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THE STATION picnic, second only to the Christmas party as an outstanding event of the social life of the Station, will be celebrated next Friday afternoon on Dr. Hedrick's farm on Slosson Road. The festivities will begin at about 3:30 and will terminate with a feast unsurpassed in the Station annals. The committee in charge is arranging a series of "athletic" contests which will include the proverbial ball game and a number of unique races. The sports program will be climaxed with an obstacle race for all present for the picnic supper which the committee is serving, and it is anticipated that this will be the most spectacular event of the day. The obstacles will be supplied in the shape of women and children who get in the way of ravenous men. Transportation will be provided for all of those who do not drive their own.

A GROUP of seedsmen and experiment station men interested in vegetable production are visiting the Station today. The party spent yesterday at the College at Ithaca inspecting the vegetable work under way there, and will look over the canning crops farm and the vegetable variety testing plats here and at Oaks Corners. Messrs. Hall, Hawthorn, and Sayre spent yesterday at Ithaca with the party, and rejoined them at lunch at the Seneca today.

THE SUMMER meeting of the State Vegetable Growers Association will be held in Ithaca tomorrow, and one or two representatives from the Station plan to attend.

COL. AND MRS. Sayre and Mr. Hall visited the trial grounds of the Jerome B. Rice Seed Company at Cambridge, N. Y., last week.

MR. AND MRS. Hening returned from their vacation in Minnesota last week.

SATURDAY was home-coming day for three other members of the Station group. Dr. and Mrs. Hucker returned to Geneva from the World Dairy Congress in London and a brief trip to the Continent. Mr. Lawson also returned from a trip to England.

DR. AND MRS. Hucker left Saturday night for Dr. Hucker's home in Hopkinton, Iowa, where he was called by serious illness in the family.

MR. PEDERSON, who has been making a special study of food spoilage problems, has recently been called upon by a manufacturer of salad dressing to solve difficulties encountered in one of their preparations.

THE FARM BUREAU spray service men are coming to the Station Saturday for an inspection of the Rome orchard and other places on the Station grounds where spraying and dusting tests are under way. The rainy season has brought forth severe infestations of scab, and the Station test plats are showing very clear-cut results as a consequence.

THE ORNAMENTAL Growers of America paid an unexpected visit to the Nursery Investigations last week, when a party of about fifty motored over from their annual meeting in Rochester. They were keenly interested in the work with nursery stocks under way here.

DR. HARRY Miller, biochemist for the Proctor-Gambel Company at Cincinnati, was a recent visitor at the Station and conferred with Dr. Breed regarding types of bacteria associated with fat by-products. According to Dr. Miller, the popular belief that unwrapping soap in order to season it is without foundation of fact, as the washing qualities of soap are better preserved when the soap is kept well wrapped until used.

WE ARE advised that Miss Haynes, who was reported last week as having left on her vacation, is in fact spending the month in study at the Carnegie Institute for Genetics at Cold Springs Harbor, and will take her vacation following her month's study at the Institute.

DR. HEDRICK gave the principal address at dedicatory exercises held on the grounds of the Odd Fellows Home at Lockport last Saturday when a marker was erected commemorating the original Niagara grape vine.

A GROUP of Farm Bureau Directors from Niagara County are planning to visit the Station tomorrow under the direction of their County Agent.

DR. McDowell, recently appointed chemist at the new Dairy Research Institute in New Zealand, visited the Station last week on his way back to New Zealand from the World Dairy Congress in London.

METEOROLOGICAL researches pursued by members of the Staff during the recent hot spell revealed that the temperature of Seneca Lake was somewhat affected. The surface water on the west side of the lake about a mile south of Geneva registered 72 degrees last Friday, while near the bottom the water was 70 degrees. On the same day the water off Mellen's Point was 76 degrees at the surface and 74 degrees near the bottom. On the lake shore the thermometer registered 104 degrees at 5 p. m., while on the rocks along the shore the temperature went to 114.

THE TEAM representing the Station in the City "Soft Ball" League has suffered somewhat the same fate as the New York Yankees in that it has fallen into a slump. The loss of the game to the American Can the other evening was a bit of hard luck, as the Station crowd played good enough ball to win on most occasions. It happened that the other team played just a bit better, however.