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GARDEN CLUBBERS TO VISIT SATURDAY

About 200 visitors are expected at the Station on Saturday when the Fall Meeting of the Upstate Regional Men's Garden Clubs is held in Jordan Hall. Business matters will be consummated between 1 and 2 P.M., after which the Station specialists will take over to tell the story of their work. Scheduled to speak are G. L. Slate, L. G. Klein, John Einset, Henry Bennett, W. T. Tapley, D. W. Barton, J. D. Atkin, J. J. Natti, F. L. Gambrell, B. E. Clark, D. D. Dolan, and Karl D. Brase. Because of its size, the group will be broken into three sections, one for the women and two for the men. While the men visit the laboratories and field plots, the women will make an armchair tour of the Station by means of Kodachrome slides and will also view a couple of agricultural movies. Toward the end of the afternoon, the entire group will visit the Rootstock Farm.

And another group of visitors will begin a tour of the Station just ahead of the Garden Club members on Saturday. It'll be made up of 35 4-H boys and girls from Broome County who are making their Garden and Food Preservation Award Trip. They'll hear talks by Bob Wesselmann, E. H. Smith, Ben Clark, J. C. Moyer, and J. C. Hening. After their Station visit, they'll go on to the Robson Seed Farms.

HEADING FOR DOWN UNDER

Early next month, Dr. and Mrs. James Moyer will board a ship at New York to embark on the food scientist's sabbatic leave. Coupled with a Fulbright scholarship, the trip will last about 9 months. Sailing eastward, the couple will stop at Southampton to begin a tour of England, Scotland, and the European countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. From Italy, they'll sail about the first of December for Australia where Dr. Moyer will lecture in food technology at the New South Wales University of Technology. While in Australia, they plan to tour the continent and to visit with Professors L. J. Lynch and Robert Mitchell who spent some time at Geneva last year. The final leg of the Moyers' globe-girdling trip will be made by air from Sydney the end of June. They are due back in Geneva by July 1st.

FLOWER TRIALS OPENED TO PUBLIC

The public is being invited to step by to view the flower field trials conducted by the Seed Investigations Department. The seed specialists advise that the 600 different seed stocks are showing up best from now until the 1st of October. Included in the plantings are asters, larkspur, calliopsis, mignonette, petunia, dimorphotheca, and several perennials including pansy, columbine, delphinium, shasta daisy, and pyrethrum. Each row is labeled with the vendor's name and the variety as designated by him. This project gives both seedsmen and consumers a rare opportunity to compare the performance of various seed lots in side-by-side plantings.

FOREWARNED

The Business Office advises that the new salary adjustments going into effect next month is necessitating a considerable amount of extra work in the payroll departments at Ithaca and Albany. As a consequence, it is expected that the October 1st paychecks will be delayed for a few days.

CERES MEETING SLATED

The first meeting of the Ceres Circle for the 1954-55 season will be held at Mrs. Heinicke's home on October 4th at 8 P.M. Members are asked to take upon themselves the responsibility of inviting new members of the Station's fairer sex.

Professor Hartzell's guest at the Station on Monday was his brother, Dr. Albert Hartzell of the Boyce-Thompson Institute....Making a quick inspection of the Station's physical plant on Monday was Mr. Esterman of the Rochester office of the State Insurance Fund. He was particularly impressed by the FS&T Safety Committee's efforts at reducing safety hazards....Yesterday's visitors at Veg Crops included three New Jerseyites; Mr. Lamb, a grower; Mr. Cox, a packer; and Mr. Cochran of the GLF fertilizer sales force. They visited the various Veg Crops projects on the Station farms....And crops consultant J. M. Huffington of the Continental Can Co., also stopped in to talk things over with Veg Crops, yesterday....Looking at the Plant Introduction work last week was E. A. Hollowell, agronomist for the USDA at Beltsville.

TO TEACH ITHACA COURSE

Dr. Einset will be shuttling between Geneva and Ithaca three days a week during the fall term at Cornell University. He will be giving a hand in teaching the fruit varieties course which holds sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

SURVEYING IN MICHIGAN

Dr. Don Wilson is spending a few days at Fremont, Michigan, visiting the Gerber Baby Food Plant. He's making a survey of the use of peach puree for baby food, as part of a cooperative project being conducted with the Eastern Regional Lab.

VEG CROPS MEN SPEAK

Doctors Barton and Atkin were on the speaking program Monday at Ithaca when the Northeastern Vegetable Council held a variety field day. They spoke about the vegetable breeding work at the Geneva Station,

VISITOR FROM STOCKHOLM

Mr. G. Jacobsson of Stockholm called on the Station seed specialists last Thursday. He is an engineer for the firm of G. L. Jacoby, fabricators of specialized equipment for seed-testing work, and was interested in seeing the apparatus in use at this Station.

CLASSIFIED

The library in the Entomology Department is shy two volumes of the Review of Applied Entomology. They're Vol. 29 (1941) and Vol. 37 (1949). Whodunit?

Some blank forms for the renewal of driver's licenses are available at the Business Office.

APPRECIATIVE

A letter from Prof. William Clemens of the Cortland State Teachers College refers to a Conservation Class visit last month: "I hope that you will convey to the various staff members at Geneva our sincere appreciation for the part they played in making the trip such a significant learning experience. Please accept, on behalf of the class members and myself, a big 'Thank you' for so generously giving of your time and information." Mr. Clemens points out that the class made over a dozen field trips this summer and an evaluation by the members ranked the Station visit among the top four stops.

CHIT CHAT

A former member of FS&T, Mrs. Anne McCullough Cook of Waterloo, became a mother on Tuesday of last week. Thomas Hugh Cook weighed 6 lbs. 5½ oz. when he made his bow at the Waterloo Hospital....Leonard Feddema and Beezy Peck, Veg Crops grad assistants, have returned to their studies at Ithaca....Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larsen have returned from Ft. Belvoir, Va., where they spent a week visiting their son, Dick. Dick recently completed a course at the Army's Engineering School and is awaiting assignment to the Far East....Pete Gigliotti is vacationing this week, hoping for a better break than he had during the summer. At that time, he put in a vacation slip only to be forced to bed by illness for the entire period....Our best wishes go to the former June Gibson, temporary assistant in Veg Crops. She spoke her vows with Pvt. Everett Pendleton in a ceremony at Hall on September 11th....And we express our hopes for better fortune to Mr. Middleton who suffered a slight heart attack on Monday. He's able to be up and around but is forced to take things mighty easy....Two of the participants in the recent Florida AIBS meetings have returned to Geneva after using vacation time in the southeast. The Curtis family rolled into town last Friday after touring Key West and the Florida coastline, and Charlotte Pratt came back on the weekend after her sightseeing trip....Joanne Whitcomb spent the weekend in New York where she witnessed her brother's wedding..... The son of a former Station bacteriologist, Dr. M. W. Yale, stopped in for a visit last week. He is Paul Yale who has come all the way from California to begin his studies at Harvard. The elder Yale left the Station in 1943 and is now with Arden Farms in California....Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoesly of New Glarus, Wisconsin, are visiting this week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Austin Wagenknecht....Mike Szkolnik will do almost anything to get his name in the Station News. A couple of weeks ago he got himself stung by a gargantuan yellow jacket and the reaction was so severe that he was sent to bed by a physician. Last Thursday, he proved the fallacy of the adage that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place. Mike stuck his home in the path of a bolt on Thursday morning at 5:15 A.M. While damage was restricted to the burning out of a few electrical circuits, it marked the second time that the Szkolnik home has been hit this year.