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A GOOD TIME WAS HAD

Despite wintry blasts and overcast skies, the ninth annual Western New York Apple Blossom Festival moved to a successful conclusion last Saturday with the crowning of the 1939 "Queen". The dance at the Station Friday evening gave many unofficial judges an opportunity to pick the queen, but the official judges were the only ones who were able to make their choice stick, and when the tumult and shouting was over, stately, dark-haired Virginia Bevin of Irondequoit proved to be the lucky girl. The "Parade of Youth" was all that one could ask for in color and make-up and, all in all, the day was voted a huge success by spectators and participants alike--but personally, we are glad that, like Christmas, Apple Blossom Festivals come but once a year.

A BEAUTIFUL SHOW

The flower show and decorations in Jordan Hall, which were opened to the public Saturday and Sunday, ran a close second to the Festival itself in popular acclaim. Mr. Jahn and his helpers merit an award of some sort for the beautiful setting they provided for the dance and the attractive show they put on for the many visitors who came up to Jordan Hall on Saturday and Sunday.

THE NEXT EVENT

Saturday, June 3, is the date for the next event of special importance here at the Station--the summer meeting and sale of the New York State Jersey Cattle Club. Already, 35 animals have been consigned to the sale and indications point to an interesting and lively day. Incidentally, the activities on the 3rd will be on standard time.

A GENERAL INVITATION

An invitation addressed to the Staff of the Experiment Station has been received from the Trustees and Faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges for the Commencement exercises of the two colleges to be held Saturday to Monday, May 27-29. Thomas Mann will deliver the Phi Beta Kappa address at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 29. Apply to Prof. R. W. Torrens for reserved seat tickets.

HAS RETURNED TO AMHERST

A communication from Mrs. R. W. Thatcher received last week tells of her return to Amherst, Mass., following an eight months' stay with relatives in Nebraska.

JUST OFF THE PRESS

The following publications have been received from the printer within the past few days:

- Circ. No. 184. Making Maraschino Cherries at Home. Frank A. Lee.
- Circ. No. 185. The Preparation of Rhubarb Juice. H. G. Beattie and C. S. Pederson.
- Bul. No. 685. Controlling Common Scab of the Potato on Long Island by the Addition of Mercury Compounds to the Fertilizer Mixture and the Relation of Soil Reaction to the Treatments. H. S. Cunningham and P. H. Wessels.

A GOOD START

Mr. Slater is doing a swell job on the Station's Community Chest canvas. He is able to report almost 50 per cent of the Station's quota yesterday and hopes to pick up all outstanding cards for the final report luncheon tomorrow.

IN NEW HAVEN

Dr. and Mrs. Horsfall were in New Haven, Conn., last week prospecting for living quarters in anticipation of their change of address next month.

TALKED IN PENN YAN

Dr. Carpenter addressed a meeting of the Penn Yan Kiwanis Club Monday evening on "Plastics and Agricultural Surpluses." The Kiwanians had a number of farmers as their guests.

LAYING OUT EXPERIMENTS

Mr. Sayre and Mr. Enzie were in Genesee County on Monday in connection with various tests in that area--Mr. Enzie to check up on pea variety trials and Mr. Sayre to select sites for fertilizer tests. Mr. Sayre and Mr. Traphagen plan to return to the area today to apply the various fertilizer treatments that are to be tried out this season.

PLANT BREEDING STUDENTS

On Saturday Dr. C. H. Myers and Dr. J. R. Livermore of the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell will head a group of graduate and undergraduate students in plant breeding on a tour of the Station and a program of talks on various phases of the work here of interest to such a group. This has come to be an annual event and usually has run afoul of the Ontario County Apple Blossom Festival. Mr. Wellington took steps to forestall a conflict with last week's Festival, however, hence the later date for this year's pilgrimage.

POLLINATION WORK PROGRESSING

Speaking of plant breeding, despite the backward season and the cold weather, the Pomology Division is well along with its pollination work on the stone fruits and has begun on the apples. The low temperatures of the past several days have the advantage from the standpoint of the pomologists of delaying development of fruit buds, thus giving them more time to accomplish their work which in some seasons comes with much too much of a rush.

INSPECTED RASPBERRIES

Dr. Suit has just returned from a preliminary inspection trip of experimental raspberry plantings in the Hudson Valley.

A REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE

Approximately sixty persons assembled in the Bacteriology Division Monday at the invitation of Dr. Hucker to discuss standards of sanitation for the cleaning and sterilization of glassware, dishes, and cooking utensils in hotels and restaurants and at soda fountains. The conference was an outgrowth of extended studies in progress here on food processing and dispensing. Representatives were present from the International Hotel Association, the American Restaurant Association, the American Public Health Association, the New York City and the New York State Departments of Health and from health departments of other cities, manufacturers of dish washing and sterilizing equipment, soda fountain equipment, glass container manufacturers, the College of Home Economics at Ithaca, and others.

A FERTILIZER CONFERENCE

Fertilizer manufacturers are assembling in Ithaca next week for a two-day conference with members of the College and Station staff. On Tuesday Mr. Sayre will report to the group on his fertilizer placement experiments.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15--CAYUGA LAKE STATE PARK---GUESS WHAT???