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THAT PICNIC



Mrs. Carruth and her Station Club picnic committee have their plans well in hand for the big event. The date and place, as announced last week, are Thursday, June 28th and Seneca Park. The time for serving the picnic feast will be 5:30. Wartime shortages are reflected in the announcement that all those attending are requested to bring their own bread and butter (?) and their own sugar; also, of course, their own dishes and silverware, as usual. The call has also gone out for donations of salad greens. Any Victory gardeners who have a surplus of the necessary ingredients will confer a favor on the committee if they will make the fact known either

to Mrs. Carruth or to Mrs. Glasgow. Members of the Club are at liberty to bring guests (at 50 cents per guest), and for a wonder it is not necessary to notify anyone whether you are coming or whether you will have guests. The committee states that there will be plenty to go around!

STRAWBERRIES

The strawberry harvest at the Station began yesterday, and Henry Bennett says that there should be a very satisfactory crop, all things considered. While he is not taking orders in advance, he anticipates that as the season advances pickings will be heavy enough to supply berries in quantities to those who want them. Notice will be given in good time when enough berries are available.

THE NEW BUILDING

Approval last week by the State Postwar Planning Commission of a new building at this Station to house the Divisions of Entomology and Plant Pathology rounds out a project for the development of the Station that includes a new food research building and a central heating plant, involving the expenditure of around one and a quarter million dollars. The entomology and plant pathology building has been allocated \$410,300 by the Postwar Planning Commission. The preparation of plans for the building has been ordered by the Commission. The building will occupy space immediately west of Hedrick Hall and its construction will necessitate the leveling of the present entomology building. The 1945 Legislature set aside money in the Postwar Construction Fund for the central heating plant, which will be the first of the three buildings approved by the Postwar Planning Commission to be constructed.

BERNARD NEBEL, M. D.

Our congratulations to Doctor Nebel upon the completion of his work at the University of Rochester Medical School last week. He is planning to serve his internship in pediatrics at Strong Memorial Hospital. Doctor Nebel is one of those rare individuals who, having already attained distinction in one branch of science, namely, genetics and cytology, with several years of research here at the Station, has the courage and ambition to strike out into new fields of learning and to seek a new career. We extend our best wishes for every success.

DR. BETTEN RETIRING

Doctor Cornelius Betten, Dean of the Cornell faculty since 1932, was honored at a meeting of faculty members last Wednesday in anticipation of his retirement July 1st. Dean Betten came to Cornell in 1915 as an entomologist, and plans to devote his leisure time to his lifelong interest in entomology.

OTHER RETIREMENTS

Four members of the College of Agriculture faculty retire on July 1st, some of whom have been frequent visitors to the Station. They are Professors M. F. Barrus of Plant Pathology; Asa King of Farm Practice; Ralph W. Curtis in Ornamental Horticulture, and Cora E. Binzel in Rural Education.

HOME FOOD SUPPLY

Mr. Paul Stark, orchardist and nurseryman of Louisiana, Mo., and for the present Director of Home Food Supply for the War Food Administration, paid a brief visit to the Station last week.

BORDEN AWARD WINNER

Prof. G. W. Salisbury of the Department of Animal Husbandry at Ithaca is this year's winner of the coveted Borden award for outstanding work in dairy science. The \$1,000 cash prize and gold medal went to Professor Salisbury for his research in the field of artificial breeding of dairy cattle.

PASSED FINALS

John McKelvey, Jr., who assists Doctor Carruth here and in the Hudson Valley, last Saturday passed his final examinations for the Ph. D. degree from Cornell.

EDITORS AND WRITERS

Recent visitors to the Station included R. W. Duck and W. F. Berghold, Managing Editor and Vice President, respectively, of the Rural New-Yorker, and A. D. Rodgers, 3rd, of Columbus, Ohio, biographer and science writer. Among Mr. Rodgers recent books is "Missionary in Science", a biography of the late Dr. John M. Coulter of Chicago University, and a similar work on John Torrey. He is now completing a biography of Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey.

MISSING

The map of the Pacific southwest has been removed from the atlas in the reading room in the Library. Its return will be greatly appreciated.

NOTED IN "NEWSWEEK"

The May 28th number of Newsweek carries a summary of Doctor Hofer's recent article in Science on the use of the ordinary light microscope for the study of bacteriophage.

ONE FOR THE BOOK

Doctor Conn has a wartime story something out of the ordinary. Last Wednesday, June 13, 1945, he received a letter addressed to "Biotech", the name he uses for his stain technology publication business, which was mailed in Liverpool, England, December 21, 1943. It was quite evident that the envelope had been opened repeatedly by both English and German censors, and there was some indication that the paper might have been subjected to tests for invisible inks. Some one had written in red ink on the envelope "Etats Unis d'Amerique", which leads Doctor Conn to think that the letter, addressed simply to "Biotech, Geneva, N. Y.," was sent to Geneva, Switzerland, and in passing back and forth across France must have run afoul of German censors. But all's well that ends well, and now Doctor Conn knows what his Liverpool client wanted in return for the money order which arrived in a separate envelope early in 1944 and for which he had no explanation until last week.

HE SAW IT GO BY

Mr. Heit adds a bit to the story of the doe that caused so much excitement in downtown Geneva last Saturday. On its way downtown, the animal leaped the fence into Claude's garden, very much to his dismay. Just to make sure that he wasn't seeing things, he later found its footprints, and also has the testimony of neighbors who caught a glimpse of the animal as it went by.
