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CANNERS COMMITTEES AT STATION TODAY

Representatives of the state and national canners organizations are spending this morning at the Station, through arrangements made by Secretary Bill Sherman and Professor Sayre. The visitors include the members of the National Canners' Raw Products Technical Committee and the State Canners' Agricultural Committee. They'll visit vegetable crops experiments and will engage in a taste panel on processed peas. This afternoon's agenda includes a trip to Sodus for a demonstration of Cornell's new air-blast concentrate sprayer for canning crops.

GLADIOLUS SHOW AT THE STATION

The Empire State Gladiolus Society will hold its early seedling show in Jordan Hall on Saturday afternoon. Since the season has barely started, this show is not expected to approach the proportions of later shows but will give hybridizers an opportunity to enter their early crosses in competition. Entries will be arranged in the morning and the display will be thrown open to the public in the afternoon. Among the exhibitors will be Leo Klein and Frank Boyle.

TRAVEL TALK

Professors Einset and Way left yesterday for a visit to the Hudson Valley where they'll visit commercial and experimental orchards, particularly sweet cherry plantings....Today, Dr. Shaulis leaves for Niagara Falls, Canada, to spend some time at commercial vineyards. He'll be joined on Friday by Prof. Brase....Dr. Braun will visit small fruit and grape plantings in Chautauqua and Erie Counties today and tomorrow.

PARKING POSES PERENNIAL PROBLEM

It took a sudden and severe shower one morning last week to again point out the importance of keeping free the alleyway behind Hedrick Hall. As Jupe Pluve sent the workers scampering for cover, traffic became snarled behind Hedrick and many people were forced to undergo a soaking in order to get into the building...or were marooned in the vehicles until the storm let up. But the trouble had only begun! So many vehicles had funneled into the area that the first-arrived were forced to spend an extended period, waiting for the glut to disentangle itself so that the exodus could take place. The inevitable result is wasted time and shortened tempers. It is repeated that the area directly in back of Hedrick Hall is a loading zone only. NO PASSENGER VEHICLES ARE TO BE PARKED IN THIS AREA. TRUCKS SHOULD BE PARKED ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO LOAD OR UNLOAD.

COUNTY FAIR OPENS

The Ontario County Fair opened its gates at Canandaigua last night and will run for the remainder of the week. In the exhibit area, some of the Station publications are on display and the Fruit Testing Cooperative tells its story. Visitors may well be astonished at the dignitaries who will be taking tickets at the gate. Rotarians from the county will handle the job as a civic duty, and not, as some sources have intimated, as a means of earning spare money.

ENTOMOLOGISTS PICNIC

A small farewell party to Jean Utter of the Division developed into a bonanza picnic for entomologists at the Chapman lot on the east shore of Seneca Lake last Thursday evening. Forty-five noses were counted in the funfest which began with Ed Glass demonstrating the gentle art of water-skiing and ended with the wiping of the last drop of watermelon juice from Junior's chin.

HOME FROM KOREA

That's the fact in which Betty Ketcham of FS&T is rejoicing these days. Her Marine husband, Sgt. Vance Ketcham, left the former battle zone last month and arrived in Geneva on Monday. After a furlough he'll be stationed in the District of Columbia until his discharge in January.

Professor Lockett and Mr. Wesselmann will go to the Fairgrounds at Syracuse tomorrow where they'll set up background material for the Station's exhibit at the State Fair. The main theme of the display will be the various seasonal operations required in the growing of good apples. Colored photo murals will be used to depict the operations. Accompanying this exhibit will be the usual array of new tree fruits and frozen small fruits. An exhibit of dwarf apple trees will explain the production and characteristics of size-controlled trees, and a publications display will illustrate the various types of literature available from Geneva and Ithaca. In addition, the Fruit Testing Association will have a booth in the Station corner.

CHIT-CHAT

There's plenty of activity in the Cain family these days. John, Jr., returned on Sunday from the Boy Scout Jamboree in California, and brother Jim and Dad got back the same day from a canoe trip in the Fulton Chain of Lakes. Meanwhile, Mrs. Cain has a man-sized job on her hands as chairman of the Ontario County volunteer workers who are organizing in the fight against polio....Mrs. Jeanne Smith Cleere left the hospital last Thursday with 8 lb. 7 oz. George Steven. Jeanne worked in the insecticide-fungicide analysis laboratory until her resignation in March.....Mrs. Glen VanEseltine, widow of the former Station horticulturist, has moved from Geneva to Washington, D. C. Her son, Dr. William VanEseltine, called on Station friends last week....Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Jahn and children are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jahn. Gunter recently passed the exams for the position of actuary with the Prudential Insurance Company and is scheduled to move from Newark, N. J., to Minneapolis in the near future. On Friday, the younger Jahns will visit her home in Ilion. And scheduled to come home on leave this Friday is Harrison Jahn who is taking ten days off from his Navy duties.....Weekend guests of the Hands were Dr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson of Washington, D. C. Dr. Wilson is engaged in the tomato color project for the P.M.A.Among the visitors at the Seed Laboratory last week were a Miss Kestner of the Northrup-King Seed Co., in Minneapolis, and Miss McIntosh of the Botany Department at the University of Minnesota....Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Davis of Ottawa are spending a few days with the family of their son, Dr. A. C. Davis. The elder Dr. Davis is Chief Dominion Horticulturist....Twenty-seven managers and superintendents attended the Factory Managers Conference held in Jordan Hall on Monday. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Mold Counting School. At the Mold School, 33 "pupils" are registered, representing 21 processors....We slipped up on Ronnie Clark's name when we mentioned the contingent which is in training at Camp Drum.

VACATION-WISE

The Steinkraus family has hied itself away to its parental homes in Minnesota for a month....Doris Traphagen began a week's vacation with a trip to the Thousand Islands last weekend. Now she's visiting at Williamsport, Pa.Sig Lienk motored to Round Lake, Ontario, last weekend to retrieve his family....Ed Smith made a similar trip to Ottawa earlier this week and brought his family home.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington and Mrs. Moyer and Mrs. Carpenter were the winning teams in last Friday's bridge competition at the Station. Twenty-eight players turned out for the evening and another date has been set for Friday, August 21st.

FOR SALE

Blackberries tonight only, at the Barn, 25¢ per quart; or 10 quarts for \$2.00; or 24 quart crate for \$4.00.

READ IT AND WEEP

Cornell's Extension Echoes tells us that the woman driver doesn't altogether merit the stigma which has been placed upon her. According to an insurance company survey, the housewife ranks 28th in safety among 64 classified occupations. A spot check reveals the following placement: Wholesale proprietors--1st; County agents--2nd; Retired persons--3rd; Farmers--4th; Bankers--8th; Housewives--28th; Auto salesmen--32nd; Doctors--39th; Truck drivers--43rd; Garage employees--48th; Lawyers--50th; Clergymen--55th,--followed by peddlers, amusement workers, and entertainers. The report fails to divulge what percentage of the peddlers, amusement workers, and entertainers are women.

The coon hunter was telling about a smart hound he owned. "All I had to do was whittle out a coon hide stretcher the size of the coon I wanted. Then I'd show it to the dog and he'd go hunting. When he had the right sized coon treed, he'd start bayin' and all I had to do was go get him. About two years ago my wife happened to set her ironing board outside and I ain't seen the dog since."

--Better Crops

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of Doctor Parrott, associated with the Station for forty years and its Director from 1938 to 1942 when he retired with the rank of Professor of Entomology Emeritus in Cornell University. The end came at his home at 386 Castle Street early this morning, following a long illness. We extend sincere sympathy to his daughter, Mrs. Robert Holt, and to his son, John.

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"He was such a friendly person!" That is the universal reaction to word of Doctor Parrott's passing. Every one who knew him has a deep sense of personal loss even beyond that usually experienced when a valued friend passes on. This spirit of friendliness will stand as a monument to his memory in the hearts of all who came in touch with him through a long and useful life.

We are leaving to other mediums the recounting of Doctor Parrott's professional career with its many significant events and wish here simply to reproduce in part a statement that appeared in the July, 1942, issue of Farm Research entitled "Forty Years" and commenting on his retirement from the Directorship of the Station.

"It is a tribute to Professor Parrott," reads the statement, "that after forty years his stock was never so high as it is today with fruit growers and those in other branches of agriculture everywhere who know of his work.

"Many persons are better qualified than we to evaluate Professor Parrott's scientific attainments; rather we desire to pay our respects to those personal qualities which have meant so much in the day-to-day relationships between the Director and the staff. These have been marked by an unfailing friendliness, an intense desire to understand the other fellow's point of view, a deep comprehension of human nature, and a long and varied experience with farmers and farm life, all of which have proved of inestimable value to his colleagues on many occasions."

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