

Station News

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GENEVA, N. Y.

NEW COMMISSIONER TO SPEAK HERE

The Hon. H. V. Noyes, recently appointed Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, will appear on the program at the summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society to be held here on Thursday, August 5, according to word received from the Secretary of the Society. Other speakers already scheduled include Dr. Hedrick and Mr. Parrott. The morning will be given over to tours of orchards, field experiments, and laboratories and the afternoon to the more formal program in Jordan Hall.

FROM JOHANNESBURG

Dr. John Phillips of the Botany Department of Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg, South Africa, visited the Station last week. Dr. Phillips is traveling in this country under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation and was enroute to Chicago where he is to deliver a series of lectures at the summer session of Chicago University. Mr. Parrott met Dr. Phillips in Johannesburg so that their meeting in Geneva was something of a reunion.

DUE BACK SATURDAY

Mr. Munn is expected back on Saturday from his travels to the International Seed Congress in Switzerland and to England where he visited centers of grass seed production particularly.

FROM CALIFORNIA

Dr. Priscilla Avery of the Botany Department at the University of California spent the week-end in Geneva visiting Mrs. Nebel and looking over botanical work here at the Station.

TOURING WITH THE VEGETABLE GROWERS

The New York State Vegetable Growers Association has chosen the Elmira district and the intensive vegetable growing areas along the Chemung River as the scene of its 1937 summer tour, which is being held today. Those from the Station who are participating in the tour include Mr. Sayre, Mr. Tapley, who has been quite active in aiding with the details for the event, Mr. Enzie, Mr. Traphagen, Dr. Reinking, and Dr. Horsfall.

ROUNDING INTO SHAPE

Despite many uncertainties as to details of construction in the new building which will house the Station's State Fair exhibits, plans for the Station's part in the ninety-eighth annual State Fair are assuming definite proportions. At a session last week of those directly concerned with the exhibit final space assignments were made and most of the requirements for tables, etc., decided upon. According to the last word from Syracuse, the new building is now far enough along to enable the carpenters to proceed with construction of backgrounds, partitions, etc., hence all specifications for such things should be in as soon as possible. Also, for those who want to get started on sign work, Mr. Graves will be available at any time now and will be working in the basement of Jordan Hall for the next few days.

ENTERTAINED DAIRYMEN

The local Dairymen's League unit held a social evening at the Station last Friday and included on the program was a showing by Dr. Tressler of his colored movies of gardens and other scenes.

MORE VISITORS

Dr. G. A. H. Helson, of Canberra, Australia, and Dr. H. W. Allen, of Moorestown, New Jersey, spent Monday and Tuesday conferring with Dr. Daniel on Oriental Fruit Moth parasitism. Dr. Helson also collected parasite material for introduction into Australia. Also Mr. F. N. Hewetson of Michigan State College stopped to look over the work in Plant Propagation and Rootstocks, on Monday, the 17th.

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

Prof. Harold F. Clark in charge of Educational Economics at Columbia University has issued a report on a survey of returns from sixteen selected occupations upon which he bases predictions on the worth of a budding doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc. In the light of these studies, Professor Clark concludes that a banker might reasonably lend one entering the medical profession the sum of \$108,000 on pledge of all of the earnings over an anticipated working life span of 42 years. Law ranks second with a working life span of 43 years and earnings of \$105,000. The Professor does not include a classification that quite meets the requirements for experiment station scientists, but he does evaluate college teachers at the modest sum of \$69,300 for a working life period of 44 years. For some mysterious and unexplained reason, the profession of journalism rates only \$41,500, but the journalists enjoy longer life despite their occupational hazards, being assigned a working life span of 46 years, topped only by farmers and farm laborers.

TALKED ABOUT FREEZING

Quick freezing would seem to be an excellent subject upon which to hold a conference on a July day, even if it wasn't as warm a day as some we have had this month. A group from the College headed by Monty Robinson and others interested in new developments in the quick freezing of foods met with Dr. Tressler and other members of the Staff Monday morning to discuss the status of quick freezing in small units.

CONFERRED IN PHILADELPHIA

Another recent conference was one attended by Dr. Horsfall and Dr. Suit when they went to Philadelphia to discuss progress in spraying experiments with red copper oxide with officials of Rohm and Haas, sponsors of a Crop Protection Institute Fellowship for the investigation of red copper oxide as a fungicide.

IN HUDSON VALLEY

Mr. Collison left Monday for a brief trip thru the Hudson Valley where he will visit orchard fertilizer experiments in progress there. He also plans to visit the hop investigations at Waterville.

"NYSTATE" LEADS

Ripe fruits of the "Nystate" tomato, the new variety developed by the Vegetable Crops Division, were picked last Monday, making this high-quality market and canning tomato also the earliest ripening tomato in the Station's large variety collection. The tomatoes harvested Monday came from plants the seeds for which were sown on April 10. While the plants were staked and hence ripened their fruit a little earlier than would field plants, nevertheless the earliness of the variety coupled with its good quality and color and high yielding ability promises to make it an outstanding contribution to the vegetable industry.

WHILE WE LABOR

The list of vacationers lengthens with each passing week. Some of those whose wanderings have come to our attention include the Walshes who are in Syracuse; the Henings at Muskoka Lakes in Ontario; the Van Alstynes, mostly in Geneva and its vicinity; Dr. Hamilton in the East; Mr. Patrick who is attending an officer's training camp; Mr. Kokoski; and Bill Lydon.

"FRIENDS IN NEED"

It is a pleasure indeed to acknowledge the noble efforts of Mrs. Hening and Miss Sharpe in keeping the presses running and the NEWS on schedule during our recent enforced "vacation". It was a break for the subscribers, too, and perhaps a change they might like to see made permanent, but that is too much to hope for.