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A GRAND OLD MAN

One of the giants in the world of agricultural education and research passed with the death of Dr. Eugene Davenport in Woodland, Mich., Monday morning. He was a frequent visitor to Geneva and to the Station, and we recall at least one occasion upon which he addressed the Staff on his philosophy of life as applied to agricultural research with the vigor and fire that characterized all of his utterances, written or spoken. He served for twenty-seven years as Dean of the Illinois Agricultural College and Director of the Illinois Experiment Station, retiring in 1922. Just recently we came into possession of a brief statement by Dean Davenport on his views on "Culture" which the University of Illinois deemed worthy of perpetuating in printed form. Here it is:

"I am asked, 'What is culture?' I do not know, but its essence, I am sure, lies in a certain nobility and refinement of character that eludes description but that is known instinctively by all men. It requires neither riches nor special training to be appreciated; for 'the common people heard Him gladly.'

"I had a friend, known and loved by scores both rich and poor who never heard that he was a critical scholar in many languages. I had another, a barber with little schooling, who spent his life in a little city, but who radiated refinement daily, and who left more of vision in the school his children attended, and of beauty in the cemetery where he lies buried, than had all who had gone before. Both had culture, for both had character. The one life was richer and broader than the other, and it could give more of service, but they were equally beautiful.

"This is all I know about culture except some of the absurd things that are said about it and the artificial claims to its possession."

Doctor Tukey and Ronald, Loren, and Lois left last Friday for Woodland and are remaining for the services for Doctor Davenport this afternoon.

LILY FANCIERS COMING HERE

George Slate brought back word from New York City that the Lily Committee of the American Horticultural Society voted to hold their Lily Field Day at Geneva on June 28.

HORT SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS

The Proceedings of the eighty-sixth annual meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society was received from the Secretary, Roy McPherson, during the past week. There are a number of extra copies available in the Editor's office for those who desire to add the volume to their collection. The publication is really a running account of both the Rochester and the Kingston meetings of last January, with a stenographic report of the discussions of the various papers, in addition to the formal papers themselves. The following Station men are represented by contributions to the volume: The Director and Messrs. Anderson, Chapman, Hamilton, Hammer, Harmon, Hartzell, Slate, Suit, and Tukey.

HERE FOR CONFERENCE

L. C. Anderson, better known as "Andy", Station horticulturist for the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations with headquarters at Hudson, made one of his rare visits to the Station last week on the occasion of the conference of Cornell and Station departments of pomology.

BACK ON THE JOB

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre returned to Geneva Monday night from New Brunswick, N. J., where Mr. Sayre has spent the past six months on special investigations at the New Jersey Experiment Station and at Rutgers. Charlie resumed his duties at the Station yesterday morning in readiness for the season's activities if and when spring comes to Geneva.

FROM HAITI

In a card from Cap Haitien, Haiti, Dr. Carpenter gloats over the rest of us with the following words: "Temperature 90°F here while you are shoveling out of a snow bank." From appearances outside this morning, we may have some snow for Dwight to shovel when he gets back from his southern cruise. But at any rate he will have memories of sunny skies and warm breezes.

NOW ITS TOOLS FROM THE SHOP

Our success in rounding up missing books for the Library led Bob Larson to ask us to try our hand at finding tools borrowed from the shop for "just five minutes", but not returned. He is especially anxious to find a favorite 12-inch wrench which disappeared the other day and which the hardware dealers are unable to replace. Please!

BOMBS?

Mrs. Hening returned to her post in the Library Monday morning to find that a large section of plaster had fallen from the ceiling almost over her desk. To add zest to her job, it is now possible to see sagging plaster almost anywhere in the Library.

PICKING HIS "ARMY"

Word received last week from Stewart Patrick conveyed the information that he had been sent to Boston to accompany a contingent of 200 draftees to Camp Wheeler at Macon, Ga.

CONFERRED ON CHEESE

Mr. E. D. Freidel, director of research, and Mr. W. M. Caine, production manager of the Shefford Cheese Company of Green Bay, Wisconsin, conferred with members of the Bacteriology and Dairy Divisions last Thursday. They stated that their company was now making 87,000 boxes of cheese per run by the formula developed in the Dairy Division here to replace a product formerly imported from Holland.

TO CLASSIFY HEED

Mr. O. G. Schafer of the American Jersey Cattle Club is expected here on Friday to classify the Station Jerseys. This is part of the Club's herd improvement program and is closely related to the production records. The work is in progress throughout the United States.

A DATE TO REMEMBER

The Director has received word from the Office of Experiment Stations in Washington that the official annual inspection of work under way here financed by federal funds will be made on June 14 and that Mr. H. W. Marston will make the inspection at Geneva and at the College of Agriculture this year. Mr. Marston will be accompanied by Dr. Floyd Andre, entomologist for the Office of Experiment Stations.

AN EXPERT ADVISOR

Dr. Dahlberg will be in New York City Monday and Tuesday of next week to act as an advisor to the research committee of the International Milk Dealers Association. He is the only non-member of the Association on the committee and has served in the capacity of expert advisor for the past nine years.

AND ITHACA 50 MILES AWAY!

A course of twelve lecture-demonstrations, beginning April 8, is offered by the Department of Physical Education in cooperation with the fishery division of the Department of Entomology at Cornell on the art of fishing! The latest on how to fish, on fly and bait casting, on fishing tackle, etc., etc., will be explained and demonstrated by the professors.

DR. DE FELICE IMPROVING

Dr. DeFelice is reported to be making a satisfactory recovery following a minor operation at the Geneva General Hospital and hopes to be home within a few days.

A TIP FROM "ECHOES"

We quote from Extension Echoes: "If you're thinking of making a speech, here's a formula we picked up: Have a good beginning and a good ending. And keep them as close together as possible."