

STATION NEWS



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PICNIC ON SATURDAY

Picnicking in the park will be the order of the day on Saturday when the Station employees and their guests will meet at Cayuga Lake State Park for the Annual Station Club Picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Einset tell us that 120 adults and 51 children are already signed up for the event and that the count will probably go higher. Incidentally, if for any reason you haven't been contacted or made your desires known, you're welcome to attend anyway---just don't forget to bring that food dish for the community table. You'll also need your own silver and rolls. If you need transportation, call Mrs. DeWall 2919---if you have room for additional passengers, call Mrs. DeWall. Frank Boyle states that the softball game will be in the form of an organized free-for-all and will get underway at 4 P.M. The chow line will form at 5:30. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun. See you there.

SEMINAR SLATED

Tomorrow evening at 8 P.M., Mr. Andre Myberg, visiting entomologist from the Union of South Africa, will deliver a talk on South African life, illustrated with motion pictures. The seminar will be given in Jordan Hall and is open to Station people, wives, husbands, and guests.

TRIBUTE TO A PIONEER

Many close acquaintances at the Station were saddened to learn of the death of Grant G. Hitchings in a Syracuse hospital last week. Mr. Hitchings missed his 88th birthday by one day. He cooperated with Station scientists on many experiments in years gone by and was always ready to do research on his own. It was he who pioneered the present practice of not plowing the soil between orchard rows, a practice which is now quite universal. Until his death, he continued to supervise cultural operation on his 440 acre apple orchard south of Syracuse. He held the master farmer award, presented to him by former Governor Herbert Lehman at Cornell University. For many years, Mr. Hitchings celebrated his birthdays by visiting the Experiment Station.

PROMOTIONS

Announcement of promotions on the professional staff has been received from Ithaca and the following Geneva scientists have been promoted to the ranks indicated: from Associate Professor to Professor--John Einset, John Cain, George Slate, and Ralph Dean; from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor--Willard Robinson and Ben Clark. The rewards were well-earned and we extend our hearty congratulations.

RASPBERRY TOUR

An informal tour of the Station's raspberry breeding and cultural projects is being held here today. Small fruit specialists from the Northeastern United States and Ontario, Canada, were sent invitations some time ago to inspect the plantings at their prime period of development. Expected to be in attendance are Doctor G.B. Darrow and members of his staff at Beltsville, Doctor Haut of Maryland, and Doctor George Oberle, former Geneva pomologist who is now at Blacksburg, Va.

FIELD DAY NOTES

Horace Putnam, President, and D.M. Dalrymple, Secretary, New York State Horticultural Society stopped in last Thursday to discuss program and general arrangements for the summer meeting of the Society to be held here on August 15th. And on Monday Mr. Lockett was in Baldwinsville to meet with W.B. Giddings, Secretary of the State Vegetable Growers Association, for a final check on plans for the Vegetable Field Day sponsored by that organization and to be held here on August 11th.



NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Professor A.H. Peterson, well-known to Genevans as assistant treasurer of Cornell University, has been promoted to the office of Director of Finance for the state colleges at Ithaca. His new appointment was announced on Saturday, following the official retirement of Professor Ralph Wheeler from the finance directorship.

NURSERY STOCK

Stephen Ross Rodney made his bow into this terrestrial scheme last Saturday at the Geneva General Hospital. The second little Rodney put the scales to test at 8 lbs. 12 oz. Congratulations to the happy parents. Before we forget it, Mrs. Rodney was tendered a shower recently by the women associated with the Pomology Division.

THE GUEST BOOK

Mr. L.R. Patton, representing the Niagara Frontier Section of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, called at the Station on Monday to arrange for a meeting of the Section and a tour of the Station on Saturday, September 22nd....On Friday, County Agent Norcross of Worcester County, Mass., spent the afternoon looking at some of the projects being conducted here....Mr. Marshall Evans, of the Raw Products Division of the Green Giant Cannery in Minnesota, stopped in on Monday to discuss pea projects with staff members....On the same day, R.P. Thomas, agronomist for the International Mineral and Chemical Company of Chicago, inspected fertilizer experiments here.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Professor Sayre was one of the speakers at a banquet held at the Statler Club on the Cornell campus last Saturday, in honor of two retiring members of the Vegetable Crops Division at the College of Agriculture. The spotlights were on Professor H.C. Thompson who recently retired as head of the division, and Professor Paul Work. Toastmaster was George Johannesen, former graduate assistant here who is now on the college staff.

VACATION NOTES

Now that the rainy weather is done with (?) several Station people have hied themselves off for vacations. Jean Lynch is spending a week in the nation's capital....Fred Mundinger is splitting his vacation between home and parts unknown....Mrs. Glass and children Anne and Teddy are spending some time at her home in Boynton, Va.---and Mr. Glass went to Chicago last weekend to serve as best man at his brother's wedding....Doctor and Mrs. Ed Smith motored to Luskville, Quebec, on the weekend where Mrs. Smith is spending a short vacation....Miss Jennings is taking some time off to greet her brother who returned last week from France, where he serves as an attache of the American Embassy at Paris.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Inasmuch as Librarian Pauline Jennings will be taking vacation during the next two weeks, the customary circulation of journals and periodicals among the various Divisions will be omitted during that period. All such publications will be on file in the library, however, and will be available for use there.

PERSONALS

The little daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Don Pederson was the subject in a photo which copped the second week prize in a Rochester newspaper's photo contest...Meanwhile, Grandpa Pederson writes from his Chicago office that things are really hopping at the QM laboratories. Says he's still trying to learn everything that's going on and that there's no prospect of becoming bored. He's scheduled to attend a kraut packers meeting in Sandusky, Ohio, on Friday. Doc also reports an enjoyable talk with the roving Henings who are currently vacationing in the midwest....Six-year-old Bobby Braun had the misfortune of breaking his right arm last week while gymnasting on a play gym in his backyard. It isn't deterring his activities too much, though, because he's a southpaw....We're sorry to learn that Mr. Van Alstyne's condition at Willard Hospital has worsened to the point where he's now a bed patient, the result of sclerosis....Doctor Chapman is spending a few days at the Station's Hudson Valley Laboratory....Doctor Pearce stopped in the other day, freshly returned from a sabbatic leave in Savannah. Mrs. Pearce is reported to be recovering nicely from that siege with the medics....Doctor and Mrs. Davis are making their home at Arrowhead Beach for the next few weeks....Willard Robinson's English Bulldog "Chunky" won her second award in less than a month--this time at a show in Niagara Falls last weekend. She won the ribbon for best-bitch-in-breed, and two points towards becoming a champion....Speaking of dogs, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Curtis are interested in information leading to the whereabouts of their male beagle which disappeared from their Darrow Farm home about a week ago. Their name is on his collar... Like the man who wears both suspenders and a belt, Jordan Hall has its supply of coal for next winter--despite the central heating plant!Doctor Howe reports that sweet cherries are ready for picking and will be on sale within the next few days.

SMOKING 'EM OUT

At last Thursday's meeting of the city Common Council, Doctor Chapman introduced Doctor B.V. Travis, medical entomologist at Cornell. Doctor Travis offered to assist city officials in their efforts to eliminate the annual mosquito pestilence in this area.