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FRUIT GROWERS VISIT STATION

Prof. H. K. Fleming of Penn State led a group of about twenty-five grape growers and their wives to the Station yesterday for a look at fruit research projects. While Professor Luckett entertained the ladies with a motion picture and visits to the Seed Laboratory, flower trials, and Sturtevant Hall, the men visited the irrigation plots and tomato variety trials at the Darrow Farm, the cherry breeding orchard, and the entomology apple orchard. Both groups heard an explanation of the plant introduction work, taste-testing, grape sherbet work, and rootstock investigations. Yesterday's speakers included Mr. Heit, Dr. Chapman, Dr. Pederson, Prof. Henning, Prof. Brase, Prof. Tapley, Dr. Way and Dr. Dolan. Today, the group will reconvene briefly at the Station for a visit to the Pilot Plant and will then visit experimental plots in commercial orchards to the south, under the guidance of Mr. Kimball.

HORT SOCIETY VISIT NEXT TUESDAY

The summer tour of the State Horticultural Society will start at Ithaca on Tuesday of next week and will include inspections of the cold storage laboratory and the apple orchards. After a Cornell chicken barbecue the fruit growers will come to Geneva where they will be able to see many fruit research and canning crops projects. No special itinerary is being planned here but the specialists concerned will be on hand to explain their projects from 4 to 7 P.M.

ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR OPENS

The 1954 Ontario County Fair officially opened last evening at the Canandaigua Fairgrounds. It will run through Saturday night. Competitions in agricultural undertakings highlight the daytime programs while the evening entertainment will include the Irish Horan Hell Drivers, fireworks, firemen's parade, and wrestling. An auto race will be held on Saturday afternoon. A complete program is available at the Station News office.

STATE FAIR PLANS

Just one month from today the 1954 New York State Fair will open its gates at Syracuse and plans for the Station's exhibits have pretty well crystallized. Following last year's plan of a series of photo murals, the theme this year will depict some of the aspects of vegetable research work conducted at the Experiment Station. Some of Professor Tapley's newest plant breeding achievements will form the front line of the central exhibit. The ever-popular fresh and frozen display of new fruits will flank the vegetables on one side and a Publications exhibit will balance at the other. The Station will utilize the usual space in the Horticultural Building.

OVER THE WAVES

After saying adieu to her Station friends on Friday, Dr. Maria Pantidou left Geneva for New York City on Saturday and, today, is boarding an ocean liner which will return her to her native Greece after an absence of five years. Upon arriving in Italy, she'll meet her Geneva landlady, Mrs. Hugh Glasgow, who is visiting in Europe this summer. Dr. Pantidou came to the Station a few years ago on an appointment as graduate assistant in Plant Pathology. She completed her graduate work and was awarded her advanced degree at Cornell a few weeks ago.

ANOTHER BELLRINGER

A grand opus which he began at the age of 81 has culminated in the publication of still another book by Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, now 96. "The Garden of Bellflowers" is destined to take its place as the best American source of information on the Campanulas. Dr. Bailey explains his interest in the bellflowers in this way: "...because they are not hopelessly confused by hybridization.....There is now a persistent effort to cross everything that is crossable until original lines of singularity are lost.....One of the satisfactions in gardening is to apprehend these essential marks of separation".

GREENHOUSE FUMIGATION

Thursday evening has been set for the next fumigation of the greenhouse. Anyone wanting no treatment or special treatment for his plants should contact Mr. Jahn, Dr. Lienk, or Dr. Gilmer.

SPEAKING OF FLOWERS

An early seedling show of gladiolus will be held in Jordan Hall on Saturday. Plant breeders from western and central New York will compete with their early blooms and judging will commence in the morning. The show will be opened to the public at 1:30 and will remain open for the afternoon. Mr. Klein is in charge of arrangements.

MRS. COOK LEAVES

Four years of service as an assistant in FS&T are terminating with the resignation of Mrs. Anne McCullough Cook. She started working in the Feed and Fertilizer Labs in July of 1950 and will wind up her appointment at the end of this month in order to devote full time to her homemaking responsibilities. In a farewell gesture, the workers in the Chemistry Building tendered Mrs. Cook a small party on Monday.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE NOTICE

The Business Offices, here and at Ithaca, are still battling their way to the top of the bookkeeping job which was acquired with the payroll deduction plan for hospital insurance. Mr. Jones reports that there may still be a few discrepancies regarding deductions but that the matter is rapidly being straightened out. Insurance policies are also being distributed and in some cases two copies have been sent to the insured. One copy is to be retained by the Business Office, so, in the event that anyone has received two copies of his policy, he is asked to return the duplicate to Mr. Jones.

VACATION NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Davis and family have returned from a two-week trip to Maine where they visited relatives.....Prof. Slate is visiting at his home in Massachusetts for the week.....Mr. and Mrs. John Natti and children are leaving today for Gloucester, Mass., and Middletown, Conn., where they will visit relatives on both sides of the family. Making a busman's holiday of the trip, Dr. Natti will make side visits to experimental labs at Storrs and New Haven, Conn.To clear the record, the Steinkrauses aren't visiting in Wisconsin this month. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce was up in arms over last week's report.....The Bartons are making their home in the camping grounds of the Adirondacks this week. The whole family is tenting-out as they enjoy the splendor of the mountains.....And Dr. Vittum has joined his family at Cummington, Mass., for a week's vacation.....The Wesselmanns camped out under the stars in a weekend trip to the Thousand Islands.

THE SICK LIST

Mrs. Stearman has returned to her home following a minor operation at the Geneva Hospital last week.....And Pat Handlan of the Fruit Testing Association, who has been at home recuperating from recent surgery, was further incapacitated by a heart attack. The venerable Pat, now in his eighties, says that the Association will just have to manage without him for awhile.

CANNERS TO MEET HERE TUESDAY

Two groups from the State Canners and Freezers Association will hold separate meetings at the Station next Tuesday. The first, a group of fieldmen, will meet for some instructions in soil-judging. Prof. Hugh Wilson of the College of Agriculture will be the instructor.....The Association's Agricultural Committee will also convene here to see some of the canning crops research projects.

BUSINESS TRIPS

Miss Pratt visited the Brookhaven Laboratory, yesterday, for the purpose of picking up some apple buds from the Gamma Radiation Field, in line with the cooperative atomic radiation project.....Doctors Einset and Tomkins visited the Hudson Valley last week and spent some time with Dr. Forshey and his predecessor, Prof. Anderson. While in the area, Dr. Tomkins also inspected some blackberry projects being conducted in cooperation with growers.....And a meeting of the Food Protection Committee of the National Research Council in Washington on Thursday and Friday called Dr. Hand and Dr. Robinson to the nation's capitol.

CHIT CHAT

A son, named Douglas Edwin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Rodney at Riverside, Calif., on July 18th. Dr. Rodney was a member of the Pomology Department a few years ago.....The Haywards of Chattanooga were in town last week to visit old friends. Mr. Hayward was a member of FS&T up until 1945.....Dr. and Mrs. F. Lee Mickle of Weathersfield, Conn., are expected to arrive in town this week. Dr. Mickle is a former Station bacteriologist. He resigned his Geneva position in 1924 to accept a job as Director of the Connecticut Department of Health Laboratory. He has just retired from that position.....A reunion after 18 years was enjoyed by Prof. Brase recently when his brother arrived from Germany for a two-month's visit to the United States. Now seeing friends in Michigan, he will return to Geneva in a couple of weeks to spend some time at the Brase home.....Last week's Red Jacket Regatta is reported to have been the largest ever held on Cayuga Lake. And our "old salt" Bill Tapley served as one of the officials at the race.....If Old Sol keeps a grin on his face for the rest of the day, the entomologists will make merry at a picnic to be held on the Chapman lot on Seneca Lake this evening. Forty folks have signed up for the "do".....And our fingers are crossed for Carrie Legnini who is participating in a golf tourney today between women's teams of Geneva and Auburn.