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A JOB WELL DONE

The Station Club owes a debt of gratitude to the picnic committee which engineered a good time for about 200 people at Cayuga Lake State Park last Saturday. We extend our thanks to general chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Einset, and their capable committee; Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wagenknecht, Mr. and Mrs. Natti, Miss Pratt, and Mr. Boyle. The food was plentiful and good--thanks to everyone who participated, and the coffee was superb. A good hot afternoon presented ample incentive to enjoy the waters of Cayuga and the shade of the park. It staved off any desires for the ball game until after the picnic, however, but the twilight match which ensued saw our athletes let their hair down for a small riot. Vic Hopkins served as umpire and gave a splendid performance--(at dodging pop bottles, that is). The contest was punctuated by a good many "rhubarbs" but eventually wound up in a 17 to 17 draw--not exactly a pitchers' duel. There were many guests. Shaking hands with many of their friends were Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Wheeler of Amherst. Mr. Wheeler was a member of the Station's Entomology Division before he accepted his present position as Extension Entomologist for Massachusetts. Guests of the Bigelows were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bliss and children of California. Doctor Bliss is a plant pathologist at the Citrus Experiment Station in California.

INTRODUCING MRS. GALLAGHER

The clerk-typist position shared by Veg Crops and Plant Path has been filled with the appointment of Mrs. Kathleen Gallagher of Geneva. A native of Wilkes Barre, Mrs. Gallagher has attended the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and William Smith College. Her husband, C.B. Gallagher, Jr., is in his third year at Hobart. The Gallaghers were married just three weeks ago and are living at Park Place.

A WORD ABOUT SAFETY

President Truman has proclaimed the week of July 22-28 as National Farm Safety Week. The USDA points out that each year about 18,000 deaths, and 1,500,000 disabling accidents occur on farms. During the past ten years, the number of farm workers has decreased by more than a million. More than twice as many tractors and trucks are now used on farms, and only half as many horses and mules. Due to the increase in mechanization, together with better varieties, better methods, and other factors, the output per man-hour is 50% higher than it was in 1937. These changes, enabling us to increase production substantially, have also increased the hazards of farm work. This year there will be some replacement of trained farm workers by younger or older men and women who are less experienced and these persons will undoubtedly be more prone to accidents. The prevention of accidents on farms is an essential part of our defense program. Use National Farm Safety Week to refresh yourself and your workers on the common-sense precautions which are often suppressed by over-confidence.

HARVEST DATA

This year's bumper crop of peas continues to roll in. Professor Sayre estimates that the Station's harvest will be completed by the end of this week. Many of the Veg Crops folks were delayed or prevented from attending the Station Picnic last Saturday because of the exigencies of the harvest.....In pomological lines, it's reported that raspberries probably will not be sold at the Dairy Barn this season because of more pressing work. If you're looking for raspberries for preserving, better make other arrangements. Sweet cherries will probably again be available this week, and sour cherries will be picked on order.

ANNUAL FREEZER CLEANUP

Because of overcrowded conditions in the Pomology zero storage room, all material stored there that is no longer under experiment or which cannot be identified as experimental material will be discarded after July 27. Those persons wishing to claim such material should contact Mr. Klein immediately.

SEMINAR TOMORROW

At tomorrow night's Food Science Seminar in the Staff Room of Jordan Hall, Bob Ransford and Ted Wishnetsky will share the topic, "Laboratory Experiment with Greenhouse Tomatoes". The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

SEEDSMEN'S FIELD DAYS

The Extension Service is providing a series of field trips for seedsmen today and tomorrow, in conjunction with a meeting of the New York Certified Seed Growers' Cooperative. The trips are beginning this morning at Pittsford and will include a visit to the Station's control plantings this afternoon. Tomorrow, the seedsmen will concentrate their attention on work being done at Ithaca. Professors Munn, Crosier, and Clark are participating.

GRAPE TOUR

Doctor George Oberle, in company with Professors Wellington, Robinson, Einset, and Carleton, visited grape plantings in the Hammondsport area last Friday in order to evaluate many Geneva grape seedlings.

UP AND AT 'EM

We're happy to see Harry King up and around again after a twelve-day siege with pneumonia. He returned to work on Monday, and says he feels fine, though slightly weak.

VISITORS

Doctor Walter Reed and Doctor L.L. Pechuman of the California Spray Chemical Company visited members of Plant Path and Entomology on Monday....Robert Brown and Arthur Brelsford of the Department of Entomology at Rutgers are consulting entomologists here for a few days. They are graduate students and are particularly interested in the affairs of the lesser peach tree borer....Another visitor to Entomology on Monday was Doctor C.C. Compton of the Julius Hyman Company's Denver office....Doctor and Mrs. Kertesz returned from Montreal last weekend and brought with them Miss Joan Kelly, 16-year old daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Clifford Kelly. Doctor Kelly is now on the staff at McGill University and will be remembered by many as a bacteriologist at the Station. Daughter Joan will be a guest at the Kertesz home for a few weeks....Reverend Rufus LeFevre of Tamaqua, Pa., dropped in for a few minutes last week. The former member of the Station's Entomology Division made a trip up this way in order to pick up son Eugene who has been a student at Cornell.

NEWS FROM OUTLYING AREAS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerson became the parents of a daughter at Ithaca on July 11th. The newcomer weighed 8 pounds. Frank is a graduate student in Plant Path... From Fredonia comes word of the wedding of Miss Rita Jesse and Donald Crowe on June 7th. Don works at the Station's Vineyard Laboratory as an assistant to Doctor Taschenberg. Congratulations all around.

REPRIEVE

It's always news when someone can outargue the Army...and that's just what John Wellington has done. John, who recently began farming operations on a large tract adjacent to the Canning Crops Farm, received very untimely recall orders summoning him to active duty early in July. It took a great deal of correspondence and a trip to Washington to win his point but John has succeeded in maintaining his civilian status...at least until his crops are harvested.

CHIT CHAT

Doctor and Mrs. Conn have left for a three-weeks' stay at the home of their son, Herbert, and his family in the Black Hills of South Dakota....Mrs. Max Patterson and daughter, Celeste, left last weekend for a short stay in Bourbon, Indiana. Max plans to join them this weekend. While there, they will visit at the Pattersons (his folks) and the Pattersons (her folks)....Mrs. Charles Fournier, wife of the President of the Urbana Wine Company, was fatally injured in an accident at her home last weekend. Mr. Fournier has cooperated with the Station in many experimental projects....Lester Atkinson reports an acute shortage of soda pop bottles in the basement of Hedrick. The supply of beverage cannot be replenished unless sufficient empties are provided. Get those empties back to the machine if you want a continued supply....The STATION NEWS has always prided itself on the fast results obtained by its Klassified Korner. When we provided Mr. Luckett with a grandchild upon 24-hour notice, we thought we had reached the acme. Still faster service was accomplished yesterday when Mr. Sayre gave us an ad involving a lost fountain pen, two hours before the NEWS went to press. Talk about action--the lost item was returned even before we published the ad!

It never occurs to a boy of 17 that he will someday be as dumb as his father.