

STATION NEWS



EVERYBODY OUT!

The committee in charge of the Station Club picnic which is set for Seneca Park, Thursday, June 27th--is desirous of making the event an all-out Station affair, with all employees of the "State Farm" participating. A count will be made on Monday, the 24th, of those who expect to be on hand in order that adequate supplies of coffee, cream, milk for the children, and ice cream for dessert may be provided by the Station Club. As for the remainder of the picnic supper, each family is requested to bring a covered dish or salad, to be passed, sufficient for the family and guests, if any. Dishes, silverware, rolls, and sugar are also the family responsibility. Supper will be served at 6:00 p. m., with a general sports program and the traditional baseball game to follow. Mrs. C. R. Bigelow is general chairman.

FIELD DAY

Canning factory field men, pea growers, and anyone else interested in canning crop production have been invited to attend a field day at the Canning Crops Farm on Preemption Road next Friday, June 21st, when experiments with peas will be inspected. The event has been organized at the request of the Association of New York State Cannerymen in order that growers might have an opportunity to examine the experiments prior to pea harvest. An exceptionally fine pea variety collection is to be seen on the Farm, with seasonal conditions favoring development exceptionally well, it is said. There is also an extensive layout of fertilizer tests, including various fertilizer combinations, rates of treatment, and different placements. Pea root-rot control experiments and tests with chemical seed protectants for peas are also showing clearcut results this season. The inspection of the experiments will take place from 9:30 to noon.

SEED CONFERENCE

Professor Munn attended the meetings of the American Seed Trade Association in New York City this week.

TAKING POSSESSION

Doctor and Mrs. Curtis are waiting only on the movers now to take possession of their new living quarters on the Darrow farm where a Station maintenance crew has been working for the past several months in modernizing and decorating the commodious farm house. Known variously as "Bowen's Retreat" and the Station's "Country Club", the buildings and farm are rapidly taking on the appearance of a well-kept estate, with literally thousands of seedling fruit trees set out for test. The farm comprises approximately 165 acres and was purchased by Cornell University and consigned to the Station for experimental purposes, particularly in connection with the expanding fruit breeding program.

DEADLINE APPROACHES

With June 30th as the deadline for employees in the State Retirement System to elect to make contributions on war emergency compensation--popularly known as the bonus--received prior to April 1st, 1946, forms for this purpose are still available. In a recent communication from the office of the State Comptroller it is pointed out that, "The only benefit derived from the payment of contributions on account of war emergency compensation is the additional annuity that may be produced at the time of retirement by these additional contributions...In the case of a male employee, who retired at age 60, an annuity of \$9.63 could be purchased with each \$100 if the member receives 4% interest on his account, that is, became a member of the System prior to July 1, 1943. This \$9.63 reduced to monthly payments would provide a monthly annuity payment of approximately 80¢. Probably the average individual would not be required to pay more than \$50 on account of war emergency compensation and, if this amount increased by interest accumulations to \$100 at the time of attaining age 60, such member could expect to receive a monthly payment on account of this additional contribution equal to about 80¢ per month."

Since April 1st of this year the bonus has been included as part of salary in computing contributions to the Retirement System.

FORTY-ONE YEARS

Professor Hartzell is one up on Professor Wellington when it comes to those college reunions. Fred has just returned from the forty-first reunion of his class at Lafayette College. Because of travel restrictions, housing and food shortages, and so on, Lafayette had foregone alumni reunions in recent years and hence made a very special occasion of its "Victory Commencement" last week-end, with some 1,800 alumni back.

THE 8th EDITION

Doctor Breed has been in Hartford, Conn., and in New York City recently in connection with the forthcoming revision of the standard methods for the analysis of dairy products to be published by the American Public Health Association. In Hartford, he met Mr. Richard Eglinton, formerly with the Board of Health here in Geneva and now associated with the Connecticut State Department of Health.

AMONG THE VISITORS

Visitors to the Station this week included Dr. Russell Hyre of the Ohio State University Research Foundation at Columbus who called on the Plant Pathology Division; Mr. William Hengerer of the International Salt Company at Scranton, Pa., who was particularly interested in the experiments with salt on beets; Mr. Warren Huff of the By-Product Ammonia Institute of Columbus, Ohio, who was foiled in his efforts to obtain some kodachrome pictures on the Canning Crops Farm due to lack of sunshine yesterday; and Professor A. M. Showalter of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., who visited Professor Wellington.

TAXING POSITION

Doctor and Mrs. Curtis are writing only on the notes now to take possession of their new living quarters on the Larrow farm where a Station maintained crew has been working for the past several months in waterlogging and deepening the "Country Club" the bridge and farm are rapidly taking on the appearance of a well-kept estate, with literally thousands of seedling fruit trees set out for the farm comprises approximately 100 acres and was purchased by Cornell University and donated to the Station for experimental purposes, particularly in connection with the existing fruit breeding program.
