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Dr. and Mrs. Pennebaker (Ph.D. 1938) announced the arrival of Judith M. Pennebaker on July 17.

Ten-and-a-half pound Niel Graham Smith, born on July 30, is the pride and joy of Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Deakin (Ph.D. 1931) send word of the birth of a son in November.

Meetings

Mr. Nalbandov, Mr. Bell and Drs. Chapman, Casida, and Dickerson represented the department at the meetings of the American Society of Animal Production in Chicago, November 25-27. Dr. Casida introduced a symposium on the endocrine system. The work of A. B. Chapman, L. E. Casida and A. Côté on sex ratios in fetal calves was reported on by Dr. Chapman.

On November 29, Drs. Irwin and Ferguson attended the 19th Annual Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases of North America. Dr. Ferguson spoke on the blood picture of normal cows and Dr. Irwin spoke on observations on the titre of bactericidens in cattle serum for *Brucella abortus*.

September 15-17, the Wisconsin Experiment Station was host to the Corn Conference, an official organization of all federal and state corn improvement workers. Approximately 80 members were in attendance, from practically all states where corn improvement work is in progress.

On the first day, Dr. N. P. Neal, leader of the Wisconsin program outlined the work in progress in this state and in the afternoon conducted a tour of inspection of all the breeding and trial plots on the station farm. In the evening, assistant director, Noble Clark, delivered a splendid address and discussed the general philosophy behind the Wisconsin program. Copies of this address are available if any of our readers desire it. The remaining sessions were devoted to discussions of several important phases connected with hybrid corn breeding and the problems arising out of its distribution and certification.

The corn improvement project is cooperative, involving the Departments of Agronomy, Genetics and Plant Pathology. This project has just taken on four new assistants. They are R. H. Andrew (Wis.) on sweet corn and J. B. Washko (N.J.) on silage properties in Agronomy; J. W. Porter (Wis.) on carotin content assigned to Genetics; and E. C. Stevenson (Md.) on stalk and ear rots in Plant Pathology.