

AT A MEETING OF THE Executive Committee of the Station Club yesterday it was finally decided not to hold a Station picnic this year, and Club activities will probably subside until early fall. Mr. Clark informed the NEWS that, during Mr. Stewart's absence from Geneva this summer, he, Mr. Clark, will have the keys to the Club property and that anyone desiring to use the same should apply to him.

CONGRATULATIONS! Last night at the Geneva City Hospital, the "Mid" Moores received a visit from that important individual, the stork, and are proudly displaying a fine baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Mundinger are also the parents of a boy born at the Hospital last Sunday. Mr. Mundinger just recently joined the Staff as Assistant Entomologist.

MR. PETER CARODEMOS, a graduate student at Cornell, and an alumnus of Tufts, is spending the next three months at the Station for special chemical work in the Inspection Laboratory.

DR. FRANK H. LATHROP, entomologist for the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations with headquarters at Poughkeepsie, contributed an article on the strawberry weevil in the Hudson Valley in a recent number of the Dutchess County Farm and Home Bureau News.

FOSTER L. GAMBRELL, a graduate student at Ohio State University, has been appointed to the sulfur fellowship formerly held by Mr. Tooke. Mr. Gambrell will be at the Station until October. Among other things, Mr. Gambrell was engaged for a time in boll weevil investigations in the South.

DR. VAN SLYKE is planning to go to Ann Arbor this week to attend the forty-fifth reunion of his class ('79). Dr. Van Slyke is class secretary.

MR. HUCKER leaves for a month's vacation next week, much to the regret of the NEWS which will now be forced to exert greater efforts to find material to fill this sheet.

DR. RANKIN has been spending the past several days in the Hudson River Valley on his raspberry mosaic work.

PLANS FOR the State Fair this year contemplate a joint exhibit of the Station with the Department of Farms and Markets by means of which it is hoped that a more attractive exhibit may be offered the State Fair crowd than has been possible with the limited funds available within recent years. The space allotted the exhibit is more than twice that occupied last year by the Station and the exhibit will still be preponderatingly a Station display, altho the Department will be represented by at least two striking exhibits. Those on the Staff who are charged with planning the divisional exhibits at the State Fair are requested to get in touch with the chairman of the State Fair Committee (Mr. Lockett) at an early opportunity and outline their plans for this year. It is hoped that the amount of time and work required from members of the Staff in the actual arrangement of the several exhibits may be reduced considerable over former years, and much can be accomplished in this direction by taking time by the proverbial forelock.

MR. AND MRS. STEWART left today for a ten-day trip by automobile which will take them to Ithaca, Poughkeepsie, and Riverhead. At the latter two places Mr. Stewart will inspect the work under way at the Station's research laboratories.

WORD HAS been received from Miss Jones that she hopes to return to Geneva the latter part of this week, and that she also hopes to get back to the Station by the first of next month.

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: JOHN BELL WITTER :
: ASSISTANT HERDSMAN :
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Mr. Witter was born November 11, 1847, in Gorham, N. Y., and during the seventy-seven years since he has rarely left Ontario County, he says. On April 1, 1890, he first started work at the Station as a member of the labor force. From the first he was most interested in all the Station's activities, but his chief ambition was to work with the Station dairy herd. Consequently, on February 1, 1891, he was transferred to the cattle barn as Assistant Herdsman. He served the Station in this capacity for 29 years, and during most of that time he had charge of the early morning milking at 4 A. M. The records show that not once during that long period was he late in arriving for duty.

On March 1, 1920, at Dr. Jordan's request, Mr. Witter was transferred to the Bacteriological Division as a general helper, and since then he has been a valuable adjunct of that department.

Mr. Witter, together with a few others of our outside force, was responsible for the actual labor involved in the development of our present Jersey herd. During his time, as many as seven different breeds of dairy cattle were kept by the Station and used for experimental purposes, he says.

For a number of years Mr. Witter's chief outside interest has centered in the local Baptist Church where he has served in various official capacities.

To those who call the Dairy Building on the 'phone, Mr. Witter's cheery voice and accommodating manner are well known, and his associates have long marked his unflinching courtesy.