

PLANS are practically completed for the summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society to be held here next Wednesday. Early in the week the Station grounds will blossom out with numerous signs directing visitors to various points of interest about the farm. An announcement and program of the meeting has been prepared in printed form and will be found on the Editor's desk. Commissioner Pyrke of the Department of Agriculture & Markets at Albany will describe the new apple grading law and Mr. J. J. Gardner of the Federal Food Products Inspection Service at Pittsburgh will talk on shipping point inspection service. Arrangements have been made with the local playground associations to have a baseball game between two teams of girls on the oval across from Jordan Hall in the afternoon by way of diversion. There will be other sports as well.

THE EASTERN meeting of the Society is to be held at Woodstock in Ulster County on Friday, August 12th. Dr. Hedrick is to talk on "Early Horticulture in the Hudson Valley", and a marker commemorating the spot where the original Jonathan apple tree once stood is to be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. The artists' colony for which Woodstock is famed will put on their "Maverick" that afternoon as an added attraction.

DR. THATCHER leaves tomorrow for Amherst where he will spend Friday and Saturday. On Friday he is to speak before a meeting of the Massachusetts Grange at Montague, a town near Amherst. On Monday, Dr. Thatcher will attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Division of Agriculture & Biology of the National Research Council at Wood's Hole, returning to Geneva Tuesday.

BEFORE LEAVING on a brief vacation last Saturday, Mr. Van Eseltine drew up plans for the next flower show which is to be a gladiolus exhibition. The dates have been set for August 18 & 19, and Dr. Carpenter has consented to supervise the show and judge the exhibits. In view of the considerable local interest in gladioli, a gorgeous display is anticipated. Emphasis is to be put on exhibits of summer annuals and perennials at this show, as well, with particular reference to the use of these flowers in special arrangements.

THE U. S. DEPARTMENT of Agriculture reports that the annual ice cream consumption in this country has dropped off from 2.80 gallons per person to 2.77 gallons. We suggest that some of our statistical experts estimate the probable error of that 0.03 gallon difference. We strongly suspect that it is due to failure of ice cream manufacturers to use sufficient gelatine to form a gel as discovered in the researches of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva.

MR. GLOYER, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Cecil are planning a trip through the bean-growing sections of the western part of the State this week to study disease and insect conditions in the field. Dr. Jones and Mr. Pederson inspected tomato plantings in the vicinity of Wilson, N. Y., and Grimsley, Ontario, recently for a new wilt disease which has been giving considerable trouble to tomato growers.

"MID" MOORE plans to leave for Maine by auto next Saturday to bring his family back to Geneva. Mrs. Moore and Frank have been spending the past few weeks at Mrs. Moore's home in Old Town.

MRS. PRICKETT has returned from a visit to her home in Louisiana bringing with her her mother and sister who will spend sometime in Geneva.

WE ARE pleased to extend congratulations to Prof. & Mrs. McGinty on the arrival of a boy at the Geneva General Hospital last week. Prof. McGinty, who is a member of the Department of Horticulture of the Colorado Experiment Station and who has been engaged in graduate work at Cornell the past year, has been assisting Mr. Sayre in the canning crops investigations this summer.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for group photographs of the "outside" men employed at the Station. Dr. Glasgow will take the pictures at the first opportunity that weather conditions are favorable at the noon hour.

MR. HARTZELL is leaving today for 10 days or 2 weeks sojourn in Fredonia. Fred states that this is not a vacation but has to do with some work on grapes. Needless to say no married man would expect to have a vacation at home.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERTSON are planning to spend Saturday and Sunday in Geneva. Mr. Robertson successfully passed his examinations for his doctorate at Cornell yesterday.

MR. NIXON who represents the electric light interests in the light investigations under way at the Station this summer, has departed for a two week's vacation.

MISS LIDA THATCHER is in Ithaca today on matters pertaining to her duties as Secretary of the local branch of the American Society of Bacteriologists.

MISS BRENNAN has resigned her position as stenographer in the Horticultural Department, effective September 8th.

PROF. PAUL WORK of the Department of Vegetable Gardening at Cornell is bringing his class of summer school students to the Station tomorrow to look over the vegetable work here.

A COMMUNICATION FROM Mr. Stewart from his camp at Inlet on Seventh Lake states that, "The organ grinders take to the woods like other folks. Ine is in the neighborhood this minute. We now have 'all modern improvements' ".

PROF. J. D. BREW of the Dairy Department at Ithaca and formerly in the Department of Bacteriology here, is on his way home with his family from California where he has been spending his sabbatic leave. Prof. Brew completed preliminary work on his doctor's degree at the University of California.

WE ARE averse to perpetuating unsubstantial rumors in the NEWS, but we cannot fail to note the increasing interest aroused over persistent reports from various sources that cupid is again cutting cunning capers in the Station ranks.