

STATION

NEWS

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WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
January 28	36	32	Trace of snow
" 29	36	29	.06 inches rain & snow
" 30	35	26	Trace of snow
" 31	33	14	Trace of snow
February 1	36	20	Trace of snow
" 2	28	13	Trace of snow
" 3	20	13	Trace of snow

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FEBRUARY FUN NIGHT A SUCCESS IN SPITE OF WEATHER

Last Monday night, 51 hardy souls braved the worst blizzard in several years to enjoy the "Round the World in 80 Days" costume party co-sponsored by Ceres Circle and the Station Club. The costumes were exceptional - it's regrettable that no one brought a camera to record some of these creations for posterity - or for publication in the program for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Experiment Station! Costume prizes were awarded (by a large, distinguished, and non-partisan committee) as follows: Funniest: Laura Lienk and Al Braun; Most original: Nell Glass and Charlie Sayre. Many other prizes were awarded to winners of various contests. All prizes were foods from foreign lands, and included such delectable dishes as sap sago cheese, imported mushrooms, anchovies, fried grasshoppers, and krupuk udang (or Java shrimp wafers!). Hearty thanks of all those who attended the party go to Nan and Sandy Davis for providing the proper atmosphere with their original decorations, to Alice and Robbie Robinson for the entertainment and prizes, and to Nell and Ed Glass for the excellent refreshments, composed of barbecued beef sandwiches with all the fixings. P.S. One green earring found after the party may be reclaimed from the Editor's office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Semi-Annual Re-opening Dates Enrollments of old employees (those employed for more than 90 days) are accepted in the Blue Cross Hospital Care Plan and the Blue Shield Medical Care Plan only on the University's semi-annual reopening dates. These dates are April 1st and October 1st. Due, however, to the requirements that all applications must be in at least 30 days prior to any acceptance date, applications must be received in the Business Office in Jordan Hall not later than February 26, 1958, to be accepted for insurance coverage on April 1, 1958. Enrollment forms may be obtained from Mr. Amidon.

RAW PRODUCTS CONFERENCE

The 33rd Annual Raw Products Conference of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association will be held in Jordan Hall February 11th and 12th. Drs. Atkin and Moyer will be on a panel on Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 which will discuss "Highlights of Bean Production". On the 12th Dr. Vittum and Harold DeBrine will speak on "1957 Experiments with the Precision Planter". Dr. Moyer will speak on "Apple Variety Tests as Related to Sauce and Slices". Dr. A. C. Davis will speak on "Drosophila Control in Tomatoes" and Roger Way will discuss "Elderberry Production in New York State." Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to the answering of questions prior to and during the conference. This session last year proved to be one of the best of the entire program, and we urge all in attendance to stay for this session.

RESEARCH MEN MEET

A meeting of the research men of the Vegetable Crops, Plant Pathology, and Entomology Departments was held in Jordan Hall on Tuesday at 10: A.M. to prepare the program for a vegetable advisory committee meeting to be held on February 18th. Dr. Manger, head of the Vegetable Crops Department in Ithaca, attended.

IN ITHACA

Dr. Crosier, Dr. Nittler, Dr. Clark and Earl Waters will be in Ithaca on Friday afternoon to confer with officials from Albany and Ithaca on details for the State-wide drill box seed survey.

SNAP BEAN COMMITTEE

There was a meeting of the Snap Bean Committee on Tuesday in Jordan Hall. This meeting was called to give members of the committee: (1) an opportunity to look at samples of fifteen of the newer varieties of beans that were picked at Geneva this year with the mechanical picker; (2) a chance to look at samples of 12 different seed sources of Kinghorn Wax Beans canned from test plots in 1957; and (3) a chance to look at samples of three white-seeded varieties: W.S. Improved Tendergreen, W.S. Slendergreen, and W.S. Top Crop, which have all been derived from back crossing in breeding work conducted by Professor John Atkin.

NEW GRAD STUDENT

We have a new graduate student in Food Science. Miss Marie Vorbeck, with a bachelor's degree from Cornell and a Master's degree from Penn State, will work with Dr. Pederson in Bacteriology. Marie is doing her graduate work at Cornell. She is staying with Leonard and Jean Mattick.

TO SPEAK IN OHIO

John Tompkins is leaving today for a 2 day trip to Columbus, Ohio. John will speak on his strawberry work to the 110th Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Horticultural Society.

STORK ARRIVES

The Glen McGuigans had a baby daughter on Friday, January 31st, at 9:28 P.M. Mary Katherine weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing fine. Congratulations!

A WORD FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

There have been several complaints about the parking situation. Loading and unloading points have been filled by personal cars. The traffic committee is aware that the snow makes parking space very scarce, but they say that loading and unloading points must be kept clear.

INTRODUCING MRS. FLINT

Meet Mrs. Mary E. Flint, in charge of the Bulletin Room in Jordan Hall during Mrs. Coe's three months' leave of absence due to ill health. Mrs. Flint is a native of Montana and has had experience as a medical secretary and as a stenographer with the Great Northern Railroad. Her husband is in the Air Force and they make their home with their three children at 196 Jay Street. Mrs. Coe is now residing with her sister on Carter Road.

IMPROVING

Word from the Ellsworth Wheelers in Amherst, Mass., tells of Ellsworth's continued improvement in health and that he is back at work "full steam ahead".

WHO ORDERED A COPY OF A GERMAN PATENT?

A copy of a German patent issued in 1943 to Dr. Shuphan on The Pretreatment of Fruits and Vegetables Before Freezing with Alcohol, Ether, etc., arrived at the Station from the U.S. Patent Office. The rightful owner may claim the patent at the Mailing Room.

SNOW STORM

The snow storm Monday night and Tuesday thinned out the ranks at the Station considerably on Tuesday. Most north and south roads in the country drifted pretty bad. This writer stood at the picture window and admired the Wind sculptured snow stretching down the hill and across the fields and our road. This moment of aesthetic appreciation was rudely interrupted by the lady of the house who owns a snow shovel. Well to make a long story short, the writer spent two hours clearing the driveway, got in the car, proceeded about two hundred yards down the road in a blinding snow squall and got stuck in a four foot drift. At this point my sentiments on this white stuff, and I'm sure they are shared, can best be expressed by the heading of this Station News. While we're on the subject of snow, the field crew is to be congratulated for the excellent job of keeping the Station roads and parking lots cleared.

BECOMES PRESIDENT

Dr. C. A. Elvehjem, dean of the University of Wisconsin Graduate School, has been named 13th president of the University. Dr. Elvehjem is well known to several members of the Station staff.

TO SPEAK TO WOMEN'S CLUB

Leo Klein will speak to the Women's Club of Geneva on Thursday night. Leo's topic will be Gladioli.

SOCIAL NOTE

Mrs. Charles Brisco from Santa Ana, California, is visiting the Hands. She is Dr. Hand's sister.