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Geneva, N. Y.

THE PLACE: Cayuga Lake State Park

The Time: Saturday, July 16....2:00 p. m., or as soon as you want to come

Operation I: FOOD--Leave your main dish (see last week's NEWS for suggestions) with serving spoon at the main open pavillion on the picnic grounds. And a word about that Main Dish, please be generous and supply sufficient for eight to ten persons, including any guests you may have. Cakes, cookies, pickles, salads, etc., are also to be left with the committee at the pavillion. An iced tray will be available to keep salads cold if desired. Also at the pavillion you will pick up balloons for the youngsters.

Operation II: RECREATION--Parents are requested to provide play equipment for their children, such as bats, balls, water and sand toys, and so on. Soft ball equipment for adults will be made available on the green near the waterfront. (Whoever has this equipment, please produce! See Heit, Vittum, or Dearborn.) Horseshoes are available at the parking lot office and there are wonderful facilities for swimming and diving.

Operation III: DINNER--Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30 at the open pavillion.

Operation IV: GROUP PHOTO--immediately after dinner, when you will be looking your best, Bob Wesselmann will take command and pose you for your picture. And kids, there will be a lollypop for each of you if you will be good and stick around for the picture.

Operation V: MORE RECREATION for as long as you can take it.

The committee asks that everyone take his belongings home with him, as long experience has shown that many articles are left behind for the hard-working committee to tote back to the Station and identify. Paper plates and cups will be supplied by the committee and any surplus will be disposed of at cost after dinner, so here's a chance to stock up for the summer.

And we always have to wind up with a sour note...in case Saturday turns out to be a rainy day, the whole thing is called off until a later date. BUT if it is only showery, the picnic will go on, as the pavillion provides adequate shelter for anything but a driving rain.

Everyone is welcome whether they have signed up or not, and if transportation is needed phone the picnic chairman, Mrs. Curtis Dearborn, Seneca Castle 505-F-3. We'll be seeing you!

MARTIN MURRAY

Martin Murray, known to a long line of Station folks as the dispenser of dairy products in the days of the Station herd, died last Saturday in the Geneva General Hospital. Martin began work at the Station as Assistant Dairyman in April 1905 and was retired for disability in March 1929.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service held last Friday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church in Ithaca for Professor O. F. Curtis was attended by a group of Otis's associates here at the Station.

WENDY CLARE

Congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. Robert Brooks upon the arrival on July 7th of Wendy Clare--all 8 pounds, 5 ounces of her.

IN THE GLOAMING

Harry Young and Foster Gambrell will take part in a twilight field meeting near Dansville this evening. The gathering is sponsored by the Farm Bureau and will deal with diseases and insect pests of nursery stocks.

SNOW AND COLDER

George Butler who works with Larry Carruth has a brother in Montana who writes that they have been having so much snow that he couldn't go to work!

"OUR HEARTY THANKS"

Thus did Carroll Miller, Secretary-Manager of the Appalachian Apple Service, Inc., members of which visited the Station recently, end a letter in which he said, among other things, "In all probability, never was so much live horticultural information placed before so few by so many authorities in so short a time."

VISITORS

This week's list of visitors includes two from Switzerland and one from Canada. Doctor Samuel Blumer, Head of the Plant Pathology Department at the Swiss Agricultural Experiment Station near Zurich, and Doctor Leo Zobrist, Head of the Research Department of the Maag Chemical Company at Dielsdorf, Switzerland, called on Doctor Reinking and other members of the Plant Pathology Division. Professor F. O. Morrison, economic entomologist at Macdonald College, McGill University, spent a couple of days in the Entomology Division.

NEWCOMERS

Elton L. Clark, until recently research entomologist for the Merck Chemical Company, has been appointed Graduate Assistant in the Entomology Division. Mr. Clark is married and has three children. The Clarks have been making their home in Scotch Plains, N. J....Horton K. Durfee has been appointed Research Associate in Food Science and Technology. Horton is the son of Provost and Mrs. Walter H. Durfee of Hobart College and is a 1949 graduate of Hobart. He has been employed in FS&T on a temporary basis for the past three summers.

FIRST IN TELEVISION

Honors go to J. Alfred Adams of the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations Laboratory at Poughkeepsie as the first Station scientist to participate in a live television program. The theme was the Jap beetle....the station, WRGB, the General Electric station in Schenectady. The cast included GE's agricultural program director, Bill Givens, County Agent Clifford Loomis, Doctor Adams, and about fifty Japanese beetles. The human actors and the inanimate props, such as hand dusters and sprayers, were easily shown, according to a report from Adams, but the beetles were a bit temperamental. In the rehearsal, when they felt the heat from the television lamps on their backs, they took off enmasse for the studio ceiling. For the actual telecast a fresh lot were caught and slowed down somewhat in advance in a GE refrigerator. The telecast also provided an occasion to announce a new extension bulletin on Jap beetle control prepared by Doctor Adams and Dr. J. G. Matthyse of the College of Agriculture.

A mid-summer thought: Work is something other people think of for you to do; play is what you think of yourself.