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#### HAWAIIAN INTERLUDE

Commanding the envy of their fellow Genevans are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Boyle who will leave for a year's stay in Honolulu, starting July 1st. And the three Boyle children will also join in the holiday as the Station scientist undertakes a year's study of the biochemical problems involved in the processing of tropical fruits. Headquarters will be the University of Hawaii where Dr. Boyle will be working on a grant to the Food Processing Laboratory. Of particular concern will be the guava, papaya, Methley plum, passion fruit and coconut. The family will make the trip by air after motoring across the country.

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#### STAFF MEETING NEXT MONDAY

A meeting of staff members has been called for next Monday afternoon at 4 P.M. in Jordan Hall. Dean Myers and Professor Peterson are expected to speak at the meeting.

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#### ATTEND BACTERIOLOGY MEETING

The local branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists held a meeting at Rochester on Saturday. In attendance were Doctors Breed, Conn, Hofer and Pederson.

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#### PLANNING NUTRITION CONFERENCE

Dr. Avens is in Ithaca today where he is meeting with the committee for the 1954 Cornell Nutrition Conference.

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#### IT'S AN ILL WIND

Prompt action by Mrs. Szkolnik and a neighbor arrested what might have been a serious fire in the Szkolnik home on Pre-Emption Road yesterday afternoon. A lightning bolt had found its way into the house via the wiring system and caused a short circuit in a partition. The threat was squelched before the fire trucks arrived..... But the same electric storm and its ensuing precipitation brought sorely needed relief to area farms and gardens, many of which had not had rain since being planted.

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#### PASSES FINAL HURDLE

It's Doctor Maria Pantidou, now, by virtue of the successful completion of a final examination last Wednesday at the College of Agriculture. Doctor Pantidou had been a graduate assistant in Plant Pathology at the Experiment Station and will continue on in a temporary position for about two months. Early in August, she plans to return to her native Greece.

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#### IT'S A BOY

Mother and son are doing fine, but Irv Jensen hasn't yet recovered from last Sunday morning's blessed event. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have named the newcomer Neal, but the statistics weren't available at press time.



## VISITORS

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Buchanan of Ames, Iowa, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Breed. Dr. Buchanan is a former Director of the Experiment Station at Ames, and stopped off in Geneva enroute to New Brunswick, N. J., where a new micro-biology building is being dedicated..... Back in Geneva for a week is our Australian visitor, Dr. Skerman. The visitor spent several weeks at the Station a few months ago and will make the return trip to Australia in a few weeks..... And Mr. Ed Bender of the American Cyanamid Company called on entomologists here last Wednesday.

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## VINELAND MEETING

Dr. Gilmer motored to St. Catherines on Friday for a virus conference with plant pathologists at the Vineland Station.

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## POND PAYS OFF

The Station's newest pond, located south of the greenhouse area, was put to use over the long week-end in irrigating plots belonging to Seed Investigation and Plant Propagation. The overhead fountains drew considerable interest from passers-by.

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## SUMMER ASSISTANT

Mr. W. Ray Demuth of Hobart has joined the summer ranks of the entomology workers. Ray is a coach at the college during the school year and will be working with Dr. Lienk at the Station.

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## CHIT CHAT

Romaine Hervey has wound up his freshman year at the College of Forestry in Syracuse and is headed for Sawtooth Mountain, Idaho, where he'll work for the summer with the National Foresters..... Doctor Maria Pantidou spent the Memorial Day week-end in Washington..... Bart Fiori of Entomology visited his home in Garfield, N. J., over the week-end..... The Nattis joined the ranks of the mobilized a couple of weeks ago when they acquired a Studebaker..... A couple of cards from the Bigelows have found their way to the Station. They're motoring across country to Seattle where Cap is to be a delegate at an International Rotary Convention. The latest card was postmarked at Salt Lake City and tells of a fierce snowstorm which forced them to change their route somewhat. They've already visited the Badlands, Black Hills, and Rushmore.

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Cornell's Extension Echoes has called attention to an item which is reprinted from Laboratory: "In the past century, French scientists have produced a whole series of wingless, beakless, legless, downless chicks, chicks with the internal organs entirely outside the body, etc., by subjecting the embryo to alcohol, chemicals, temperature extremes, oscillation, surgery, and radiation. These changes can be made only during the first 16 hours in the embryo's life. Since these first 16 hours correspond to the first two weeks of human pregnancy, it may well be that 'congenital monstrosity' in children is likewise not always hereditary but the result of little-known events in those fateful two weeks. At any rate, this is the interesting notion now advanced by chemical embryologist Alexis Romanoff of Cornell's poultry department, who has spent 30 years experimenting on no less than 220,000 eggs and is the world authority on the avian egg. For some reason, any reagent fed to Mother Hen shows up in the egg. Some of the enigmas in that misty borderland between life and no-life may finally be reduced to the orderly events of chemistry".

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A farmer, tired of being single, went to town, chose a wife, married her, put her on the back of his horse and started home. Suddenly the horse stumbled. "That's once," said the farmer, and went on his way. The horse stumbled again. "That's twice," said the farmer. The third time the horse stumbled the farmer said, "That's three times." He and his bride dismounted, and he took his rifle and shot the animal. "Whatever possessed you to do that?" the bride asked; and she thereupon began a long-winded tirade about the farmer's stupidity. He listened for several minutes, looked steadily at his wife, and remarked quietly: "That's once."