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FALL FROLIC SIGN-UP

The Fall Dinner of the Station Club will take place a week from tomorrow night at Banker's on Cayuga Lake. With so little time remaining, the committee is asking that reservations be made by this Friday afternoon. The Clarks, who are heading up the affair, have named the Holleys to handle reservations and they, in turn, have solicited the help of the following committee: Chemistry—Mr. Gibbs; Entomology—Miss Rizzo; Heating Plant—Mr. Stearman; Hedrick Hall (1st floor)—Mr. Watson; (2nd floor)—Mr. Carruth; (3rd floor)—Mr. Patrick; Jordan Hall—Mr. Wesselmann; Outside—Mr. Hey; Sturtevant—Mr. Holley. These people will make every effort to contact everyone at the Station relative to signing up for the dinner. This task is often nigh to impossible so, if you're not asked by Friday afternoon, please see your building solicitor.

The smorgasbord will begin at 6:30 P.M. on October 14th but it won't be necessary to be there at the start of the festivities. The informal arrangements will permit self-service upon arrival, but the dining facilities will be spirited away in time for the business meeting to begin at 9 P.M. Tables will be set up for card-playing before that time so that this sport may be indulged in by those who finish eating early. No arrangements have been made for dancing but final details of the program are still being worked out. Mr. and Mrs. Dolan will handle the decorations and Mrs. Hand will have charge of the arrangements for card-playing.

It's the Station's social highlight of the year. Come one—come all—and come hungry!

RECEPTION AT ITHACA

The annual informal reception for all agricultural faculty, graduate students, emeritus professors, and their wives, will be held Monday, October 11th, from 8 to 10 P.M. in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall on the Cornell campus. This is the first event of the season and members of the Geneva Experiment Station and their wives are invited to attend.

FRUIT IN THE BANK

Some of the work of the Station's fruit breeders is depicted in a display in the National Bank window this week. Recent introductions of apples and grapes are exhibited in the flesh and are attracting considerable attention among passers-by.

FRUIT AT BOSTON

The annual Harvest Show of the Massachusetts State Horticultural Society is raising its curtain today in Boston's Horticultural Hall. Each year, the Geneva Station is invited to display some of its newer fruits and Prof. Wellington left on Monday to fulfill that mission this year. The Station's exhibit of apples, grapes, and pears will run for the three days of the show.

HEY HEY--IT'S A GIRL

Little Karen Louise couldn't wait to take her first look at this world of ours so she was a little short on weight. But, according to Pop Wilson Hey, what she's short on avoirdupois she makes up in good looks. Both mother and daughter are doing fine, according to latest reports. The blessed event took place just a week ago today at the Geneva Hospital, with Karen registering 3 lbs. 14½ oz. on the scales.

UNIVERSITY CLUB SEASON OPENS

Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, the Geneva University Club will open its new season next Tuesday evening at the Geneva Country Club. Several Station staffers are serving in executive capacity this year: vice-president is Dr. Kertesz; secretary is Dr. Davis; and Prof. Lockett and Dr. Hamilton are directors. The speaker at the next meeting will be a former Congressman, Prof. T. V. Smith of Syracuse University's Philosophy and Citizenship Department. He will speak relative to the forthcoming elections. Also listed for a future program is Cornell's President Deane Malott. Station staffers who are interested in the Club's activities are invited to membership.

THE SICK LIST

Maryellen Shannon, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shannon, is remaining under observation at the Auburn Hospital until complications are cleared up. She was born on September 26th and weighed 6 lbs. 6½ oz. Three-year-old Nancy Wesselmann underwent minor surgery at the Geneva Hospital yesterday. And Mrs. Vic Hopkins is reported to be doing very well after a recent attack of illness at her home. To all, we wish a rapid and complete recovery.

CORNELL CLASSES AT GENEVA

Methods of testing and propagating tree, shrub, and flower seeds were discussed and demonstrated last Thursday by Mr. Heit. The observers were members of Dr. Snyder's class in floriculture at the College. Next Tuesday, Dr. Hartman's class in quality control will come to the Station to hear Veg Crops and FS&T specialists talk about vegetable-grading and quality measuring apparatus.

CLARK-LANDSCHOOT

In a ceremony performed at St. Francis de Sales Church on Saturday, Miss Lois Landschoot of Geneva became the bride of Ronald Clark. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Landschoot and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orion Clark. After their honeymoon trip, the newlyweds will settle in Seneca Falls where Mrs. Clark is employed at the Sylvania office. Mr. Clark is an assistant in Entomology at the Station.

SEED CONTROL CONFERENCE

Dr. Crosier was at Michigan State College last week where he participated in a conference on seed treatment legislation. His report was incorporated in the recommendations made by several seed specialists' organizations for uniform state seed laws.

NURSERY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT WANTED

A group of ten Station mothers is organizing a cooperative nursery school and is looking for playthings which can be used by the youngsters. Both heavy equipment such as wagons, tractors, tricycles and large blocks, and smaller toys will be gratefully received. The women will even take care of any minor repairs which may be needed by such equipment. Mrs. Hand, who is directing the activity, will be happy to arrange for picking up any donated material.

1954 YEARBOOK OF AGRICULTURE

The USDA last week announced the publication of its 1954 Yearbook. The 520-page volume, subtitled "Marketing", is expected momentarily at the Station Library.

CHIT-CHAT

Mr. H. J. Price, managing director of the Illawarra Apple Orchard at Karragullen in Western Australia, arrived at the Station yesterday to spend two days with the fruit specialists. He is a commercial apple and pear grower and is spending three months in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Stearman drank in a full weekend of autumn colors a few days ago in a motoring trip through the Adirondacks and part of New England. Ben Clark is taking a vacation while putting his know-how to work. He's building himself a lawn at the Clarks' new home on Highland Avenue. The Sam Kayns are vacationing this week and are visiting relatives in northern New York and in Ohio. Henry Bennett will get a change of routine on Monday when he reports for grand jury duty at Canandaigua. Dr. Pederson spent Sunday and Monday visiting grape juice plants in western New York. On the trip, he visited Bob Ransford at Fredonia and brings back his regards to his former colleagues. Announcement has been made of the engagement of Ruth Palmiter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Palmiter of the Hudson Valley Lab, to Mr. George Spencer, pastor of the Italy Hill Methodist Church. Miss Palmiter is a senior at Keuka College and the groom-to-be is a native of Benton Center.

COSTA RICA CALLING

A newsy letter from the Cains posts us on their new environment at Turrialba in Costa Rica. We've excerpted some of the meaty parts: "Most of this country is primitive jungle. Turrialba, the third largest town is quite populous but appears like a mere village. It took us 3 hours to make the 40 mile trip from San Jose by car. The road is rough, narrow, and full of ox-carts, cows, pigs, and people. It's the only paved road in the country--at least it was paved at one time. The landscape is quite mountainous in this area. We're now in the middle of the so-called dry season but it rains at least a little every afternoon. Annual rainfall here is 110 inches--down on the coast it's 300 inches. Bananas at 2¢ per lb., oranges at 1¢ each, and comparably cheap pineapples assure us a full fruit bowl. My laboratory is much better than I had expected but equipment is quite short. The high humidity transforms opened bottles of dry chemicals into solutions very quickly so they must be kept sealed when not in use. The temperature, however, is very pleasant--not nearly as uncomfortable as it was in Florida when we left. Best regards to all".

The happiest people are those who are too busy to stop and wonder whether they're happy or not.