

STATION NEWS

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WEATHER BREEDER?

Invariably, in years past, the Experiment Station picnic has brought relief from drouth. Generally, the downpour has held off just long enough for the committee to get everything set up out of doors, with a last-minute rush to get under cover in Jordan Hall. Will history repeat in tomorrow's affair? Have we had a drouth? Censorship forbids long-range weather predictions, but we can say that the picnic will be held--rain or shine--and that preparations have been made for the usual ample repast, altho what with rationing and all it will not be possible to serve more than the 150 persons already "registered". The lawn in back of Hedrick Hall is the place and 5:30 the time. Each person is expected to bring his or her own plate, cup, and silver. We are all greatly indebted to Mrs. Hayward who is giving so freely of her time and energies in preparing the food. Any Victory Gardeners who may have a little surplus lettuce, spinach, onions, or radishes can render a real service by contributing their produce for the salad. (If desired a sign will be put on the salad bowl stating that the lettuce is by so-and-so: or whatever it may be.) If you have something from your garden to contribute, please leave it in the west basement laboratory in Hedrick Hall tomorrow morning.

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IN MISSOURI

Mr. Hening and Dr. Yale left early Monday morning for Columbia, Mo., where they will attend the annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association. Both of them will present papers on the program. Doctor Dahlberg is Vice President of the Association and automatically moves up to the Presidency at this meeting. So far as we have been able to discover, however, he will not be at Columbia.

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OMITTED BY MISTAKE

In citing a communication from the Office of Experiment Stations in last week's NEWS giving the zone for the U. S. Department of Agriculture under the new postoffice regulations, we got as far as the "As follows:" and left off the address, which is Washington 25, D. C. All mail addressed to the Department in Washington should carry that designation.

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DOCTOR HEDRICK DOING WELL

According to latest accounts, Doctor Hedrick has made a good recovery from an operation performed at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium last week and is able to be out on the porch at the Sanitarium.

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FRANK LIBERATORE LEAVING

Frank Liberatore is leaving the Station on July 1st. Since his appointment in April 1922, Frank has been a familiar figure around the greenhouses and the grounds and we are going to miss him. We wish him success in whatever line of work he enters.

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CHANGES IN BACTERIOLOGY

Miss Catherine Richmond, who has been assisting Doctor Sanborn on the paper container project for the past year, is leaving the first of the month to resume studies at the Boston School for occupational therapy. Also, announcement has been made of the appointment of Miss Jean Conn as microbiologist in the laboratory of Dr. S. A. Waksman at the New Jersey Experiment Station at New Brunswick, effective July 1st. Miss Conn has been in the employ of the Biological Stain Commission and has also been engaged in graduate work at Cornell.

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RECENT VISITORS

Among the recent visitors to the Station was Dr. E. C. Auchter, research administrator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Dr. C. B. Lyon, plant physiologist for the U. S. Nutrition Laboratory at Cornell.

FROM ARGENTINA

Mr. Rafael E. Pontis of Mendoza, Argentina, has been spending several days at the Station reviewing the work in plant pathology. Mr. Pontis is in charge of the Laboratorio Fitopatologia in Mendoza and has been studying at the University of California for the past two years. He holds a Guggenheim fellowship and his visit to the Station is part of an extended tour of plant pathology laboratories in the United States.

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PAINFUL, BUT NOT SERIOUS

George Pearce met with a painful but, fortunately, not a serious accident on the golf course at the Geneva Country Club last week when he suffered cuts on several fingers while assisting with the mowing of the course with a tractor-drawn mower. He has been able to keep his work going, even if temporarily handicapped.

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DR. DeFELICE

Dr. Dominic DeFelice has transferred his activities to Mt. Morris for the remainder of the season, the Frosted Foods investigatorship under which he was working having been terminated. Doctor DeFelice will continue in the employ of the Frosted Foods Sales Corporation and expects to be transferred to Boston at the close of the growing season. He will continue to reside at Kashong for the summer.

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HERE FOR THE SUMMER

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Williams of Lafayette, Indiana, arrived in Geneva last week to spend the summer with their daughter, Mrs. Luckott.

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BACK FROM ITHACA

Mr. Robert Messier has resumed work in the Chemistry Division following a term in residence at Cornell.

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FROM CONNECTICUT

Mrs. D. K. Tressler and Miss Eleanor Tressler have been visiting in Geneva for the past few days, while Eleanor received her diploma from the Geneva High School. They say that they are enjoying their new home on the Sound in Westport, Conn.

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TO WORK WITH LILIES

Dr. Samuel L. Emsweller, Principal Horticulturist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in charge of ornamental plant investigations at the Department's field laboratory at Beltsville, Md., and his associate, Dr. N. W. Stuart, are expected to arrive in Geneva today and will spend several days working with Mr. Slate's lily seedlings. Among other things, the government scientists will test some new breeding technics for this type of plant.

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A BUSY MAN

Word received from Lt. William C. Haynes, formerly of the Bacteriology Division, states that he is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he is motor officer, bomb reconnaissance officer, assistant utilities officer, survey officer, and fire marshal for the post hospital. He and Mrs. Haynes send greetings to their Station friends.

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DON WEBSTER HEARD FROM

Another army man heard from this past week is Don Webster who worked with Bill Harman. Don is now at Nashville, Tenn., in one stage of pilot training. He writes that his next stop will be at a flight school and that he expects to leave Nashville any time now.

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DEFROSTING

Announcement is made that the 32-degree storage room in Hedrick Hall will be defrosted and given its annual cleanup this week end or shortly thereafter. Since the compressors will be shut off for a week, those who have material in the storage should make arrangements for storing it elsewhere during that time.