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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts of North America is being held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this week. Dr. Clark, Vice President of the organization, is attending from the Station. Dr. Clark is presenting five papers: one of his own entitled "A Germinator Designed for Slant Roll Tests", two for Claude Heit, entitled "Laboratory Germination of Annual Phlox Seed", and "Laboratory Germination versus Soil Tests or Field Performance of Flower Seed", two for Donald Crosier, entitled "Some Practical Ways of Conducting Cold Tests" and "Three Unusual Fungi of Flower Seeds".

THE DATE IS AUG. 20

The Directors of the New York State Horticultural Society met at the Station last Friday and set the date for their annual summer meeting. It is to be held here in recognition of the Station's 75th anniversary on Tuesday, August 20th. The Society also issued an invitation to the State Vegetable Growers Association to meet with them that day. Exhibits, demonstrations, and tours will be the order of the day, with a brief program during the noon hour. About 500 growers and their families took part in last year's summer meeting on the Sodus Fruit farms.

VISITORS

Dr. R. A. Kilpatrick of the University of New Hampshire was a recent visitor to the Plant Introduction Station here. Dr. Kilpatrick is working on insects and diseases of forage crops and looked over the foreign introductions....Dr. Howard Carnahan was another recent visitor to Plant Introduction. Dr. Carnahan was recently made head of the U. S. Pasture Laboratory at State College, Pennsylvania.... Dr. F. P. Cullinan, Assistant Chief of the Crops Research Division of the USDA, spent last Monday at the Station. He and Dr. Dolan looked over the field plantings of plant introductions....Dr. Converse, from the USDA Laboratory at Beltsville, visited the Station on Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Converse, a small fruit specialist, was interested in making observations in raspberry plantings in the Finger Lakes Region and in Western New York. Dr. Braun conducted a tour of these areas....There were also quite a few visitors to the Pomology Department last week. Arthur Farley, Secretary of the New York Apple Council, was here to talk over apple varieties. He also visited with an old college chum, Dick Wellington....James Friday, a Michigan grower of sweet cherries and apples visited with Karl Brase and talked about rootstock work....Robert Lacia, Wisconsin apple grower, was a visitor last week and Mr. Heller, Pennsylvania apple grower, was a visitor Monday. They both were interested in rootstocks and spent some time with Karl Brase at the rootstock farm.

ATTENDS WASHINGTON MEETING

Dr. Chapman left yesterday for Washington to meet with officials of the Food and Drug Administration to discuss the spray residues tolerances for sweet corn.

APPOINTMENT

Dr. Samuel W. Braverman has been appointed as plant pathologist for the Plant Introduction Station to become effective July 1st. Dr. Braverman received his Ph. D. at Penn State in June.

STATION PICNIC

The Station Picnic will be held Saturday, July 20th, at Cayuga Lake State Park. Norman Lawrence is the general chairman. Better check ahead and keep this date open.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Ed Smiths have a baby boy. Born Saturday, Joel Allen weighed in at 8 lbs. Mother and son are doing fine, but I don't think Ed has come to earth yet. I guess Ed has opened that bottle of champagne which he has been saving for years for just this occasion.....For Richard and Jeanne Cook, a boy, Michael Francis, born Monday in the Waterloo Hospital. Weight 6 lbs. 9 ounces.....Joseph and Marie Gibson have a girl, Catherine Marie, born Saturday morning, weight 7 lbs. 13 ounces.For Ed and Betty Munzer, it's a girl, Elizabeth Marie, weight 6 lbs. 15 ounces.Joe Pettrone dropped in to fill out the vital statistics on their new daughter, Carol Marie, weight 6 lbs. 5 ounces. All mothers and babies are doing fine.

SUMMER HELP

Summer help is still arriving. Plant Introduction has JoAnne Beck, student at Fredonia State Teachers College; Francis Gooderow and John Quigley, both students at St. Andrews Seminary in Rochester, are helping out this summer.....Food Science has Pentti Turunen, student at Cornell, who will work in the pilot plant with Don Wilson; Donald Tallman, masters candidate at Cornell, who will work with Willard Robinson, and Clarence Kuhns on Food Products Research.....Alta Meeker, student at Keuka College, is helping out in the Feed and Fertilizer Laboratory and Anne McIntosh, a Junior at Syracuse, is working with Dr. Mack.....Veg Crops has Virginia Robson, who has returned for her third season; Allan Burns, a Cornell student, and Don Lunick who has returned for another summer season. From out west they have Joyce Wiser from Idaho and Donna Darley from Utah.

WEDDING BELLS

One of the Station bachelors is taking the plunge. Kuang Li is getting married in Iowa City, Iowa, Saturday, June 22nd. The bride-to-be is Miss Yu-Ying Fu, who received her Ph. D. in Zoology at the University of Iowa in 1955 and is now employed as a research associate in Radiation Research Laboratory of the Medical College, University of Iowa. The Li's will be at home in Geneva after September 1st.

AROUND THE FARM

Veg Crops and the Seed Lab have their irrigation systems set up and in operation. On June 11th Veg Crops put an inch and a half of water on their plots at Darrow Farm and the Seed Lab had their system going down in back of the greenhouses. The area of the flower seed trials was irrigated again on Monday, the flowers are beginning to come up and the 90+ temperatures we've had the last two days dried out the top layer of soil and the flower seedlings needed water.

AUTHORS

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden Record "Plants and Garden" for Spring 1957 is devoted entirely to mulches. Leo Klein and George Slate both have articles in this issue, George Slate on Garden Mulching and Leo Klein on Mulches for Gladiolus.

TOM GAINNEY

Tom Gainney, a familiar figure around the Station for more than twenty years, died at his home on North Main Street last Wednesday (June 12th) at 75 years of age. Tom first came to the Station in April 1929 and retired in November 1952. He served as janitor in Jordan Hall and in the Entomology Building. Although his later years were plagued with ill health, which confined him to his bed, his good nature prevailed to the end. Mrs. Gainney died several years ago.

FROM PAKISTAN

Mohammad Khan, mycologist with the Agricultural Research Station at Tarnab, West Pakistan, spent some time at the Station last Friday.

SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Kertess arrived back home last Monday. Dr. Kertess is still in Libya but expects to be back in Geneva at the end of July.....Mrs. Natti's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. MacLeod, are spending a week at the Natti's, visiting and enjoying their grandchildren.....Lois and Johnny Watson are back to normal after having their tonsils and adenoids out recently.....Bernice Belcher's husband, Howard, graduated this June from Genesee State Teachers College and will be teaching in Waterloo in the fall.