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SEED EXPERTS MEET

The Association of Official Seed Analysts is holding its 1951 Annual Meeting at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph this week. As chairman of the publications committee, Professor Munn made the trip across the border on Monday to meet with officers of the Association. Yesterday, most of the rest of the Station's seed investigators joined him. During the week-long conference papers will be presented as follows: "Field Control Plantings of Cucurbits"—Munn and Heit; "Seed-borne Diseases of Crotalaria"—Crosier; "Flower Seed Germination"—Heit, Cullinan, and Traphagen. In addition to the authors of the papers, Carrie Legnini will also attend the meetings, which will involve a joint session with the Canadian Society of Agronomy. A highlight of the trip will be a visit to the official laboratories at Toronto.

STATION CLUB PICNIC JULY 14

Cayuga Lake State Park will again be the scene of the annual Station Club Picnic and the date has been set for Saturday, July 14th. Mr. and Mrs. John Einset, chairmen of the affair, announce the following members of their committee: Mr. and Mrs. John Natti, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wagenknecht, and Miss Charlotte Pratt. Frank Boyle will be in charge of softball and Sandy Davis will brew the coffee. The program will begin at 4 P.M. and eats will be uncovered at 5:30. Besides the softball game, there will be other recreation in the form of swimming and horseshoes. The Club will provide coffee, milk, dessert, paper plates, and cups, and each family is asked to bring a dish for the community table. The committee suggests such preparations as baked beans, chili con carne, baked ham, meat loaf, meat pie, seafood salad, potato salad and cold cuts, deviled eggs, spaghetti dishes, macaroni dishes, chicken and rice, scalloped potatoes and ham, green salad, et cetera. In the past, it's been found that a quantity sufficient to feed two or three times the family group is none too much. Please remember to supply the serving utensil. An afternoon in the water and fresh air can make ravenous wolves of the most modest eaters. Transportation has never been a problem in the past but in order to be on the safe side, the committee suggests that those persons who need a ride and those who have extra room in their cars contact Mrs. DeWall at 2919. There is no charge for the picnic to Station Club members and their immediate families. Non-members and guests will be welcome but they are required to pay a fee of 35¢ at the time they sign up for the affair. Everyone who plans to attend is asked to notify his departmental representative by July 6th, that's the end of next week. They are Anne McCullough, Lucile Holtby, Celia DeWall, Eleanor Warren, Carrie Legnini, Anne Holley, Pauline Jennings, and Tom Murray. In lieu of the traditional moving pictures, the picnic will be documented this year on Kodachrome slides by Gertrude Catlin and Bob Wesselmann.

DUTCH VISITORS

In an effort to secure information which can be used to improve the breeding, production, harvesting and marketing methods of small fruits in the Netherlands, four agricultural specialists from that country are touring the United States. Miss Hester Kronenberg, Mr. Wilhelmus de Groot, Mr. Jan Gerritsen, and Mr. Adriaan van Oosten arrived at Geneva last Friday and stayed in this area until yesterday, visiting small fruit plantings in the Finger Lakes area and Chautauqua and Erie Counties. They were conducted on the tour by Professor Harlan.

GERMAN VISITORS

Two German newspaper editors paid a visit to the Station yesterday afternoon. The guests are members of a group of 18 which is visiting this country for three months to observe the functioning of the press in a democracy. The Messers Anton Hesel of Vilsbiburg, Bavaria, and Herbert Schmid of Regensburg are seeing Geneva as guests of the Geneva Daily Times and were given a tour of the Experiment Station by Professor Lockett, who also explained the mechanics of information dissemination at the Station.

NAMED TO VEG CROPS STAFF

Doctor Donald W. Barton will assume his duties as Associate Professor in Vegetable Crops, effective July 1st. He earned his degrees at the University of California where he majored in genetics and minored in biochemistry. Doctor Barton served as a research assistant at his alma mater and last year was Assistant Professor of Genetics at the University of Missouri. As a bombardier in World War II, he was made a prisoner of war after being shot down on his 21st mission over Germany. He is married and has two children. In his work here, he will concentrate on genetics and plant breeding of vegetable crops for processing.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A daughter, who has been named Evelyn Jane, was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Withers. The event took place at the Geneva General Hospital and the young lady weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz.....Another young Young youngster was welcomed into the world of Oklahoma on June 2nd. Joan and Harry have named their new nine-pound daughter Barbara Jane. Doctor Young left his position in Plant Path here last year.

FOOD SCIENCE SEMINAR

Members of FS&T met in Jordan Hall last evening to hear a seminar by Anne Holley. Her topic was "The Identification of the Volatile Constituents of Concord Grapes".

PRESERVING THE HARVEST

The Pilot Plant in Sturtevant Hall is humming in the process of preserving peas in line with current projects. Besides the usual canning run, the food specialists are dehydrating a share of the vegetables. Two assistants will help on the Pilot Plant projects during the summer season--Professor James Lodge of Keuka College, and Albert Lopez, a Brazilian student at Cornell University.

BOUND FOR EUROPE

Miss Vera Kertesz, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Zoltan Kertesz, will leave from New York City on the Nieuw Amsterdam, on Friday, for a two-month's trip through Europe. Vera plans to visit England, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany before returning to Geneva to continue her studies at William Smith College. After seeing their daughter off, Doctor and Mrs. Kertesz will spend a two-week's sojourn at Cape Cod.

BRIEFS

Congratulations to Ernie Sondheimer who passed his major and minor oral exams at Ithaca on Monday.....Visitors to the Station this week include Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Travis of Saratoga Springs who are visiting at her father's home here. Dorothea formerly worked in Bacteriology at the Station.....And former head of Chemistry, Doctor J.J. Willaman, called at the Station yesterday. He's now at the Eastern Regional Laboratory.....Filling the assistantship in Entomology which has been vacated by Wayne Howe is Robert Howe of Ontario, Canada. The two Howes are not related. Bob will be concerned with the corn earworm on Long Island.....Professor Slate left last night to participate in the National Lily Show which is taking place in New York City today and tomorrow.....Nelson Shaulis and Keith Kimball drove to the Vineland Station yesterday to exchange notes with the Canadian grape experts.....Doctor Vittum represented the Geneva Station at a GLF-sponsored fertilizer meeting. The get-together was held at Alexandria Bay and involved GLF officials from the Northeastern U. S.Two copies of Science magazine are waiting in the Mailing Room to be claimed. The label containing the subscribers' names have been lost.....Guest of the Pattersons on Sunday and Monday was Mr. Marion Stackhouse, Indiana Farm Bureau representative.....Doctor Heinicke and Miss Jessie Sperry represented the Station at the "Wheeler Day" reception at Ithaca on Friday. The entire campus used the day to honor the retiring financial expert.

CSEA MEETING SATURDAY

This is a reminder that the meeting of the Civil Service Employees Association will be held at the Station on Saturday. A tour of the Station will be conducted in the morning, the business session will take place in the afternoon, and the banquet and after-dinner talk by Dr. Ennis of Lyons will be held at the Seneca Castle Grange in the evening. Consult Doctor Hofer or last week's NEWS for further details.

CLASSIFIED KORNER

Jeanne Smith has a couple of beagles which are being displaced by a recently acquired Great Dane "pup". She would like to find a good home or good homes for them.

Foster Gambrell is advertising some excess kittens. He says that he has an assortment of colors and sexes.

WANTED, urgently, one grandchild. Professor Luckett didn't think it would do any good to run this ad but we assured him that the NEWS always gets results. He states that the sex is immaterial at this point, even if it costs him that two-bit wager with his underling.

COINCIDENTALLY SPEAKING

Ray Sheldrake of Veg Crops is spending two weeks at Pine Camp, as a sergeant in the 369th Field Artillery. Referring to the annals, we find that Professor Sayre was the first commanding officer of the regiment when it was formed.

SABBATIC AT GENEVA

Doctor J.P. McCollum of the University of Illinois is spending a part of his sabbatic leave here in order to study factors involved in the ripening of tomatoes. He will be conferring with members of Veg Crops and FS&T until August 1st. Doctor McCollum was at one time a graduate student in the Station's Vegetable Crops Division.
