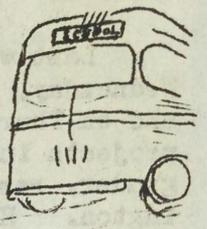


STATION NEWS



Vol. 63, No. 9

September 8, 1954

Geneva, N. Y.

FAIR ATTENDANCE SETS NEW MARK

Paid attendance during the first three days of the State Fair at Syracuse have toppled previous records for the same period and there is every indication that the total tally for the 8-day show will also surpass existing marks. Perhaps the leading factor has been the proximity of the thruway, and the parking problem has been eased with increased vehicle parking space near the main gate. Early reports from staffmembers who are attending the Station exhibit indicate a very live interest in the subject matter being presented. It is expected that at least one Station vehicle will be making a daily roundtrip for the duration of the Fair. Further information concerning transportation can be obtained by calling the Publications Department.

VEGETABLE VARIETY FIELD DAYS

The annual Vegetable Variety Field Days sponsored by Cornell University will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The field observation trips are of interest primarily to seedsmen and vegetable research workers. The tours will begin at Ithaca on Monday, covering a long list of vegetable plantings. The participants will arrive at Geneva about noon on Tuesday for looks at the Plant Introduction trials to be described by Dr. Dolan, the Trueness-to-type trials by Dr. Clark, and the Processing Crops breeding plots which will be explained by Professors Tapley, Barton, and Atkin. Upon completion of the Geneva Station visit, the group has been invited to visit the Robson Seed Farms and the Joseph Harris Seed Company.

FRUIT TESTERS MEETING NEXT WEEK

A change in routine will mark the 36th Annual Meeting of the New York State Fruit Testing Association on Thursday of next week. Reversing traditional procedure, the morning session in Jordan Hall will be devoted to business matters and reports of breeding work and varietal performance by the Station pomologists. Scheduled to speak, beginning at about 11 A.M. are Professors Brase, Tomkins, Klein, Lamb, Slate, and Way. The morning meeting will adjourn at about 12:30 and, after lunch, the tours of the Station plantings will be made at 2:00 and at 3:00 P.M. The auditorium of Jordan Hall will again be filled with fruit specimens and the general public is being invited to view the display after the Fruit Testers adjourn.

CIVIL SERVICE MEETING FRIDAY

President Lloyd Weir of the Geneva Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association is urging full attendance at the next meeting of the Chapter in Jordan Hall, Sept. 10th, at 8 P.M. He will call for suggestions from the floor regarding topics to be discussed at the Western Conference Meeting the following week. It is also hoped to have a speaker from Albany for Friday's meeting.

SLATE HEADS SLATE

At last week's meeting of the Northern Nut Growers Association in Lancaster, Pa., Professor George Slate was elected president for the coming year. He has served for many years as co-editor of the Association's Proceedings and has been particularly interested in the breeding and culture of filberts.

A.I.B.S. MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the societies affiliated with the American Institute for Biological Sciences opened on Sunday at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Final sessions will be held tomorrow. Several Station people are taking in all or part of the programs. Papers being presented include titles by Dr. Curtis, Dr. Cain, Drs. Curtis-Glass-Hamilton-Szkolnik, Dr. Shaulis-Mr. Kimball, and Drs. Cain-Holley.

NO ELECTRICITY THIS WEEKEND

Persons whose projects involve a continuous supply of electric power are advised that the Station will be without electricity this Saturday and Sunday. The installation of a new master switch gear for the Station at the Heating Plant will necessitate the interruption.

VISITORS

Last week, Entomology was host to two visitors from commercial concerns. On Wednesday, Dr. J. L. Horsfall of the Geigy Company, New York City, stopped in..... and on Thursday it was Dr. Richard Back of the Ethyl Corp., who came to discuss the projects involving lindane.....Renewing old acquaintances yesterday was Mr. Ray Magruder, research coordinator for the Agricultural Research Administration in Washington. He met with Veg Crops and Seeds specialists.

SAFETY CONSCIOUS

The work of FS&T's Safety Committee is bearing fruit and the entire Department is to be commended on its earnest efforts to prevent mishaps before they occur. Periodic meetings have trained personnel in the use of fire extinguishers. Currently, the use of the oxygen mask is being studied. Monthly inspections of the Department's safety facilities are made by teams which are rotated so that all persons share in the inspection duties. Such foresight provides the priceless "ounce of prevention".

CHAT CHAT

The Glasses have returned from their Massachusetts vacation. The family got some unreckoned excitement when they found themselves in the direct path of last week's devastating hurricane.....And back from their long motoring trip to Florida and Colorado are the Brauns who took the opportunity to break in their new Olds..... Scouting exhibition technics at Toronto over the weekend were Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Herink who took in the Canadian National Exposition.....Using the tail end of the summer to catch some vacation time are Mrs. Thurley of Plant Introduction and Miss Cullinan and Mr. Heit of Seed Investigations.....Margaret Lavin of FS&T is recuperating at home following a painful fall over the weekend.....The bowling feud starts anew this week on Thursday night when the Lutherans and the Experiment Station team embark on their 54-55 schedule. Dr. Tashiro and Cliff Davis are the respective captains.....The Pedersons were in Lakehurst, N. J., over the weekend, visiting at the home of their son, Lt. Don Pederson of the U. S. Navy.....And the Holleys are visiting at her home in Long Beach, N. Y.The J. C. Cains are in Florida where the pomologist is attending the A.I.B.S. meetings. From there the family will head for the sabbatic assignment in Costa Rica.....Mike Szkolnik is accusing the fruit-breeders of some mischievous extra-curricular activity. Passing through the peach orchard last week, he was stung by a yellow-jacket. The reaction was so severe that a local physician administered two shots of adrenalin to counteract it. Mike claims that the pomologists have been crossing yellow jackets with cobras.....Prof. and Mrs. Orman, last week's Australian visitors, send a cordial note of thanks to the specialists who gave of their time to make the Ormans' visit most informative.

FRAUDULENT NURSERYMAN CONVICTED

A Federal Court last month found one of the nation's biggest nursery businesses guilty of 17 counts of fraud. Complaints charged that James W. Owen, operating under the names; The Owen Nursery, the Marie Kruse Nursery, and the Bob Richards Nursery; bilked the public through misleading advertisements and that Owen took few precautions to protect plants he shipped, that he tried to "wear out customers who made complaints" and also resorted to "soft-soaping" better business bureaus and other complainants. Owen is subject to a fine of \$1,000 and/or 5 years in prison on each count.

Efforts of womankind to improve upon Nature through the use of perfumes and paints date back, apparently, to the Lady Eve. Cosmetics have, it seems, been alternately shunned and sanctioned by the reigning ladies ever since. Marie Therese had always been a staunch opponent of such wiles--until the Duc de Richelieu and a French Council forced her to color up before they would permit her marriage to the Dauphin. The D&O News informs us that all French Womandom immediately broke out in a mad craze of cosmetics so that practically all eligible males (and some ineligible) were easily beguiled into marriage. The records indicate that the Madame de Monaco even hesitated on her ascent to the guillotine to touch up her rouge job lest she be not presentable for the occasion. The craze spread rapidly to England where it finally took an act of Parliament to aid the beleaguered menfolk. The Act of 1770 read, in part: "...That all women, of whatever age, rank, profession, or degree, whether virgins, maids, or widows, that shall, from and after such Act, impose upon, seduce, and betray into matrimony, any of his Majesty's subjects, by the scents, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors and that the marriage upon conviction, shall stand null and void". We're not certain that the Act was ever repealed.
