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## COVER PHOTO

What could have been a disastrous situation in Sturtevant Hall a couple of weeks ago fortunately turned out to be nothing more than an overly odiferous gasoline engine being used by some contractors. When fumes were first smelled in Sturtevant, the building was vacated and local fire companies responded to a call and used smoke ejectors to rid the building of smoke. Perhaps most significant of all was the very efficient and calm way in which people evacuated the building.

## MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

Dick Robinson and B. R. Phills, Seed and Vegetable Sciences, attended the Tomato Breeders' Roundtable at Indianapolis on February 12-13.

Bob Becker and Mike Dickson, Seed and Vegetable Sciences, attended the Crucifer Improvement Conference at El Centro, California February 25-26.

Des Dolan, Plant Introduction, also attended the Tomato Breeders' Roundtable. He presented a paper entitled, "Promising Tomato Introductions of 1973-1975."

Dave Pieczarka, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Plant Pathology, recently presented a seminar on "Investigations on *Pythium* Species Associated with the Bean Root Rot Complex."

On February 19, Dr. Roy L. Millar, Department of Plant Pathology at Ithaca, presented a seminar at Geneva entitled "Cyanogenesis and Infection of Birdsfoot Treefoil."

Bill Bowers, Entomology, spoke at the Insect Attractant and Basic Biology Laboratory in Gainesville, Florida on February 3. His topic was "Anti-juvenile Hormones as Probes in the Study of Insect Hormones."



On February 5, Bill spoke before the faculty of the Entomology Department at the University of Georgia on "Anti-juvenile Hormones from Plants—Food for Thought."

George Schaefers, Entomology, spoke at the Rotary Club, February 11, on his African travels and research on cassava.

Ed Glass, Entomology, attended a National Pest Management Workshop in Kansas City, Missouri, February 16 and 17. He presented a lecture at this meeting.

Chuck Eckenrode was the speaker at the Entomoloquium on February 6. He spoke on "Seedcorn Maggot Egg-laying Stimulus."

Wendell Roelofs, Entomology, was in Washington, D. C. February 27-28 at the National Academy of Science attending a final wrap-up meeting on his trip to China.

Chikao Nishino, Entomology, spoke at the Entomoloquium on February 20. His subject was "Cockroach Sex Stimulants in Plants."

John Bourke and Tom Nelson, Food Science, attended the Northeast Regional IR-4 Liaison meeting in New York City and New Brunswick, New Jersey February 10 and 11.

Food Science and Technology Department participants in the February 19 Western New York Section Institute of Food Technologists' tour included Don Downing, Andy Rao, Lou Massey, and Bob LaBelle. Cynthia Massey and Mary LaBelle accompanied their husbands on the tour of Kodak Park in Rochester and for the evening banquet and program.

Jerry Van Buren, Food Science, delivered two talks at the Grape-Wine Conference held at Ohio State University in Columbus on February 23-25. Jerry's lectures were on "Color Extraction and Stability" and "The Use of Fining Agents to Achieve Clarification."

Dr. Rice, Taylor Wine Company; Willard Robinson, Food Science; and Dr. Beelman, Penn State; the chairman, vice chairman, and meeting arrangements chairman respectively of the newly formed Eastern Section of the American Society of Enology visited Erie on February 12 to make arrangements for the first annual meeting of the society. It will be held on the Behrend College campus, a unit of Penn State University, where dormitory facilities, dining rooms, visual aids, etc., will be available to the society. The campus provides a fine setting for the first meeting. Invitations for scientific papers have gone out to the membership.

The New York State Agriculture and Markets Department and the Department of Commerce cosponsored a tasting of New York wines at the Four Seasons Restaurant in New York City on February 25. Several hundred newspaper editors, writers, restaurateurs, and others having professional interest in wines were the invited guests who came to sample New York State's finest wines produced by twelve New York State wineries and the Geneva Experiment Station. Each winery had a table where its wines were offered for appraisal, and appropriate literature was available. Bob Pool and Willard Robinson manned the Geneva Cellars table, where our Cayuga White and Pinot Blanc drew wide attention and admiration. Cayuga White, introduced several years ago, has repeatedly caught the fancy of grower, winemaker, and consumer.

Don Ourecky, Pomology and Viticulture, spoke to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in Gettysburg on "Small and Minor Fruits" February 4-5.

Nelson Shaulis, Gary Howard, Keith Kimball, Robert Pool, Pomology and Viticulture, attended the Finger Lakes Grape meetings in Penn Yan on February 19.

James Cummins, Pomology and Viticulture, participated in the Hudson Valley Fruit Schools on February 18-19.

Keith Kimball spoke to two growers groups, one in Niagara County, and one in Ontario, Canada on February 24 and 27 respectively on "Field Grafting of Grapevines."

Walt Kender, Pomology and Viticulture, participated on a Committee of 9 meeting in project development for an atmospheric deposition network in Washington, D. C. on

February 11-12.

Participants from Geneva in the Processing Vegetable Conference held February 17-19 at the Hilton Inn on the Campus, Rochester were Stan Shannon, Bob Becker, Mike Dickson, Jim Hunter, and Chuck Eckenrode. Bob Becker, chairman; Pat Krauss, and Stan Shannon were on the planning committee.

## VISITORS

Guy Baldwin, Walt Edwards, and Robert Whitney, representatives of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., were in the Department of Food Science and Technology on February 25 and visited with Geza Hrazdina, Len Mattick, Terry Acree, Don Splittstoesser, John Stamer, Keith Steinkraus, and Don Downing. Baldwin and Edwards are from the Seagram & Sons' office in Saratoga, California, and Whitney is from the New York City office. They also visited with John Einset. Seagram & Sons has interest in two domestic and several European wine companies. Their visit was to discuss current wine research.

Dr. John Andrews, University of Wisconsin, visited Bob Seem and others in the Plant Pathology Department on February 18-19 to discuss modeling and simulation studies in relation to pest management research on apples.

## HEALTH

Helen Melious, Entomology, entered Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester February 26 for surgery. We wish her a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

George Slate has returned to Clifton Springs Hospital from Roswell Research Institute.

And, Otto Schwarz has returned to work in Pomology and Viticulture following an illness.

## SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to the family of Henry Marino who died February 17, 1976. Henry recently retired from his duties as custodian in the Food Research Laboratory.

We also extend our sympathies to Gladys Maconeghy on the loss of her father.

## CHATTERBOX

Wendell Roelofs was at Michigan State University February 8-13 where he conferred with Ring Carde regarding a chapter they are writing for the *Annual Review of Entomology*.

Reg Walter, Food Science, spent February 13-20 in Antigua on a combined business and vacation trip.

## LIBRARY CORNER

### Avi Book Sale

Avi Publishing Company is offering several of its publications at savings of up to 50%. Those which might interest researchers at the Station are listed below:

BASIC ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES,	
Merkel .....	\$ 9.50
BYPRODUCTS FROM MILK,	
2d ed., Webb.....	12.00
CORN: CULTURE, PROCESSING, Inglett.....	11.50
ECONOMICS OF FOOD PROCESSING,	
Grieg.....	11.50
ECONOMICS OF NEW FOOD PRODUCT	
DEVELOPMENT, Desrosier .....	9.50
FISHERY BY-PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGY,	
Brody .....	9.50
FOOD BEVERAGE SERVICE HANDBOOK.....	10.00
FOOD OILS AND THEIR USES,	
Weiss .....	9.00
FOOD PACKAGING, Sacharow .....	9.00



FOOD TEXTURE, Matz .....	9.50
FREEZING PRESERVATION OF FOODS,	
4th ed. ....	60.00
(4 volume set)	
HANDLING, TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	
OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, Ryall.....	41.25
(2 volume set)	
PACKAGING: A SCIENTIFIC MARKETING	
TOOL, Raphael.....	6.50
PROCESSING AGRICULTURAL AND MUNICIPAL	
WASTES, Inglett .....	8.50
PROGRESS IN HUMAN NUTRITION, V. 1,	
Margen.....	8.50
SORGHUM PRODUCTION, Wall .....	16.50
SULFUR IN NUTRITION, Muth .....	6.50

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CLASSIFIEDS

Card of Thanks: I want to thank the many wonderful people who responded to my notice about obtaining a ride to work mornings. Some of these people who offered would have to drive out of their way to pick me up, but still offered. Also, thanks a million for the other people who could not have picked me up but were still concerned. We have a terrific bunch here at the Station, and I am proud to be part of it. Once again, thanks everybody. Betty Porterfield.

For Sale: 1 old portable television (B&W), apartment-sized gas stove, Zigzag sewing machine, tow bar, electric heater, brown 9 x 12 rug, pine desk, pine bench, bamboo porch bench with cushion, metal filing cabinet. Jan Kochansky 789-3276 (please do not call between 1 and 4 p.m.).  
Free: washing machine (needs transmission repair). Jan Kochansky.

WEATHER

		Max.	Min.	Rain, Melted Snow, etc.	Snow Ice Pellets Hail	Snow, Ice Pellets, Hail, Ice on gnd. (inches)
February	1	32	5			6
	2	40	-5	.02		4
	3	11	-4	tr.	tr.	4
	4	31	6	tr.	tr.	3
	5	34	10	tr.	.3	2
	6	18	6	.11	1.4	3
	7	21	9	.04	1.5	4
	8	25	12	tr.	tr.	3
	9	31	19	.03	1.4	4
	10	34	17	tr.	tr.	3
	11	53	33	tr.	tr.	2
	12	35	19	.04	.7	2
	13	47	22			1
	14	48	21			
	15	32	19			
	16	55	31	.01		
	17	54	34	.46		
	18	49	31	.53		
	19	47	34	.30		
	20	43	29	.02	.2	
	21	35	28			
	22	55	32	.50		
	23	35	8	.10	3.0	3
	24	32	9			3
	25	51	30			
	26	65	43			
	27	60	41	.15		
	28	58	31			
	29	42	25			