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PICNIC SATURDAY

With present reservations at 190, there are indications that Saturday's annual Station Club Picnic will draw the largest crowd yet. Everyone at the Station and their guests are genuinely welcome regardless of whether reservations have been made. Bring your family, your friends...even your mother-in-law, but come prepared for a good time. The eats will be served at 5:45, the softball game begins at 4:00. And a reminder from the food committee reemphasizes that the family food dish should be prepared in adequate quantity. The gauge is set at three times the amount of any one dish which the family group would consume. (N. B. to Vittum: unpalatability is not a fair criterion for determining quantity). Don't worry about dessert, beverage, plates, or cups--the Club will provide them. Do worry about the food dish, serving utensil, knives, forks and bread or rolls.

As far as the softball contest is concerned, a schism has generated spontaneously and finds the menfolk classified into two groups known as the Experiment Station and the Lutherans. Without apparent provocation, Messers Klein and Lienk have begun hurling verbal prickbats at each other and it appears that all athletes must declare their sympathies with one cause or the other before the threatened showdown on Saturday afternoon. A new hardwood bat and an extra hard softball are being purchased in order to satisfy the craving for blood. Regarding the umpire, the committee could think of only one authority sufficiently astute to administer the conflict. If the Club can meet his price, A. J. Heinicke will call the plays.

The small-fry frolic will take place when the men's softball fray becomes too heated for young ears and eyes to behold. And, speaking of small-fry, you'll have an opportunity to greet Eunice and the three sons as the Haight triplets plan to steal their share of the show. Whether you've made reservations or not, we'd like to see you at the picnic, this Saturday, at Cayuga Lake State Park.

SEED CONFERENCE

Professors Tapley and Clark went to Ithaca yesterday for a meeting of the Foundation Seed Stock organization. On the agenda was a discussion of breeding programs.

USDA SPECIALIST HERE

Dr. George Darrow, small fruit breeder for the USDA at Beltsville, is among a group of visitors viewing Professor Slate's raspberry breeding work here today.

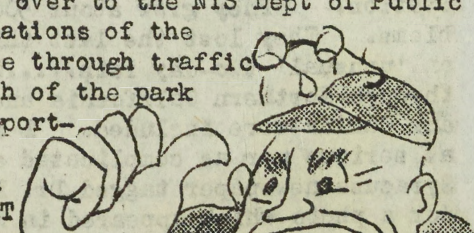
VISITORS

Ijsbrand van Keet, head of the Plant Disease Department, Ministry of Agriculture at The Hague, was a caller at Veg Crops, Plant Path, and Entomology yesterday... From the Field Crops Institute Laboratory at Chatham, Ontario, J. A. Begg and George F. Manson came to confer with insect specialists, yesterday.

NERVES SHATTERED? Come out and collapse at the Station Club Picnic on Saturday.

PETITION

A Geneva citizens' committee, headed by Mrs. David Hand, is at work obtaining signatures to a petition for the elimination of the "graveyard turn" on Route 96-A near the Yacht Club. The approach to the bridge at the foot of the lake has been the scene of several serious accidents, and, situated at the end of the park, offers a continuous hazard to park patrons. In addition, the turn and the bridge usually form the first traffic bottleneck under icy road conditions. The committee hopes to get 2,000 signers and will then turn the document over to the NYS Dept of Public Works, to back up the recommendations of the Geneva Common Council to reroute through traffic to a junction with 5 & 20, north of the park area. Those interested in supporting the drive may affix their names to copies of the petition in the Pomology Office, the FS&T



LILY YEARBOOK--1952

Volume No. 5 of the "Lily Yearbook", put out by the North American Lily Society is off the press. Professor Slate has done his customary good job as Editor of the book.

M. E. ROBINSON RETIRES

Professor Montgomery Robinson, after 38 years with the Extension Service, retired on July 1st. Prof. Robinson has served as liaison officer and official host for the State Colleges to the hundreds of scientists and public officials from abroad visiting Ithaca and Geneva on scientific missions under the Mutual Security and Point 4 programs. Off to a good start in his "retirement", he will serve as project leader under a contract recently signed by Cornell and the University of the Philippines. Under terms of the agreement, Cornell will provide trained scientific personnel for the advancement of Philippine agriculture and agricultural research. Joining with him will be Professor A. M. Goodman, recently retired from agricultural engineering at Ithaca, C. A. Bratton, and Professor George Kent who will continue along the abaca research lines begun by former Station scientist Otto Reinking.

LIKE WARM SUNSHINE? There'll be a hot time at the Club Picnic.

SOCIAL WHIRL

The regular monthly Station Club Bridge Party will be held on Friday evening, July 25th....Barbara Calkins, assistant to Dr. Schroeder for the past several summers, is garnering plenty of honors as she approaches her senior year at William Smith. She's been named to the Dean's List and also has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Congratulations, Barbara....Dr. Boyle has been called to Pine Camp for two weeks of extended active duty with the Army....Dr. Glass will report to Virginia this weekend to retrieve his family who have been vacationing in Mrs. Glass' home territory....Mrs. Wesselmann and her sister, Miss Dolores Ziegler, motored to Idlewyld Airport last weekend and greeted their mother on her return from Switzerland....John Einset and Leo Klein reported for work on Monday morning, replete with welts given to them by skeeters and black flies on their Canadian fishing safari. Somehow the wires got crossed and language barriers took the group five days to learn that their guide was a moose specialist, not a piscatorial expert. However, they settled down to at least two days of catch-'em-as-fast-as-you-could-get-your-line-in fishing....Station dog-lovers were prominent at the Annual Match Show of the Kanadasaga Kennel Club at Sodus Point on Sunday. Jim Harlan's welsh terrier was the best in its class and took second place in the terrier group. The Gilmer's female dachshund pup won second place and was beaten by the best pup in the show. Willard Robinson served as ringmaster....Lucile Holtby will defy the summer heat in a vacation at Cape Cod, starting this weekend....Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith spent the weekend in Canada.

HEAT GETTING YOU? It'll be cool and refreshing at Cayuga on Saturday.

BUSINESS TRIPS

Drs. Pederson and Steinkraus are visiting several processing plants in Western New York in a study of mold on fresh and frozen raspberries....Dr. Davis spent last Wednesday and Thursday on Long Island in connection with corn earworm control studies.

If you have bees in your bonnet, you can let your hair down at the STATION CLUB PICNIC.

ET CETERA

The Pilot Plant began work on processing cherries for freezing on Tuesday.... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Crowe of the Fredonia Lab on the birth of a daughter earlier this month....Dr. Palmiter (Hudson Valley), on sabbatic leave in the West, writes that he worked on a cherry virus disease survey at the Dalles Field Station. "They grow about 5000 acres of sweet cherries and have about as many problems. They lost the last third of their crop this year due to cracking following an 'unusual' two-day rain....We had an interesting stone fruit virus tour in June through Northern California and Western Oregon. Workers from six western states and Canada were included. I am glad that the virus situation in New York is not as serious nor as complicated as it is out here..."....A garbled linotype at a Syracuse newspaper tagged Dr. Konstantin Frank (Pomology) as "Frank Ponalantia" under a photo which appeared in Monday's paper. Bob LaBelle is elated over his chick-