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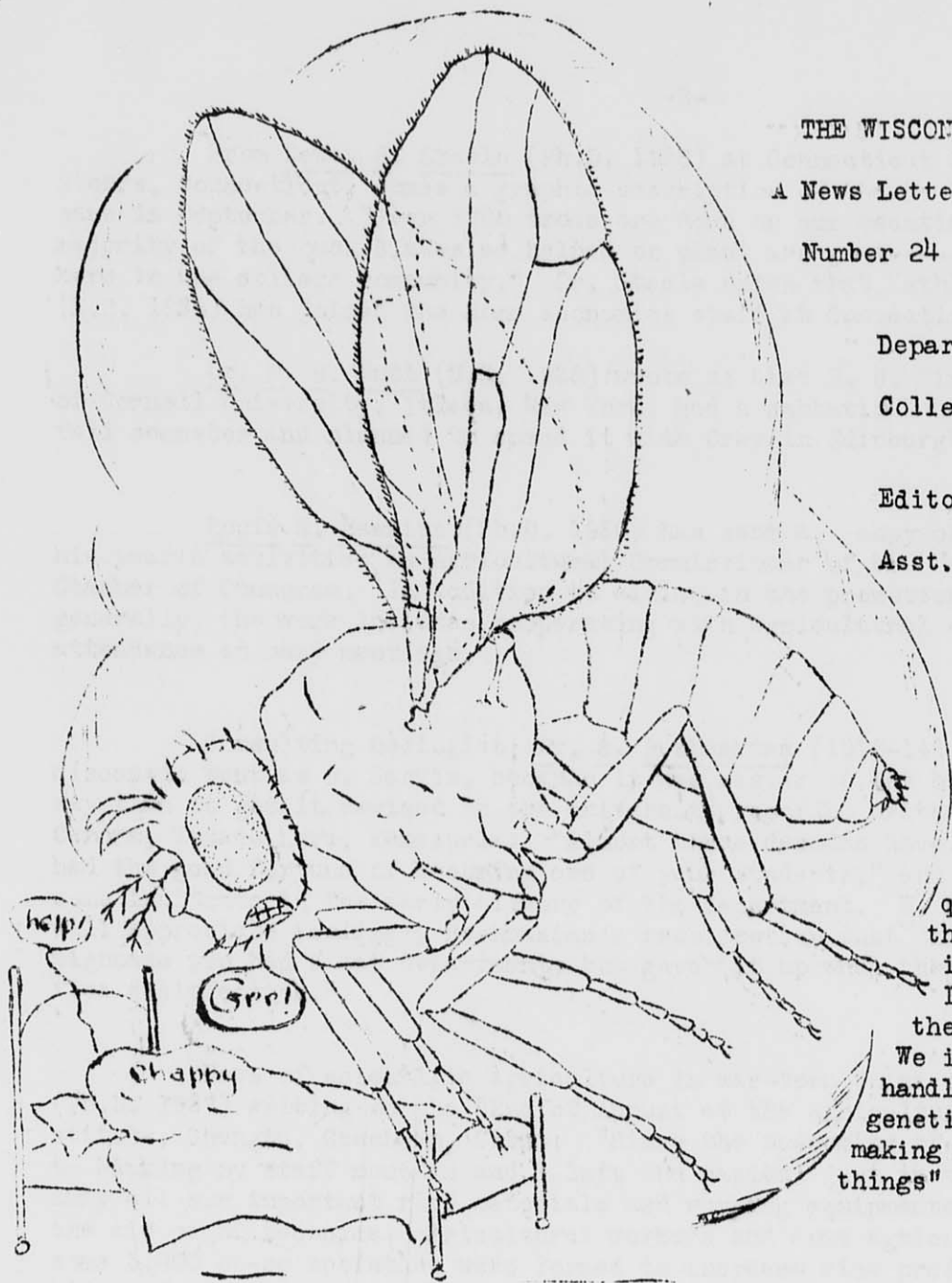
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GENETICS I

Last year the elementary genetics course was re-modeled as an undergraduate subject with laboratory required. Due to this, the number of students is so large that Dr. Irwin is lecturing in the Agronomy Building. We imagine that trying to handle eighty students in genetics "fly lab" is making Dr. Chapman "see things" in his sleep.



LETTERS

During the year, Dr. Cole has received many interesting letters from former members of the Linkage Group. The editors greatly appreciate such letters for they make good copy for THE GENOTYPE. Please help us again by writing whenever you have some little item which might be of interest to our readers.

As Dr. Cole finds it impossible to keep in personal touch with all past members of the Linkage Group he asks that we extend his heartiest greeting to one and all.

From Dewey G. Steele (Ph.D. 1926) at Connecticut State College, Storrs, Connecticut, comes a graphic description of the New England hurricane in September. "Over 1200 trees are down on our beautiful campus. The majority of the ones Blakeslee helped to plant are gone-----no loss of life here in the college community." Dr. Steele notes that Kathleen Dietrich (B.S. 1924) has joined the home economics staff at Connecticut State College.

Dr. F. B. Hutt (M.S. 1925) wrote us that R. B. Hinman (Ph.D. 1926) of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, had a sabbatical leave for the fall semester and planned to spend it with Crew in Edinburgh.

Louis E. Hawkins (Ph.D. 1930) has sent a copy of the report of his year's activities as Agricultural Commissioner of the Kansas City, Mo., Chamber of Commerce. In addition to aiding in the promotion of agriculture generally, the work includes cooperating with agricultural organizations and attendance at many meetings.

Consulting Geologist, Dr. S. Boshnakian (1912-14), who, while at Wisconsin went as B. Sarkis, because it was easier to let his name stand that way than to get it revised on the university records, writes to Dr. Cole from Carora, Estado Lora, Venezuela: "Almost three decades have rolled by since I had the good fortune of becoming one of your students," and goes on to recall some incidents in the early history of the department. H. L. Ibsen (Ph.D. 1916) will appreciate feelingly Boshnakian's recollection that "somewhere near the piggery you had a cat department, but gave it up when they all died through flea disinfection."

News of scientific agriculture in war-torn China comes from Lien Chao (Ph.D. 1927) writing on the 22nd of August at the Agricultural Improvement Institute, Chengtu, Czechwan, China: "Since the on-coming of the Japanese force to Nanking my staff members and I left the capital just in time for getting away all our important rice materials and working equipments. "At Hunan with the aid of 50 technical agricultural workers and some agricultural students, some 3,000 co-op societies were formed to increase rice production. Similar rice programs have been set up at Kwangsi and Czechwan. Chao concludes optimistically: "The new institute may serve as a forerunner for the national revival in agriculture after the Japanese are driven out."

Dr. Brink is spending his semester of research leave at the Biological Division of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena. He sends reports of progress in his incompatibilities study in alfalfa.

P. H. Senn (Ph.D. 1931) has been elected the first president of the new chapter of Sigma Xi recently installed at the University of Florida.

#### SEMINAR

During the current semester, the seminary is reviewing and discussing the historical development of modern genetics. Under the direction of Dr. Cole,