Can Company. Various members of the Bacteriology Division, as well as others from the Station Staff, will supplement the technical instruction with lectures on various related subjects. On Thursday afternoon, August 10, there will be a showing before the school of a motion picture made by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company on the making and use of the microscope. All members of the Staff interested in seeing this picture are invited to be present.

THE STATE HORT SOCIETY

The summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society is to be held on the campus of the College of Agriculture next Tuesday, with tours to the orchards and other experimental work in horticulture in progress on the Campus. Several from the Station plan to attend the meeting.

TO JUDGE AT LOCKPORT

Mr. van Alstyne will initiate the 1939 fair season next week when he goes to Lockport to serve as fruit judge at the Niagara County Fair. Van has performed this duty at the Niagara County show for the past several years which is evidence enough of his ability as a judge of fruit as this is one of the State's leading fruit counties. Besides a number of other county fair assignments this season, Van will also be one of the fruit judges at the State Fair.

EXHIBITS AT LOCKPORT

Dr. Nebel and Mr. Beattie are supplying material for use in the Niagara County Farm Bureau exhibit at Lockport. Dr. Nebel, of course, is showing plants treated with colchicine, while Mr. Beattie is sending samples of fruit juices on which he is working.

TOURING

Dr. Tukey and Karl Brase this week are accompanying the joint tour of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Virginia Horticultural Society thru Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. They also plan to attend rootstock conferences at Martinsburg and at State College, Pa.

FIRST OUT OF 28

The Cornell publications exhibit at the annual meeting of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors, held at Purdue University last week, won first in a field of 182 entries from 28 states. The College won first on technical bulletins, radio transcription, and on the exhibit as a whole, and second on its news service. Congratulations! Mr. George Butts was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Association. The 1940 meeting was voted to the Colorado Agricultural College at Fort Collins.

EAST AND WEST AGAIN

Vacations continue to lure Station folks away from their offices. Our list this week includes Miss Mabel Sperry who has been spending a few days in Chautauqua County and in Erie, Pa.; the Huckers, who are visiting relatives in Iowa; Bill Tapley who is visiting his family at Harrison, Maine; and Dr. and Mrs. Dahlberg and Leola who are vacationing in Wisconsin.

FROM ONE WHO SHOULD KNOW

An editorial in the July number of the Journal of Milk Technology entitled "Public Recognition of Achievements in Improved Milk Sanitation", contains the following statement:

"Try to visualize milk inspection without the aid of the direct microscopic examination. This one technic has probably exerted more influence in the improvement of milk quality than all other milk supply inspection procedures combined. Its value alone warrants all the appropriations expended by the State of New York for the Geneva Experiment Station--although the latter has made many other contributions in numerous fields."

This statement was made by Dr. J. H. Shrader, editor of the Journal who prior to taking over the duties of editing this official publication of the International Association of Milk Sanitarians was research director for the National Dairy Products Corporation. The technic he refers to was developed by Dr. Breed and his associates and is now used thruout the world in milk sanitation work.

TO JUDGE THE JUDGES

Mr. Marquardt has been notified by the State Fair office that he has again been named with Dr. E. S. Guthrie of the College of Agriculture to conduct the judging competition between cheese manufacturers, a new feature in the State Fair Dairy Department which attracted considerable attention last year. Jules has also served as one of the State Fair milk judges. This latter task is almost a year-around job, as milk dealers must signify their desire to enter this contest early in the year, then samples of their product are collected at different seasons, unknown to the contestant, and sent to the College where Mr. Marquardt and the other judges subject them to a series of rigid tests. The certificates of merit awarded as a result of this contest are much coveted by the milk dealers as testimonials of the degree of excellence of their wares.

"ANDY" HOPKINS

Prof. A. W. Hopkins, editor and head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Wisconsin, better known to Wisconsin people and to agricultural editors thruout the United States as "Andy", paid a brief visit to the Station yesterday.
