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PICNIC REPORT

Though a brief downpour threatened to dampen the frolic, old Sol came through in his traditional way to provide the proper atmosphere for last Saturday's Station Club Picnic. Outdoor activity was delayed for a few minutes but was not diminished. Youngsters and oldsters kept the waters of Cayuga turbulent until the softball game got underway. In that fracas, the "Lutherans", after relinquishing an early narrow lead to the "State Farmers", came back in the second and third frames to win handily. Pitching for the losers, Larrupin' Leo Klein held the victors spellbound in the initial stanza while the Farmers found Sizzling Sandy Davis for two markers. The tide turned after that, however, and Captain Cliff Davis succeeded his pitcher in a futile effort to halt the big bats of the Lutherans. Sandy Davis went the full route for the victors who had only begun their Globetrotter antics when the dinner bell ended the fray. A fancy play by Gambrell and Davis which converted a simple infield pop-up into an assist and a put-out was the high-point of the game.

A quick dip washed away the grime and gore as players and spectators repaired to the pavilion and the climax of the day's activity. There, an array of food prepared by all hands was decimated in short order by the large turnout. Ham, beverages, and ice cream, provided by the Club, were in good supply and all who attended will join in verbal applause to the committee. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson executed the event with the able assistance of the Glasses on table arrangements and meat, Mr. and Mrs. Way on ice cream and milk, the Reitmanns on lemonade, Mr. Vittum who supervised the athletics (he brought the ball), Mr. Wesselmann who thinks he got some pictures, and Director Heinicke who managed to hold the ball game down to a riot. And there were others who assisted in the many efforts which made the picnic a success.

EUROPEAN CHAFER CONFERENCE

The European chafar is in the news again as elements of various agencies joined forces, yesterday, to check this latest turf and ornamental pest. A two-day meeting opened at the Station on Tuesday and involves Directors Guterman and Heinicke, State Commissioner of Agriculture Chester DuMond, Doctors Palm, Chapman, Tashiro, Gambrell and Mack, H. B. Little of Albany, and members of the horticultural inspection service. Recent research investigations are being discussed by the specialists.

LOS ANGELES MEETING

Three Station food scientists are in Los Angeles, attending the meetings of the Institute of Food Technologists. The sessions began on Saturday and will run through tomorrow. Dr. Hand is meeting with the Advisory Committee of the Quartermaster Corps and will report on the Station's dehydration work. Dr. Kertesz will make two reports. One is a paper on pectin research by himself and Margaret Lavin; the other--an account of "Food Technology and the International Technical Assistance Programs". Dr. Boyle, who is en route to Honolulu, is stopping off at L. A. to take in the meetings. And Dr. Walter Clark of Ithaca is giving a paper on beet color work, a project undertaken with Dr. Moyer.

VISITORS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Three agronomists from the Philippine Bureau of Plant Industry were given a look at the Station's work in Veg Crops and Seed Investigations last Friday. The visitors are making an FOA tour of inspection in this country and will return to their homeland next month. They were Mr. Juan Unite, Mr. Marcelino Constantino, and Dr. Eulalio Baltazar.

MORE VISITORS DUE

Doctor Hand and Doctor Kertesz spent some time on Friday briefing staffmembers of the Geneva Daily Times on the life and customs of Southeast Asia. This was in preparation for a visit to Geneva by three newspaper editors from that area. The visitors are scheduled to arrive in Geneva tomorrow for a few days and will include a stop at the Experiment Station.

BLESSED EVENT

It was a girl who came to bless the home of the Norman Lawrences on Thursday of last week. The 7 lb. 3 oz. newcomer has been named Marcia Ellen. She and her mother returned home from the hospital yesterday.

AT IOWA MEETING

The annual meeting of the American Association of Official Seed Analysts is holding sway at Ames, Iowa, this week and finds four Geneva specialists on hand. Dr. Clark, Mr. Herrink, Miss Cullinan, and Miss Traphagen made the trip and several papers by Station people are included on the program. Among the authors are Dr. Clark, Dr. Nittler, Dr. Crosier and Mr. Heit and Mr. Herrink, and a report by the flower seed subcommittee on rules and regulations prepared by Mr. Heit.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

Leonard W. Feddema, a native of Massachusetts, has been appointed as a graduate assistant in Veg Crops. His undergraduate work was done at Massachusetts and he earned his Master's Degree at Delaware this year. The new assistant is a veteran of World War II. He and Mrs. Feddema are residing at 102 North Street....And confirmation has come through on the appointment of Chester G. Forshey as an assistant professor in Pomology. He is a graduate of Ohio State and was a member of the Horticulture Department at Wooster before coming to Geneva. After spending about two weeks here, he has gone to the Hudson Valley to take over the work of recently-retired Professor Anderson.

DOMESTIC VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tugwell and sons stopped at the Station on Monday. Mr. Tugwell is a former Governor of Puerto Rico and also served as Under Secretary of Agriculture in the days when Henry Wallace headed that Department. At present, he is at the University of Chicago. Mr. Tugwell spent some time with pomologists in a discussion of plant hybridization....Dr. Ashley B. Gurney of Washington, D. C., visited entomologists, here, on Friday. Dr. Gurney is executive secretary of the Entomological Society of America.

VISIT TO PHILLY

Dr. Wagenknecht was in Philadelphia last Thursday and Friday to discuss color and flavor of fruits and vegetables with specialists at the Eastern Utilization Research Branch. That organization was formerly designated as the Eastern Regional Laboratory.

CHIT CHAT

The Bigelows are on the homeward trek of their cross-country trip, according to a card depicting the Grand Canyon. The latest visits with alumni were with the Rodneys, the Carruths, and the Wayne Howes....The Avens family will begin a vacation tomorrow which will see them heading for the Detroit area....And Vern Herrink who is attending the seed meetings at Ames will stay on after the meetings to visit at his home in Iowa....Three dozen specialists in small fruits work joined in the two-day field day held at the Station and in western New York last Thursday and Friday. Visitors came from Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Maine, Connecticut, and Canada. Among the participants was a former Station pomologist, Dr. George Oberle of the Virginia Station....Martin Mickelson of the Fruit Testing Association is recovering in the Geneva Hospital from pneumonia. He expects to leave the hospital for home some time this week....We're happy to report favorable progress charts on both Mabel Sperry who is at Clifton, and Bill Schroeder who remains confined to bed at his home....Three children of Station people were in Monday night's graduating class at Geneva High School. Our congratulations go to Betty Mookhoek, Janet Thurley, and Donald Crosier....Sunday's forceful windstorm substantially reduced a familiar landmark at the Canning Crops Farm. The stately elm which has stood guard over the Station plantings for many moons was severely pruned. In nearby areas, hail accompanied the winds and caused serious damage to crops. No serious damage to Station plantings has been reported....Norma Lerkins is back at her old stand in Entomology for the summer....Mr. and Mrs. Jahn visited their son's family in New Jersey last weekend....And about a week earlier, Mrs. Schram also visited in New Jersey. She spent a few days with her husband who is completing his basic training at Fort Dix....Janice Rizzo is taking vacation time to celebrate the homecoming of her fiance who returned from Korea last week..... Mrs. Vittum and her three children are visiting at her home in Cummington, Mass.... Mrs. Sarah Ethridge and Miss Alice Ann Perkins of Baltimore have been visiting at the home of the Glasses. Mrs. Ethridge is Mrs. Glass' sister. Yesterday, Mrs. Glass and children left for Boydton, Virginia, where they will visit relatives.... The Shaulises have moved to Fredonia for the summer where they have rented a lake-side cottage....Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Saintills and children of Ottawa will spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis....When Rex Tugwell visited the Station, Monday, he was surprised to find a distant relative, Mrs. Middleton, here to greet him.There are a good many leftovers from the picnic in the Station News office-- no food, just an assortment of dishes and utensils. They were left behind at the park on Saturday,....Dr. Cain has a 3-bedroom house on Carter Road available for rent for a six-month period, beginning September 1st. Contact him at 2919 for further information.

SALARY BONUS CONSOLIDATED

Part of the New York State salary legislation has taken effect and cost-of-living bonuses have now been incorporated in base salaries. As a result some persons are thus elevated into a higher insurance bracket which results in increased payroll deductions for that purpose. This will be felt particularly in the next paycheck since the higher premium for one month in advance will be deducted.