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FRIDAY'S THE NIGHT

All is in readiness for the big doings on Friday evening in Jordan Hall. The Christmas Party will begin with the children's supper served at 5:30 and the committee hopes that most of the little guests will be prompt. The first eighty of them will be handled in the auditorium and the remainder will be accommodated in the staffroom. This will permit the committee to reorganize the auditorium for the program which is to follow. About an hour is being allowed for the feeding operation, after which the youngsters will be herded into the auditorium for a few minutes of caroling. During this breather, parents will have a last chance to partake of light refreshments. At 6:45 there will be a showing of color slides made at last summer's picnic, and at 6:55 there'll be a short program put on by individual boys and girls. Latest word from the North Pole informs us that Santa Claus expects to arrive at around 7:15, barring headwinds, and the committee refuses to take responsibility for the program from that point on. Parents whose children will need to get away early for other engagements are asked to notify Mr. Hansen, who will arrange to have Santa pack gifts for those children on the top of his pack. Mr. and Mrs. Way are general chairmen of the party. Decorations are being handled by the Glasses, entertainment by the Hansons, adult^{tea} by the Carletons, and children's supper by the Holleys. Many others are assisting the effort. Aiding with the small fry menu are the Dolans who are getting the milk and ice cream, Mrs. Ben Clark who is arranging for sandwiches, Mrs. Barton arranging for cookies, and Mrs. Lamb who will round up the jello. Favors will be provided by Mrs. Steinkraus and Mrs. Sondheimer. Don't forget to check Santa's roster as you arrive. The committee should be notified if anything is amiss. Don't forget the time--5:30. And don't forget the kids!

COUNTY AGENTS' SCHOOL

Thursday and Friday have been chosen as the days for the annual Vegetable Training School for county agents in Western New York. (We hadn't realized that the training of vegetables had become so popular). A similar meeting for agents in Eastern New York was held at Albany last week. Local specialists who will appear on the Rochester program, and their topics, are: J. D. Atkin--"Bitterness in Carrots" and "Seed Injury of Snap Beans"; W. T. Schroeder--"Spraying Tomatoes for Disease Control"; M. T. Vittum--"Irrigation and Soil Amendments on Canning Crops"; D. W. Barton--"Variety Trials on Sweet Corn" and "Summary of Pea Breeding"; G. E. R. Hervey--"Cole Crop Insects and Their Control"; A. C. Davis--"Spinach Insects and Their Control"; and C. B. Sayre handling a question and suggestion period devoted to the discussion of research problems. All of the Geneva speakers will be on Friday's program.

AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FOR 1955

In the absence of the annual Agricultural Outlook Conference at Ithaca, arrangements have been made for a special session on the subject for staffmembers at Ithaca and Geneva, and allied agencies. The meeting will be held in Warren Hall at Ithaca on Monday of next week. The speakers will be members of the Ag Economics staff at Ithaca who recently participated in a conference on the subject at Washington. They'll handle their respective fields from both the national and state angle. The opening talk at 10 A.M. will treat the general agricultural situation. After lunch, poultry is slated to come up for discussion at 1 P.M., fruit at 2 P.M., and vegetables at 3 P.M. The STATION NEWS announcement is being made in lieu of personal invitations to Geneva staffmembers.

CIVIL SERVICE MEETING FRIDAY

Members of the local chapter of the C. S. E. A. are reminded that the next regular meeting will be on Friday evening at 8 in the conference room of Jordan Hall. The speaker will be the chapter's attorney, Robert Roulan of Geneva. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Hening was released from Geneva General on Monday and is completing his post-operational recuperation at his home....Roy Smith is reported to be ill at his home on Castle Street. Roy retired from his Station duties in April and had taken on a job at the Geneva Hospital. He was forced to relinquish this work a few weeks ago because of poor health....And nose treatment of a minor nature turned out to be quite serious for L. C. Pedersen of the Heating Plant. A resulting hemorrhage put Pete in the hospital for transfusions and rest. He's due to come home tomorrow.... Mrs. Otis Curtis will be spending Christmas at home, after all. She returned from the Mayo Clinic last weekend and is feeling somewhat better. There is a possibility that she will be recalled to the Minnesota hospital after the holidays.

VISITORS

A man-and-wife team of fruit growers are here from France to learn about the Station's work on peaches. They are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Herman of Bergeral, France (near Bordeaux). They arrived on Monday to spend a few days with the fruit specialists....Dr. Joseph Sloane of the Shell Chemical Company's New York office was here on Monday to talk with the entomologists.

ADDRESSES ROTARY

Dr. Heinicke was the speaker at last Thursday's meeting of the Rotary Club of Canandaigua. The title of his talk was "Industry and Agriculture".

FOR A PERFECT DAY

Today is the day during which every motorist and pedestrian in the country is asked to be extra careful while driving or walking. If every person really strives to keep his record clean on this day, it may be possible for the whole state or even the entire country to register a day without a serious auto accident. It's not a big job--the average person is on the streets only an hour or two of the day. Individuals are urged to give complete adherence to the following basic safety principles: Observe the letter and the spirit of traffic regulations; Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian; Give full attention to driving and walking. In short, drive and walk as you would have everyone else drive and walk. If a sincere effort on this day will do the trick, it will mean that the same record can be achieved on every day of the year. Keep your slate clean.

ATTEND MEETINGS

Dr. Pederson was in Cleveland last week where he attended a meeting of the National Kraut Packers Association. The Station scientist spoke to the group and also participated in a grading school which was held along with the meeting....Messrs. Atkin, Barton, Dolan, Einset, Mishanec, and Slate were in Ithaca on Monday to hear a talk on genetics by Dr. Boris Ephrussi. Sponsoring agency was the Synapsis Club.

CANNERS SECRETARY EULOGIZED

The December issue of Food Packer names William H. Sherman as the Man-of-the-Month. Bill is the executive secretary of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association and is a familiar figure at the Experiment Station. The article gives him credit for much of the progress made by the Association. A copy of the magazine is in the Library.

CHIT CHAT

Mr. and Mrs. Tapley left for their winter vacation in Florida last weekend. They'll establish headquarters at the home of daughter Sue, near Miami....Mr. and Mrs. LaBelle will go to Canastota this weekend to attend the wedding of Bob's sister, Norma....A musical program was provided for last Tuesday's meeting of the College Club by Mrs. Sheril Gibbs and Mrs. Ed Smith, flutist and vocalist, respectively....Other activities have forced cancellation of badminton at the North Street School tonight....A letter of thanks for a job well done has been received by the Publications Department from Sister Miriam at Nazareth Academy. Judging from the full report given by the visitors at their class the next day, they absorbed much of that to which they were exposed.

The International News Service sends us a report dated Dec. 10th, about a man who took his entertaining too seriously. The man, a native of French Equatorial Africa, had his nephew for dinner. A jury found him guilty of cannibalism and sentenced him to death.

Daffy Definition: traffic light--a trick to get a fellow halfway across the street safely.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

After forty, we still have lots on the ball but it's harder to get the ball rolling.

An egotist is a guy who thinks that if he had not been born the world would wonder why.

--Arnold Glasow