

Station News

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AN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT

All heads of Divisions have a very important engagement for 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, Thursday, July 27, when Mr. George Frank, Manager of Purchases of Cornell University, will meet with them to explain the new fiscal regulations, especially as they pertain to the purchase of all materials to be used at the Station. The meeting will be held in the Director's office.

THE STATE FAIR

One month from today is opening day for the 1939 New York State Fair which is scheduled to run for fifteen days. Like all other State agencies, the Bureau of the State Fair has been delayed in allocating funds for the State institution exhibits pending action on the budget. The Station was advised last week of the amount of its allotment for this year's exhibit, a reduction of $37\frac{1}{2}\%$ under last year's allotment. Most of this reduction will have to be absorbed in reduced attendance on the exhibit on the part of the Staff. Plans are well along in the several Divisions for the setting up of exhibits that will pretty much take care of themselves, or that will require a minimum of attention. Mr. Luckett attended a conference of superintendents of exhibits in the Horticultural Building on the Fair grounds last week, when necessary construction work in the Station exhibit area was discussed.

TO MEET COMMISSIONER

The Director and Mr. Munn will be in Ithaca Friday for a conference with Commissioner H. V. Noyes of the Department of Agriculture and Markets on questions pertaining to the official seed inspection work.

VEGETABLE GROWERS ON TOUR

The State Vegetable Growers Association is holding its annual summer tour today and is visiting the Wayne County Muckland areas around Savannah, Sodus, and Williamson. Several members of the Divisions of Vegetable Crops, Entomology, and Plant Pathology plan to participate in the tour.

LETTERHEADS

As a means of economizing on printing funds, a general Station letterhead is being printed and will soon be available. The chief departure from the former practice of printing separate letterheads for each Division is the elimination of the list of names of members of the Division. The Division name has been retained and a supply will be provided which presumably will suffice for the needs of the Division for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Economy in the use of letterheads is urged as no more will be purchased out of the printing fund this year. A limited supply of half sheets with a printed head and of second sheets may be obtained from Miss Jessie Sperry as needed.

ELECTRIC FLY SCREENS

Dr. Glasgow and Dr. Yale were in the Linburger cheese districts of northern New York on Monday to advise with factory managers on the advisability of installing electric fly screens. Dr. Yale is also conducting bacteriological investigations in a factory near Rome.

NORTH, EAST, AND WEST

Vacations have called Station folks to at least three points of the compass. The Conns have gone to New Hampshire; the Pedersons to Wisconsin; and Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter are on their annual fishing trip in the Province of Quebec.

THE "KICK" IN THE EXHIBIT

A recent issue of the Jersey Bulletin, a weekly publication of the American Jersey Cattle Club carries the following comment: "That beautiful Jersey Creamline display...which caused such a sensation at the last National Dairy Show and helped to put the Jersey out in front...is no more. It was being returned from Ohio several weeks ago by motor freight, when the truck overturned at Geneva, N. Y. The display was a total wreck, and while the driver was away to report the accident, all the cargo which was of any value vanished. This included all that was left of the sign, and also 50 cases of whiskey." The commentator in the Bulletin does not make it clear whether these 50 cases were part of the display, but undoubtedly they would put a kick into any exhibit.

FAN MAIL

At least three letters received at the Station the past few days were inspired by the Station's World's Fair exhibit, the writers having addressed communications here requesting further information on certain things that caught their interest in the display. One writer stated, "I enjoyed the exhibits of the Station at the New York World's Fair very much. Without a doubt the N. Y. State building represents one of the most intelligent efforts to demonstrate the various activities of our State to visitors." This writer was quite anxious to "subscribe" to Farm Research as the result of having seen a sample copy in the exhibit. Statisticians would probably deduce from this that a very creditable number of persons were viewing the exhibit. Dr. Reinking paid a brief visit to Flushing Meadows one evening not long ago and found the New York State exhibits rather well attended and at least with their share of the crowd as compared with other such exhibits on the grounds.

A FREE LANCE

Mr. F. Kingsford Smith is spending a few weeks around the Station seeking inspiration for special feature articles on technical subjects. He came here at the suggestion of Prof. M. A. Blake, head of the Department of Horticulture at the New Jersey Experiment Station.

TO OCCUPY "HORSEFALL HOUSE"

The Beatties hope to move into the house vacated by the Horsfalls the last of this week or early next week. And so henceforth the residence will be known as "Beattie House".

ON NORTH STREET

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DuBois have moved their household goods from Ithaca to 505 West North Street (phone 4277). Readers of the NEWS will recall a recent announcement of Mr. DuBois' appointment to conduct investigations of the new farm freezers under a three-way agreement between the Station, the utilities, and G. L. F.

RENEWING ACQUAINTANCES

Mr. W. P. Rogers of Williamson, veteran Wayne County fruit grower, visited Geneva yesterday to see Mr. Parrott and Dr. Hodrick. Mr. Rogers was long prominent in horticultural circles in the State until poor health forced him to go into retirement about six years ago. Greatly improved in health, he is renewing old acquaintances.

BUGS

They use the incandescent light
To bring out baseball bugs at night;
So why not use the same idea
To trap the codling moth right here?

Ans: We Do!

---F.K-S.