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NEWS

RASPBERRY FIELD DAY

A "field day" for research workers interested in raspberry breeding has been arranged by Professor Slate for next Monday, July 14th, when he will parade 12,000 first test red raspberry seedlings and 3,000 first test black raspberry seedlings for the appraisal of the visiting scientists. There will also be a large number of blackberry and raspberry selections and varieties to be seen. Inspection of the Station plantings will start at 9:00 a. m., and the evening will be devoted to a discussion of raspberry breeding and related topics. Visits to raspberry plantings in the vicinity of Geneva may be arranged for the next day.

STAFF MEETING POSTPONED

Because of conflict with the Raspberry Field Day and other engagements, the July Staff meeting will be postponed.

FRUIT STOCK CONFERENCE

Karl Brase has received word of the itinerary and program for the 1947 field trip and meeting of the Northeastern Fruit Stock Conference. The group will meet at the Vineland, Ontario, Experiment Station on August 6th and 7th, but a meeting of the Advisory Board and of other members of the Conference for a discussion of projects is scheduled for this Station on the evening of August 5th with a visit to the Station's fruit stock plantings the next morning. Representatives of experiment stations in the northeastern states and of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will comprise the group.

ROY McPHERSON RETIRES

Roy P. McPherson, the genial secretary-treasurer of the New York State Horticultural Society, has announced his retirement effective August 1st. A fruit grower near LeRoy, he has served the Society for the past 27 years. His contacts with the Station have been long and intimate, both in planning the programs for the annual meetings and particularly with regard to the educational exhibits in which this Station has participated so extensively. We extend our congratulations to Roy on a job well done and our best wishes for continued health and happiness. Mr. Daniel M. Dalrymple of Lockport has been named to succeed Mr. McPherson. Mr. Dalrymple is well known here, having served at one time as County Agent for Seneca County and since then as County Agent for Niagara County. For the past two years he has been operating a large fruit farm in Niagara County.

A STORY OF THE STATION

An account of the work of this Station appears in The Chemurgic Digest for June 15th. It is one of a series of articles on the experiment stations of the United States featured in the Digest for the past several months.

COMPLETING THE CYCLE

With the appointment of Doctor Vincent W. Cochrane, son-in-law of Doctor and Mrs. H. J. Conn, to the Department of Bacteriology at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., a cycle is completed in the history of the Conn family. The Department of Bacteriology at Wesleyan was founded by Doctor Conn's father, the late Doctor H. W. Conn, in 1880, and was headed by him until his death. Jean and her husband will reside just three doors from Doctor Conn's childhood home. For the past several years, Doctor Cochrane has been connected with the Department of Plant Pathology at the Connecticut Experiment Station at New Haven.

FROM PHILADELPHIA

Doctor and Mrs. Dana I Crandal and young son are visiting Mrs. Crandal's parents, Professor and Mrs. Wellington. Doctor Crandal may be found almost every morning in the Station Library, working on a series of lectures. He is engaged in teaching and research in biochemistry in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

AMONG THE VISITORS

Recent visitors to the Station include James Roe, associate editor of Successful Farming, Des Moines, Iowa; Doctor Kurt Albrecht, Director of Research of the Calgon Company in Pittsburgh; and Dr. F. M. Menedhall, Director of Research, Economics Laboratory, St. Paul, Minn. The two last-named men visited the Bacteriology laboratories, while Mr. Roe made a hurried inspection of the Station as a whole.

CHERRY VARIETIES

Professor Wellington visited the Hudson Valley earlier in the week to make a survey of cherry varieties grown in that area with Professor L. C. Anderson.

MRS. GIFFORD LEAVES

Mrs. Fred W. Gifford has resigned her position in the Bacteriology laboratory to join her husband in Syracuse. Miss Beatrice Saso has taken over Mrs. Gifford's duties.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR GUESTS

The Station has a register of visitors dating back to April 1, 1882, when Robert J. Swan of Rose Hill Farm, Geneva, then president of the Board of Control, signed in the number 1 position. The register has been allowed to lapse in recent years, but now we would like to revive it and will appreciate having visitors directed to the Reading Room in the Library where the register will be found on the table which served as the work table for the entire scientific staff of the Station in the early years.

HOW "RIPE" ARE YOU?

We are indebted to a recent issue of Biologia for an enlightening comment on the perennial question as to what age scientists are most productive. We quote:

"EINSTEIN once said that scientists do their best work in their twenties. This is not true, according to C. W. Adams (Isis 36: 166, 1946). After careful and extensive analysis the author finds that the 'median prime' for botanists is 46, for zoologists 46, for anthropologists 47, for physiologists 40. For descriptive taxonomists, however, the median prime comes often much later, 'as apples do, some ripen in July, others in October!'"
