

The Station News

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JERSEY PICNIC: About 150 Jersey fanciers and their families from widely scattered
APPRECIATED:
-----: parts of the State took time out from pressing farm duties last Saturday to attend the field day and picnic of the State Jersey Cattle Club at the Station. The judging contest and the formal program in the afternoon seemed to be fully enjoyed, but undoubtedly the high spot in the day's activities was the lunch of Jersey products served by the Dairy Division. The U. S. per capita consumption of ice cream jumped several points on the day's returns. Among those participating in the afternoon session was Prof. F. B. Morrison and Prof. Savage from the College of Agriculture.

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RAIN OR SHINE: The Station picnic will positively take place on Thursday, June 26,
-----: at Cayuga Lake State Park, regardless of weather or other circumstances. A large pavilion with a fireplace and with table capacity for 300 will provide shelter in case of rain, and also a place for cards and other diversions in the event of bad weather. With luck in the weather, the spot selected by the Committee will afford ample opportunity for almost any outdoor sport, except golf, altho doubtless a "Tom Thumb" course could be laid out for those who find their chief delight in this game. Boating, fishing, bathing, and eating will probably form the chief diversions, but a ball game, quoits, and other distractions will be provided. A search of the Station weather records since 1882 reveals the fact that June 26 has never been recorded as either the hottest or the coldest day of the month. June holds the record for rainfall, however, so that we are not making any promises about the weather, but we can promise a good time and an ample repast. Cayuga Lake State Park is just 16 miles from the Station grounds, on the west shore of Cayuga Lake, and a short distance out of Seneca Falls. Specific road directions will be given next week, together with last-minute details about the picnic itself.

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ROSE SHOW : The Geneva Garden Club's rose show got under way last night and will
UNDER WAY : continue thru today and this evening. This will be the last show to
-----: be held in Jordan Hall until fall, the "glad" show being scheduled for the State Armory in connection with the exhibition of the State Gladiolus Society.

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CANNERS HERE: The Agricultural Committee of the State Cannery Association met at the
-----: Station yesterday and inspected the canning crops work with Mr. Sayre. The Committee includes John F. Street, Rochester, Secretary of the Association; Harry Cleveland of Brockport; B. C. Olney, Rochester; H. M. Lum, Hilton; and Edward Thorne of Geneva.

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WORKING : Dr. A. B. Stout, Director of Laboratories of the New York Botanical
ON GRAPES : Garden, is spending a few days at the Station in connection with the
-----: cooperative grape breeding program in which the Station and the Garden are endeavouring to develop new seedless grapes for this State. Dr. Stout sails for Europe within a few days, and among other things will participate in the Botanical and Horticultural Congresses to be held in England this summer.

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GOING TO : Rodney Cecil has been transferred to a federal laboratory in California
CALIFORNIA : where he expects to report about the middle of August. Mr. Cecil's
-----: Mexican bean beetle project will be taken over by another U. S. Dept. of Agriculture entomologist who will make his headquarters at this Station. Mr. Cecil's many friends at the Station will regret his departure and particularly the loss of his advice and council in all matters pertaining to field and stream, but he will leave with the best wishes for pleasant and profitable work in his new laboratory.

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DAIRY SCIENTISTS: The annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association will
TO MEET IN IOWA : get under way next Tuesday at Ames, Iowa, and the Station will be
-----: represented "in person" by Mr. Hening and Mr. Marquardt. Mr.
Hening's paper will deal with "Observations on Basic Viscosity of Ice Cream Mixes";
while Mr. Marquardt will discuss the "Value of Solubility Indexes of Skimmilk Powders."
Both Mr. Hening and Mr. Marquardt will then resume interrupted holidays and will be
missing from the Station for some little time. Mr. and Mrs. Hening are driving out
to Ames and will be accompanied by Mrs. Willaman and Janet, who will spend the next
few weeks visiting friends in Iowa and Minnesota.

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TWO "ALUMNI": Two former members of the Horticultural Division were recent visitors
RETURN : at the Station. J. W. Wellington, brother of "Dick", and a member of
-----: the Staff for some six years, spent the weekend in Geneva. Mr. Well-
ington is now on the editorial staff of Experiment Station Record. Prof. W. H.
Alderman and son DeForest also visited the Station on Monday. Prof. Alderman, now
head of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Minnesota, was a member
of the Station Staff from 1909-10.

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SOME OTHER : Among other visitors to the Station during the past few days special
VISITORS : mention should be made of Dr. D. Akenhead, Chief Officer, Imperial
-----: Bureau of Fruit Production, East Malling, Kent, England; Assistant
Commissioner C. P. Norgord of the Dept. of Agriculture and Markets at Albany; Dr.
Hunziker of the Blue Valley Creamery Company of Chicago; Dr. E. Bateman of the Forest
Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis.; and Dr. R. A. Gortner, head of the Department
of Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Gortner was enroute to Ithaca
to attend the Colloid Symposium to be held there Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of
this week, and which will be attended by several members of the Chemistry Division.

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LONG ISLAND : The harvest of some experimental plantings of peas on Long Island
PEAS HARVESTED: last week was the occasion for a visit to the Vegetable Research Farm
-----: at Riverhead of Mr. Sayre, Dr. Willaman, and Dr. Kertesz.

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CONFER IN : Mr. Parrott and Dr. Chapman were in Albany Monday for a conference with
ALBANY : Commissioner Fyrke on the work to be begun by Dr. Chapman on the apple
-----: maggot in the Champlain and Hudson Valleys.

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DR. WILLAMAN'S: Dr. Willaman's mother arrived from her home in Rockford, Illinois,
MOTHER HERE : last week to spend the summer in Geneva.

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WEAI WILL : For the week ending June 25, the following members of the Staff will
ANNOUNCE : broadcast over WEAI: On Friday, Dr. Carpenter will talk on "Casein";
-----: and on Wednesday, Dr. Willaman will discuss "Tough Peas", and Mr. Green
will talk on "Grading Eggs for Wateriness."

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CALLED TO : Dr. Conn has been asked to discuss the relation of stains to cancer
JOHNS HOPKINS: before a conference of scientists assembled at Johns Hopkins Univer-
-----: sity today. The conference, which began on Monday, was called to
work out a cooperative program for the study of the causes and treatment of cancer.
Dr. Conn will represent the Commission on Biological Stains.

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PLANT PATENTS: The bill providing for the patenting of new varieties of plants has
NOW PROVIDED : passed both houses of Congress and has been signed by President
-----: Hoover, thus becoming a law. Hereafter, new varieties propagated by
cuttings, grafts, and similar asexual methods will be eligible to a patent giving
the originator the sole right to propagation and distribution. Plants propagated
by seeds or by tubers are definitely excluded from the provisions of the law.

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CAPPER AWARD: The first Capper award of \$5,000 and a gold medal for distinguished
TO BABCOCK : service to American agriculture was presented last Saturday to Stephen
-----: M. Babcock, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Chemistry at the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin, for the perfection of the Babcock test for butter fat in milk.
Dr. Babcock is said to have perfected his test in 1890, a year or two after he left
this Station where he was the first to hold the position of Station Chemist. The
Capper award is to be made annually as "a concrete expression of gratitude to some
of the persons who make contributions of national importance to agriculture."
