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THE FRUIT

GROWERS : Tomorrow the State Horticultural Society comes to the Station for its summer meeting. The Society has sent out 2,000 invitations, the newspapers have given the meeting wide mention, radio broadcasts have called attention to the event, so that all in all it has been advertised and a good crowd is expected, weather permitting. The meeting will get under way at 10:00 o'clock with a brief session for announcements and arrangements for tours of the grounds and laboratories by those who want to see particular lines of work. For the most part, however, the visitors are to be allowed to go and come as they wish, and some of the principal points of interest have been listed on a card which will be distributed as the cars arrive on the grounds. The slope south of the Director's residence is to be used for the meeting place, with the speakers on the terrace at the rear of the house. Nearby will be an information booth and a refreshment stand. The latter is being conducted by the First Presbyterian Church, and our patronage will be appreciated.

DR. LADD TO : Altho he will be unable to take part in the afternoon program as BE HERE : originally planned, Dr. Ladd expects to be here tomorrow morning for a short time to meet as many of the fruit growers as he can. A tour of inspection of the College of Agriculture tomorrow by Lieutenant Governor Lehman, on behalf of Governor Roosevelt, makes it necessary for Dr. Ladd to return to Ithaca by noon. It is hoped that the Lieutenant Governor might call at the Station later in the day, altho no assurance of such a visit has yet been received.

A RALLYING : One of the chief objects in setting up the Information Booth PLACE : tomorrow is to provide a place for visitors to obtain directions for the finding of the things they want to see, and especially to put them in touch with members of the Staff with whom they wish to consult. We should like to suggest, therefore, that those members of the Staff who will have more or less of a "roving" commission tomorrow remain within hailing distance of the Information Booth when not otherwise occupied.

SOUVENIR : The little souvenir booklet about which we have been talking lately BOOKLET : was delivered by the printer today and will make its public debut tomorrow. A supply of the booklet will be placed with each head of Division for distribution to visitors who call at their offices. While the booklet is not meant for general distribution, it will be available at the meetings to be held here this summer, at the State Fair and for the occasional visitor. It is a product of the combined effort of all of the heads of Divisions, and, we believe, gives an excellent perspective of the Station's activities.

COUNTY : Upon the suggestion of the Council of Agriculture and Markets, all of FAIRS : the officials of county fairs have been invited to meet with the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, who administers the State funds provided for the county fairs; the attorney for the Department; and a representative of the State police to discuss the laws and other matters of importance pertaining to county fairs. The group of counties comprising the area west of a line drawn south from Wayne to Steuben County will hold its meeting in Jordan Hall today, with Commissioner Baldwin and Mr. Manley of the Department of Agriculture, Captain Dutton of the State police, and Mr. McPherson of the Council of Agriculture and Markets. It is expected that the group will comprise from 50 to 75 persons.

A BAD : A leak in the pipe line carrying ammonia to the 32 degree room in the LEAK : basement of Hedrick Hall early Sunday morning did considerable damage to a quantity of fruit stored there in anticipation of the Genetics Congress. The gas was so concentrated that it killed the leaves on the small fruit trees which have been set around the rear of the building. It also proved exceedingly uncomfortable and not a little dangerous to those who had to go into the building to open the doors and windows to allow the fumes to escape. Fortunately, no one suffered any real injury. The leak has been repaired and doubtless the room will soon be in operation again.

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THE INTERNATIONAL : Considerable progress has been made in the arrangements
CONGRESS OF GENETICS : for the Genetics Congress since the last mention in these
-----: columns, particularly with regard to the part that the
Station will play in the proceedings. As Vice-chairman and Secretary of the Section
of Fruit Genetics and Breeding, Mr. Wellington has appointed a number of local
committees and has made arrangements for the exhibits and program to be presented
when the Section meets here on August 31. The committee appointments are as
follows: Field trips, Mr. Wellington; indoor exhibits, Dr. Nebel; information and
publicity, Mr. Luckett; photographs, Mr. Van Eseltine; transportation, Mr. Collison;
food and entertainment, Dr. Tukey; and entertainment for visiting ladies, Mrs. Hedrick.
The group is expected to arrive from Ithaca, where the earlier sessions of the
Congress will be held, on a special train on the Lehigh about 9:00 a.m., the train
being routed over the Naples division to the siding on Pre-emption Road. The morn-
ing period will be given over to presentation of papers, while both in the morning
and in the afternoon a number of tours about the grounds and laboratories will be
provided. Estimates of the probable attendance vary from one to four hundred, but
very little will be known definitely until after registration gets under way at
Ithaca.

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THE MILK : Researches conducted by the Dairy Division following inquiries as to
SUPPLY : what might be reasonably expected of the Station milk supply so far
-----: as its keeping qualities are concerned are now ready for publication.
First, it was found that the Station milk must be held at a temperature below
60 degrees F if it is to remain sweet for a period of 24 hours. Second, it was
found that the milk will not remain sweet over night at temperatures above 70
degrees. It is stated that these findings are in agreement with those reported by
others producing a high grade raw milk supply.

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VACATION - : Vacation time is here in earnest now. Among those who are reported
ISTS : away from their posts of duty are Mr. Kokoski, who with his wife
-----: and son Faustyne, left Monday for the Adirondacks and New England;
Miss Hogan, who headed for Boston and points east; the Slates and the Kellys, who
joined forces in a camp at Arrowhead Beach; and Dr. Dahlberg and his family, who
are indulging in local expeditions.

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SOME : Among recent callers at the Station were Prof. A.P. French of the
VISITORS : Massachusetts State College and Prof. C.J. Humm and students in
-----: ornamental horticultural who visited the nursery stock investigations
last week. Also, Mr. Leonard Barron, Horticultural Editor for American Home and
Country Life, spent several hours at the Station last Thursday. Miss Catherine
Keady, of the Niagara Falls City Laboratory, called on the Bacteriology Division
yesterday to discuss the direct microscopic method of testing milk. The method is
to be introduced in Niagara Falls in the control of the raw milk supply of that city.

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DR. ANDERSON :
VISITING HERE : Dr. R.J. Anderson arrived in Geneva last week to begin a vacation
-----: visit of three or four weeks. Mrs. Anderson will join him this
week. Dr. Anderson, formerly biochemist at the Station, is now research professor in
chemistry at Yale.

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DR. PEDERSON : Dr. Pederson alarmed his family and friends last Saturday with a
IMPROVED : sudden attack that had some of the ear-marks of appendicitis. We
-----: are glad to report, however, that he is much improved at this writ-
ing and is expected back in his laboratory within a short time.

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UNUSUAL : The Dairy Division boasts the most complete equipment for the study
EQUIPMENT : of the physical properties of milk of any dairy laboratory in the
-----: country with the recent installation by the Pfaulder Company of two
tanks, one glass-lined and the other steel-lined. Mr. Pheteplice, Research Engineer
for the Pfaulder Company, is expected here this week to discuss the use of the
apparatus in proposed experiments. It is of interest to note in this connection
that Dr. J.N. Jacobsen, formerly research director for the Pfaulder Company and just
recently retired from active service, told a member of the Dairy Division that the
work of Dr. S. Orla-Jensen in Denmark and of the bacteriology and dairy laboratories
of this Station have been the chief influences in directing his own researches and
inventions.

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IN GOOD : Regularly at this season of the year we are privileged to record the
STANDING : payment in kind by Prof. Slate of his subscription to the NEWS. This
-----: year it was a beautiful cluster of the Newburgh red raspberry, one of
the Station's new seedlings. Our pleasure in consuming this contribution was made
doubly pleasant by the assurance from Dr. Rankin that Newburgh was immune to mosaic.
Also, as formerly, we commend this admirable practise to other readers of these
columns.