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NEXT TUESDAY

Tuesday, August 20th, will be a BIG day at the Experiment Station if all the advance promotion pays off in proportion to its volume. And to top it off, Governor Harriman will be among the guests. With the State Horticultural Society and the State Vegetable Growers Association merging their summer meetings in this event and with "Open House" at the Station for Geneva residents in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial, it is anyone's guess how many people may be on the grounds for the day. Some County Agents are really working at it and are making the event their summer field trip. Numerous exhibits, demonstrations, and tours are planned and everyone at the Station will be host or hostess to the visitors that day. Arrangements are being made for each person who is likely to come into contact with visitors to be identified with a name tag. The order of the day will be to make sure that our guests see and hear about as much of our work as possible. We are getting the finest kind of cooperation, with the local Red Cross Chapter setting up and manning a first aid station, local and area police supplying men to aid us in directing traffic, and the Enterprise Grange and Oaks Corners Presbyterian Church providing food and refreshments.

ABOUT PARKING NEXT TUESDAY

Speaking of traffic control brings up the matter of parking of cars of Station employees. Wilson Hey is organizing a crew of our own people to direct visitor parking. It is requested that, first, if it is possible to leave your car at home that day, please do so. Perhaps you can double up with some one else. Second, for those who must drive, please DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ALONG COLLIER DRIVE OR BEHIND STURTEVANT, HEDRICK, OR THE ENTOMOLOGY BUILDING. This applies to Station trucks and work cars as well as to passenger cars. Parking can be done on Castle Street and off the road behind the barns. Station parking would also be permissible immediately behind the Chemistry Building and between the Entomology Building and Chemistry. Your full cooperation with Wilson Hey and his crew will be greatly appreciated.

ABOUT THE GOVERNOR

Word that Governor Harriman will drop in for a brief visit comes from Sesqui-Centennial Headquarters. The Governor is coming to open the International Thistle races on Seneca Lake and has been invited by the Sesqui-Centennial Committee to include Geneva on his itinerary. It is expected that he will arrive at the Station about 11:15 a. m. and will remain on the grounds for 30 minutes or so. He goes from the Station to the Hobart Campus to inspect the AFROTC installation there and to have lunch in the Student Union Building.

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SHOW

The big Glad show was a very successful affair. During Saturday and Sunday about 1200 enthusiastic visitors toured the flower exhibit. The arrangements section proved to be very popular. Now for some statistics: The Grand Champ single spike was "Director" shown by Merton Clemons of Elmira, the Reserve Champ was "Ares" shown by Earl Maier of Rochester, the Champion Miniature was "Statuette" shown by Charles Liskovec of Elmira, and the Champion Seedling was a ruffled yellow, an entry of Leo Klein's. The champion arrangement was won by Grace Avery of the Waterloo Garden Club. Leo's "Firecracker" won two firsts and his "Heirloom" won 1, 2, 3, in its class in all three sections. Willard Robinson won the sweepstakes in the under 1,000 class. Patty Bennett won for the best children's arrangement. Local ribbon winners in the arrangement section were Mrs. Gertrude Bennett, Mrs. Zella Sayre, Mrs. Dell Wagenknecht, Mrs. Hjordis Einset and Ann Einset, Cathy, Donna, Mary Ann, and Susan Klein.

VISITORS

Doctor Hoover, former Regional Cooperator of the North Central Regional Plant Introduction Project at Ames, Iowa, visited the Plant Introduction Section at the Station on Monday and will take part in the Regional Technical Committee meeting which is being held here Tuesday and Wednesday. Doctor Hoover is representing the Plant Introduction Section of the USDA....Doctor Walter Fleming, Entomologist in charge of Japanese Beetle and European Chafer and other soil insects projects for the USDA, spent Tuesday at the Station conferring with Doctor Tashiro about current research on the Chafer....Mr. Sachs from Brazil is spending a week at the Station. Mr. Sachs is an employee of the State Government of Rio Grande do Sul, southernmost state in Brazil. He is interested in fruit varieties and culture. His main interest is in peaches....Doctor Sidwell from the Agriculture and Marketing Service of the USDA at Beltsville and Doctor Earl Glover, from the Office of Experiment Stations, arrived at the Station Tuesday. They are here in connection with the snap bean harvest....Arthur Farley, secretary of the New Jersey Apple Council, visited Leo Klein on Monday. He is interested in early apple varieties, especially the Wellington, with which he was quite impressed.

FRUIT TOUR

A fruit tour for County Agricultural Agents and representatives of chemical companies dealing in pesticides will be held August 13th and 14th. The group registered at the Experiment Station on Tuesday and spent the day touring orchards in the Geneva area where Station scientists are conducting tests. On Wednesday, the tour met in Alton, N. Y., for a tour of experimental work in that area.

NE-9 MEETING

The Technical Representatives of Regional Project NE-9 met at the Station Tuesday and Wednesday. A field tour of the Plant Introduction plots was held on Tuesday followed by the business meeting and election of officers on Wednesday.

NOW IT'S "PARROTT HALL"

A bronze plaque is being placed on the Entomology Building, marking it officially as "Parrott Hall" in honor of Doctor P. J. Parrott for so many years head of Entomology and Director of the Station from 1938 to 1942. Thus we now have four buildings named in honor of former Directors, Sturtevant, Jordan, Hedrick, and Parrott.

AWARDED SERVICE PINS

At the service emblem award meeting in the auditorium of the new Veterinary College in Ithaca Monday afternoon the following Station people were presented with service Pins for years of service: Stuart Bishop, Jr., 5 years; Tony Bruni, 20 years; Maurice Campfield, 15 years; William Cass, 15 years; Ralph Clark, 10 years; Clifford Davis, 5 years; Jens Jensen, 15 years; A. Clark, 20 years; Margaret Albury, 10 years; N. W. Pedersen, 15 years; Mrs. Andrea Pedersen, 15 years; George Rickey, 10 years; Paul Smith, 10 years; Grant VanVeghten, 10 years; Nick Varno, 15 years; Harry Wieser, 10 years; and Pete DeMaria, 10 years.

SOCIAL NOTES

Doctor and Mrs. H. E. Goresline from the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute in Chicago visited friends in Geneva last Friday. Doctor Goresline was at the Station for several years in the late thirties....Doctor and Mrs. Brooks spent Thursday in Geneva visiting friends. Doctor Brooks was formerly on the Station staff....Doctor Van Buren's sister-in-law Mrs. Segale and her two children spent last week with the Van Burens....The Vittums arrived home from Davis, California, Sunday night looking hale and hearty. More information when we get hold of Vit.

AROUND THE FARM

This reporter ran across a scene Tuesday morning down in the Station barn that pushed time back thirty years. Seated around a long table piled high with bean vines was a group of men (many sporting beards) all busy picking snap beans, by hand. Seriously, however, they were station scientists engaged in maturity studies, attempting to find a method which will enable them to predict the optimum harvest date for green snap beans.

BEAR WHO WALKED LIKE A MAN

Bill Mechanic, Leonard Feddema, and Garvin Crabtree went on a fishing trip to the Adirondacks last week. They camped several miles off the road but between two dumps and close to one. Bears apparently traveled from one dump to the other every night. Bill was awakened one night by something scratching against the tent. In the dim light he could see a bear's feet under the tent flap and suddenly the bear pushed his head under the tent flap. Bill let out a loud yell to scare off the bear. The yelling woke Leonard who thought Bill was having a nightmare and he yelled to wake up Bill. All this yelling just about scared the "bear" up a tree. The bear, incidentally, and in spite of Bill's vivid description of a long snout and hairy face, turned out to be none other than Garvin who was only trying to get into the tent. Oh, yes, they did catch some fish.