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BRIEFS

THE APPLE GERMLASM
MEETING

Among the many apple-related activities at the Geneva Experiment Station last week was the annual meeting of the Apple Crop Germplasm Committee (CGC) on October 24. The Apple CGC, chaired by Herb Aldwinckle, comprises a group of experts who provide technical guidance to Phil Forsline, apple curator at the Plant Genetic Resources Unit. Not surprisingly, many CGC members are current and emeritus Geneva faculty, including Susan Brown, Jim Cummins, Bob Lamb, Harvey Reissig, Roger Way, and Norm Weeden. Two new members were nominated for three-year terms, including Phil Baugher, an industry representative from Adams County Nurseries in PA, and Chris Watkins of Cornell University.

The meeting offered an opportunity for CGC members to be updated on service and research activities in the PGRU, including Phil Forsline's recent exploration trip to Kazakhstan, progress in cryogenic storage of apple germplasm accessions, digital imaging of the collection, and diversity assessment using molecular markers. A number of proposals for funding of apple evaluation projects were recommended, including three by Cornell project leaders. The CGC also endorsed an exploration into Southwest China, an area felt to harbor apple germplasm of considerable potential for crop improvement. Cooperative evaluation projects of material brought back from Kazakhstan have found some very useful traits for disease resistance and horticultural characters.

The CGC discussed progress in its efforts to evaluate the apple core subset. The core subset concept is a new strategy to improve utilization of germplasm collec-

*(Continued on page 2)*HUGH PRICE RECOGNIZED BY
EXPERIMENT STATION IN MICHIGAN

It was like old home days for Hugh S. Price and his wife Kathy, when they returned to the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center near Benton Harbor, Michigan, last week. Price, who has been chairman of the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva since 1990, was honored at a special ceremony at the center in recognition of the part he played in establishing the 350-acre research facility.

When Price was on the faculty in the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University (MSU), he was superintendent of a research farm in southwest Michigan called Sodus Horticultural Research Farm that did research on vegetable crops, small fruits, and grapes. While there, he worked closely with a broad base of growers called the Horticulture Industry Coordinating Committee to develop plans for the establishment of a new horticultural facility just east of Benton Harbor.

"In 1987, we received \$1.5 million from the state legislature to establish the new fruit and vegetable research farm," said Price. He was the chairman of the site selection and site development committees and guided the first planting of the various fruit and vegetable projects in 1988.

During the recognition ceremony, Price planted a burr oak tree in the "shovel of honor" tree-planting program at the southwest Michigan facility. In addition to this, the station's 1994 annual report was dedicated to Price "for the many contributions he made to the vegetable industry and particularly for his leadership in establishing the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center."

According to an article about the event published in the October issue of "The Great Lakes Fruit Growers News," Price became especially well-known and respected for his expertise in the production of tomatoes, cucumber, asparagus, and melons while he was at MSU. The annual report for the MSU station goes on to laud Price for "his pioneering work with no-till culture and rye mulch for tomato production"—methods still being used that were "an early step toward sustainable agriculture."



(BRIEFS, Cont.)

tions. It involves selecting a limited number of apple accessions (around 160) to represent the genetic variation available in the collections nearly 3,000 accessions. Five sets of the apple core subset were propagated in Geneva and planted in various U.S. locations. One of the subsets is in Geneva, under the supervision of Terence Robinson. Over the next few years, these plantings will be thoroughly characterized and the information loaded into the PGRU database.

SEED MERGER NEWS

The recent merger of Asgrow Seed Co. with Geo J. Ball's Petoseed and Royal Sluis has resulted in the world's largest vegetable seed company. The new company will be named Seminis but will continue to utilize the Asgrow, Petoseed and Royal Sluis brand names for sales.

Combined annual revenues for the new company are projected at \$5.2 million. In addition to agrobiotech facilities, and technical capabilities to increase yields per acre and develop disease and weather resistant crops, Semini will be the home of the world's largest vegetable germplasm bank, with production and research facilities in more than 25 countries and a marketing presence in over 100 countries.

SATELLITE PROGRAM ON BENEFITS SCHEDULED

Learn about current benefits information and have your questions answered by "the experts" by attending a satellite program entitled, "Making the Most of Your Benefits: It's Your Choice," from 9:00 am to Noon on November 28, in the Food Science Conference Room. The program, sponsored by Extension Administration Finance & Personnel and the Cornell Statutory Benefits Office, coincides with the period when employees have the opportunity to explore their health insurance choices and enroll in select benefits. The program will also focus on tax-deferred annuities and life and dental insurance programs. Representatives from Cornell's Benefits department, Extension Administration Finance & Personnel, and

from TIAA/CREF and Fidelity will present pertinent information and be available for questions.

Although this program is being presented primarily for employees who have extension responsibilities, many of the topics pertain to all statutory employees. An employee may attend part of or all of the program.

To reserve a space for the downlink or if you have any questions, please contact Charlene Dunham via QuickMail. FYI—The Conference Room can only accommodate 60 people. The program will be taped for those who cannot attend to view at a later date.

CHANGES COMING TO COMPUTER NETWORK

Two major changes, for which the Station has been planning for the past two years, will occur at the end of the year. See if either of the following affect you:

End of LocalTalk

Cornell will drop network support for LocalTalk networks at the end of 1995. Macintoshes on LocalTalk after that date will lose connectivity to the Internet and, unless alternative arrangements are made, to LaserWriters and other AppleTalk services at the Station. Computer Services personnel will be talking to departments over the next couple of weeks to assist with any final transitions that need to be made.

End of Prime

SAS, the last of the research software resident on the Prime computer, has now been installed on the the Sun system; instructions for using it will be available shortly. It is planned to remove the Prime from research activities on 31 December 1995. Procedures for transferring files from the Prime to the Sun have been worked out and Computer Services will assist with this task. We would, however, prefer not to do everything during the last work-week of December! Please do the following: (1) Take a look at your Prime files, directories and 9-track tapes and see what you want to keep (2) Call x289 if you have stuff that you want to move. (3) Have Patty set you up with an account on the Sun system.



MACFACTS

UNDO FORMATTING SELECTIONS

When using a Microsoft program, such as Word and Excel, you can undo selections made in a dialog box by clicking on the title above the list of options. For example, in Word's Character dialog box found in the **Format** menu, you may have selected to make text bold, italic, and all caps. With a click of your mouse, you can undo all these settings. Simply click on the **Style** heading above the list of style options.

CANCEL YOUR CHANGES

This never happens to you, but—if you type something in the entry bar in Excel and then change your mind, you have several methods for canceling the entry. You can click on the "X" next to the entry, press **Command-period**, or press the **Esc** key.

SAVE FILES IN A SPECIFIC FOLDER

You may want to save a new file with a group of related files in a particular folder. To save files while working in an application to a folder, select **Save** (or **Save As** if you already named the field) from the **File** menu. Click on the disk name or folder name centered above the left portion of the dialog box. You can use this as a pull-down menu to move to a different location in the hierarchy. When you see the name of the desired folder listed in the box, double-click on the name to open that folder. Then click **Save**. This dialog box works similarly when you select **Open** from the **File** menu.



**...from the
ARCHIVES**

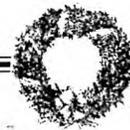
Top and center: Visitors arriving for the Station's 25th Anniversary in 1907. (Trolley tracks ran along the north side of North Street; tents are set up where the Triplex House is located now.) Bottom: Grange Picnic—c. 1900.



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18th Annual
*Holiday
Craft Show
and
Book Sale*

November 18
from 10 am to 3 pm
**in Jordan Hall
Auditorium**



Christmas decorations
ceramics
carved birds
paintings
jewelry
wooden crafts
needlework
dried flowers
and much more.
Refreshments
and lots of books.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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EVENTS • MEETINGS

Friday, November 3, 6:00 pm

Club 86, Geneva

Station Club Banquet

Monday, November 6, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Wednesday, November 8, 3:00 pm

Room A-133, Barton Lab

Chairs' and Unit Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language



DEADLINES

• **Friday, November 10**

Sweet corn progress reports and proposals due to Kathy DeRosa, Director's Office.

• **Friday, November 17**

Tomato progress reports and proposals due to Kathy DeRosa, Director's Office.

Aerobics



*at the
Sawdust Cafe*

beginning at 12:10 pm every
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Everyone is welcome!

No sign-up necessary

SEMINARS

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, November 7
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Brad Hillman
 Department of Plant Pathology
 Rutgers University, NJ
Topic: The Virology of Chestnut Blight

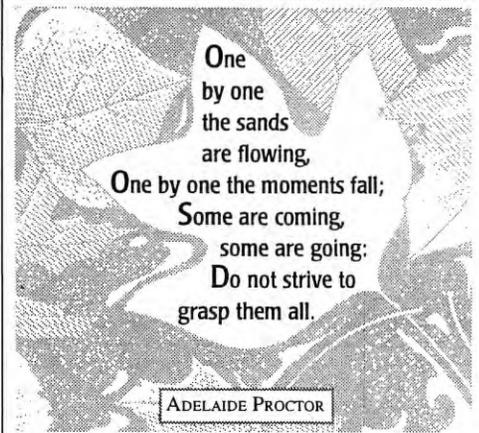
ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Thursday, November 9
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: The Paul J. Chapman
 Conference Room
 (Room 310, Barton Lab)
Speaker: Dr. Quentin Wheeler, Professor
 Department of Entomology,
 Ithaca
Topic: Systematic Biology and the
 Biodiversity Crisis

*Social interaction with speaker at 3:00 pm
 Coffee & cookies to be provided.*

Books Needed for Book Sale

Yes, it is that time again—November 18 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm in Jordan Hall. So gather your unwanted books—hard cover and paperback. *No magazines accepted.* Donate them to the Library's annual book exchange/sale. For every 3 books donated you may have 1 free selection. Books can be brought to Jordan Hall on November 16 and 17 during working hours.



One
by one
the sands
are flowing,
One by one the moments fall;
Some are coming,
some are going:
Do not strive to
grasp them all.

ADELAIDE PROCTOR

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1994-4X4 S-10 Chevy Pickup, 4.3L, V6, 4 speed automatic, like brand new. Will sell for \$14,500, which is \$1000 below dealer retail. Call Bob Kime at x269 or 315-585-2280.

FOR RENT: Three-bedroom apartment within walking distance to Station. Furnished or unfurnished. Call 781-2500.

FOR SALE: 1989 Dodge Colt Vista. 56,000 miles, 5-door, automatic, seats 7, good condition. Book value \$4550, asking \$3500. Available mid-November. Call Ian Horner at 781-2456 anytime.

MOVING SALE: Everything must go! Piano, microwave, TV, VCR, stereo, kitchen appliances, washing machine, dishwasher, 3-piece living room set, bedroom furniture, drapes, carpets, toys, cloths, etc. Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, starting at 9:00 am. 673 Castle Street or phone Ian Horner at 781-2456.

FRESH FARM LAMB: Custom cut to your liking, wrapped and frozen; \$2.25/lb + butchering (~\$15). Born in April; only three left. (FYI: One lamb yields about 45-50 lbs of meat.) Two recipes included with every order. Call Linda at x417.

SHEEPSKINS: Order now for holiday delivery. Washable tanned. Natural color. \$50-\$75 apiece, depending on size. Call Linda at x417.

CLEANING: General cleaning for homes and offices. Tired of scrubbing? For more information contact Kim Reisch at 789-7104.

FOR SALE: Computer desk, about one-year-old, five feet long x two feet deep. \$20/ negotiable. Call Kim Reisch at 789-7104.

FOR SALE: Acura '90 Integra LS, 89K, 2 dr., 5 spd, air, sunroof. Chevy S-10 Tahoe Pick-up '90, 45K, bed liner and cap. 3-Piece blue couch set. Queen size black lacquer bedroom set. All in excellent condition. Call Debbie x240 or Matt 789-6849.

FOR SALE: Baby rabbits. Mini-Lops. Seven-weeks old. \$7. Call John Ludwig at 539-3155

FOR SALE: Apple ImageWriter II w/cable-\$100, Hewlett Packard LaserJet IIp (includes cable hook-up for appletalk, postscript cartridge, and manuals)-\$400. Call Kwai-weng Wong at x317 or 789-2389.

FOR SALE: 1987 Hyundai Excel. Standard, four-door, five-speed, 50,000 miles. Body mildly rusted. Asking \$1,000 or best offer. Contact KerChung KUO at x367 or 789-2710.