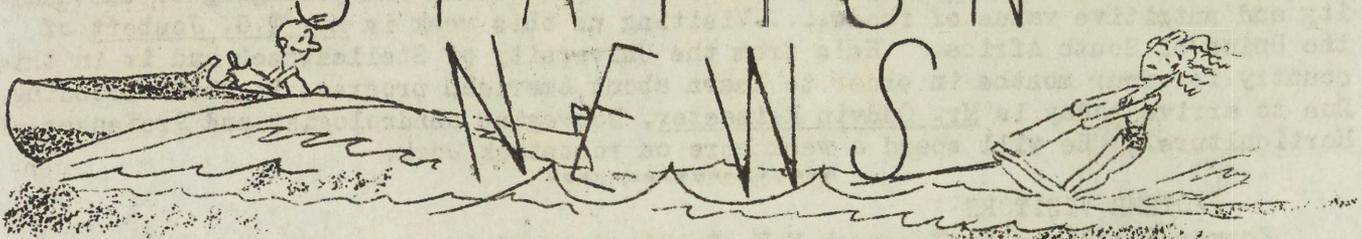


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HORTICULTURAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The schedule for the summer meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society on August 15th at the Experiment Station is announced in the Society's Newsletter. Tours of the Station's laboratories and farms will run continuously from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., except for a break for lunch and the speaking program which follows it. Doctor Heinicke will greet the Society to lead off the program. He will be followed by Professor Herrell DeGraff who will speak on the general economic picture for fruit growers. Grower Sam Dillon of Maryland will give vent to his feelings about the future of the fruit industry and will be followed by talks concerning apple associations and grape co-ops, by fruit growers. This program will be held in the assembly area behind Hedrick Hall unless it rains, in which case it will be moved to the Jordan Hall auditorium. The story of the Station will be told with color slides at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. for the benefit of those visitors who prefer an armchair tour. Bob Wesselmann will handle this phase of the program in Jordan Hall. Following the talk will be movies of interest to the womenfolk.

FIELD DAY NOTES

Only two-and-a-half weeks from now, the first of the two big Field Days will be held at the Station. The Director urges all hands to cooperate on a tidying-up campaign in order that the Station will present a ship-shape appearance on those days. Hundreds of visitors are expected on both occasions and chances are that every nook and cranny of our abode will be carefully inspected. For this reason, both interior and exterior areas deserve careful attention. Already, it's been noted that some of the field workers have begun the job by cultivating and weed cutting and while it is assumed that everyone is aware of his responsibility, tempus has a way of fugiting. The Vegetable Field Day will be on August 11th, that's two weeks from Saturday--and the Horticultural Field Day will be held August 15th, the following Wednesday.

SPEAKING OF HOUSECLEANING---

This Friday is the last day for claiming any of the material now stored in the Pomology zero room. Everything in the storage must be accounted for, whether the experiment is still in progress or not. If you have any material in the freezer which you want to have saved, contact Mr. Klein before Friday. It will be assumed that all unclaimed material has been abandoned and it will, therefore, be discarded.

ENCOURAGING NEWS

Stewart Patrick, who has been confined to bed for several weeks because of a spinal ailment, underwent an operation at Strong Memorial Hospital last week and is already able to walk occasionally. Doctors removed a herniated disc from his spine and put Stewart on the mend. We wish him a rapid and complete recovery.

LONG ISLAND DOINGS

Doctor Davis and Bob Howe, graduate assistant in Entomology, are spending a few days this week on Long Island on the corn earworm project.... Doctor Braun is leaving today for the Island where he will make a survey of small-fruit diseases. He will give most of his attention to a pathological disturbance which appears to be unique to Long Island strawberries.

FOREIGN VISITORS

ECA tours have brought two more foreign visitors to the Geneva Station during the past week. Frau Luitgard Goernhardt of the Institute of Food Technology in Munich stopped in as part of a tour of the United States. Doctor Goernhardt's purpose in making her tour is to study the relation of processing and packaging to the quality and nutritive value of foods,....Visiting us this week is Mr. T.G. Joubert of the Union of South Africa. He's from the University of Stellenbosch and is in this country for four months in order to learn about American progress in plant-breeding. Due to arrive today is Mr. Oddvin Reisaeter, Norwegian dendrologist and Professor of Horticulture. He will spend a week here on rootstock work.

OTHER VISITORS

Former Associate-in-Research W.H. Rankin dropped in on the plant pathologists Monday. Mr. Rankin served on the Plant Path staff from 1922 until the middle '30s and was concerned with the diseases of small fruits.....Doctor Bernard L. Oser, Director of Food Research Laboratories, Inc., of Long Island City, was a weekend visitor to the Station. Doctor Kertesz conducted him on a tour of the Geneva campus... Mrs. Nancy Palmatier (nee Becker) said hello to her former associates in Veg Crops and Plant Path on Monday. The former secretary for those Divisions spoke her wedding vows recently.

VACATION NOTES

Lucile Holtby and her mother are members of a party which is spending the week at Cape Cod....Also at Cape Cod for the week are the Hands who are giving their new trailer a road test....Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Pedersen have returned from their vacation which showed them some of the sights of New York State, including Howe's Caverns....Mrs. DeWall is taking a two-week respite from her work but her plans were indefinite....The Wisnetskys are spending a few days down Baltimore way....The entomologists have their families back home again. Doctor Smith went to Canada over the weekend to retrieve his brood, and Doctor Glass motored to Virginia to pick up his family. He did even better and brought back Nell's sister and her children, plus a Chihuahua--which ought to make a good playmate (or meal) for Glass' Mickey.

GLAD TIDINGS

A daughter, Constance Ann, has joined the Ben Clarks. The eight-pound baby was born at 1:32 A.M. yesterday at Geneva General. Both mother and daughter are doing fine, and Ben and little Chris are holding up well, too. Congratulations all around.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

Even though Bob Lamb has observed the power of an ad in this column, he refuses to acknowledge it without first-hand experience. Says he, "We've tried everything else without any luck so we might as well try the STATION NEWS". So, with a pot of snails' toes and lizzard ears stewing on the stove, and with the proper incantations, we print the following ad:

WANTED: One Baby Lamb...and the quicker the better. Color of fleece inconsequential. Sex inconsequential. Urgent. Notify Bob and Barbara Lamb.

FOUND: A man's black fountain pen, by Ralph Stearman. Can be claimed at the Business Office.

JOTTINGS

We welcome the rest of the Szkolnik family to Geneva. They arrived from New Jersey last week and are making their home at 270 William Street. The small fry consists of two girls and a boy....Frank Emerson, graduate assistant in Plant Path is terminating his appointment this month. He will take his final exams for his doctor's degree at Cornell early next month.

PUSH-BUTTON AGRICULTURE

We're indebted to the Country Gentleman for this item which seemed worthy of reprint: It may sound fantastic to kill insects and plant diseases by sending them a radio message about a poison, but the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has invested three years of research and large sums of money in just such an idea. The method, called "homeotronics" by its promoters, is based on a radiolike machine that is supposed to work on fields as far as 200 miles away. According to its inventors, all that is necessary is to furnish the machine with an aerial photo of the field, and a small amount of insecticide or fungicide. Then, they claim, the machine "tunes in" to the frequency of the plant and the poison and blasts the bug or disease. B.A. Rockwell, research director of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has been experimenting on trees and crops. Results have not been made public.

If you learn to laugh at your troubles, you'll always be in a good humor.

One sure way to make your wife listen to you is to talk in your sleep.

