



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 1988

STATION NOTES

GEC NAMES GLENN E. McGUIGAN 'OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE'



Shirley and Glenn McGuigan

Farm Services manager Glenn E. McGuigan, a 31-year member of the Station staff, has been named "outstanding employee" for the latter half of 1988.

He received the semi-annual award at the Station Club banquet held last Friday at Geneva's Club 86. McGuigan becomes the fourth recipient of the award sponsored by the Geneva Employee Council. Previous winners are John Watson, H.S., and Dave Lasher and Bernadette D'Amico, both B&P.

McGuigan was born in nearby Phelps. He attended Geneva High School and joined the Station in 1957 following two years of service with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Korea. His first job was with Entomology as a greenhouse and field worker. Following a transfer to Farm Services, he held a series of posts which led to his present position as manager about 10 years ago.

Farm Services, a unit of about a dozen people, is responsible for maintaining the Station's 81 greenhouses, 50-acre campus, and 750 acres of research fields, orchards and vineyards 365 days a year. It also has responsibility for all roadways, landscaping, fencing, land-preparation work and, as McGuigan puts it, "anything else that needs doing." In a recent review, the outstanding employee was cited for his "cooperative effort and adaptability in reacting positively to the many tasks with which Farm Services is confronted." The award was presented by Director Plane.

McGuigan and his wife Shirley, a part-time LPN at Geneva General Hospital, have four daughters...Sandra, Mary Kay, Doreen and Karen... and five grandchildren. He is a member of the White Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

The McGuigans plan retirement in January and are looking forward to taking their 35-foot motor home south in search of warmer climes. They are undecided about where they'll live in future years.

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, November 14
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Roger Way
Subject: Apple production in Japan

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE DISCUSSION SERIES

Date: Tuesday, November 15
Time: 12:00 noon
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Tony Shelton
Subject: Cooperative IPM projects for cabbage in Latin America

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Thursday, November 17
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: Room 310, Barton Laboratory
Speaker: Joe Kovach
Subject: Implementation of fruit IPM: Fact and Fantasy

STATION PEOPLE **24** DAYS WITHOUT
HAVE NOW WORKED A LOST-TIME ACCIDENT

E. P. (BUD) CARNEY DIES AT 48; MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

Co-workers of Bud Carney, Horticultural Sciences, who died Tuesday, November 9, are establishing a special memorial to him. Next spring, an appropriate tree will be planted on campus in memory of Bud. Any Station employees who would like to contribute to this memorial should send their donation to Gail Knapton, Hedrick Hall. Contributions may also be made to the Seneca Castle Fire Department or the Diabetes Foundation. These too may be sent to Gail

Knapton. Bud joined the Station's full-time staff in 1961 after two years as a temporary employee. He worked with Alan Taylor, Gary Harman and other faculty as a greenhouseman. He was very highly regarded as a resourceful and dedicated member of the seed research unit. The Seneca Castle native leaves his wife, Bonita, Food Science & Technology, and two children, James and Karen.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

Credit Union Retirement Seminar

To learn more about retirement planning, for yourself or other members of your family, plan to attend the Cornell Federal Credit Union Workshop "2020 Visions." Jeanne Hogarth, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Consumer Economics and Housing, NYS College of Human Ecology, will be the main speaker. She is state leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension programs in the area of family resource management, particularly financial management.

This seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m in the Jordan Hall

auditorium, NYS Agricultural Experiment Station, and is open to the general public.

Health Insurance Changes Discussed

November is the open transfer period in which to change health insurance coverage and/or select benefits. Representatives from the State Finance & Business Office, Ithaca will be in the Jordan Hall auditorium Tuesday, November 15 from 1-2:00 p.m to explain changes in coverage.

YMCA Membership

Renewing membership in the YMCA is **not** automatic. A letter will be sent to your home from the YMCA stating your renewal date. The member **must** fill out the membership forms obtained from Personnel. Filling out the forms is the responsibility of the member. Personnel does not have access to the Y membership files. Four business days after the forms have been returned to personnel, new membership cards may be picked up at the YMCA.

MEET YOUR INCOMING STATION CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Bruce LeClaire
Vice-President:	John Williams
Secretary:	Veronica Bailey
Treasurer:	Lorraine Barry*

1988-1989 Chairpersons

Recreation Policy and Sawdust Cafe- Gus Curtiss;
Membership- John Zakour*; *Christmas Party-* Jim Abbott;
Bowling Party- Matt Lewis and Liz Capozzi*; *Picnic-* Donna Gray;
Golf Tourney- Liz Capozzi* and John Williams*;
Banquet- Dave Lasher; *Athletics-* Harry Leichtweis*.

1988-1989 Dept. & Unit Reps.

Admin.- Kathy DeRosa; B&P, Sec., Fleet and Htg. Plant- Gus Curtiss; Ent.- Lois Brandt; FS&T1- Penny Lynn*; FS&T2- Bonnie Carney*; GR- Sue Dwyer*; G'house & Grounds- Louis Bellomo*; HS Hedrick- Sharon Krellner; HS Sturtevant- Cathy Roe*; IPM- Molly Ross; PP & Ag.&Mkts.- Pam Tyman.

* Also served last year.

Catalogs Now Available

Updated catalogs listing publications and other materials available from Cornell Cooperative Extension, and from the Station's Bulletin Room, are now available. The Cornell-Ithaca catalog lists about 500 items and includes many related to agricultural subjects. Listed items may be obtained through Media Services Distribution, 7 Research Park, Ithaca. Please call Sandy Antinelli, ext. 251, if you wish either or both of these listings.

Condolences

Sympathies are extended to LeEtta Henecke, Plant Pathology, on the recent death of her father.



Above, the Club 86 dance floor was jammed with chicken dancers at one point during the banquet and party last week. At right, Jim (IPM) and Sharon Tette were plucked from the crowd to lead an impromptu sing-along, and they responded enthusiastically. Below, Bud and Kathy (Ent.) Poole amid dancers.



MORE THAN 200 ATTEND ANNUAL STATION CLUB BANQUET

Some had steak. Some had chicken. Some fish.

But from all reports, *everyone* had a good time at the 1988 Station Club Banquet held last Friday at Club 86. The annual pre-holiday get-together provides an opportunity for camaraderie and socializing among all members of the Station team, and this year's banquet was no exception, as the above photos illustrate. Kathy (Admin.) and Paul (B&P) DeRosa were co-chairpersons.

A social hour and greetings from Club President Dave Lasher preceded dinner, after which Director Plane gave a brief "state-of-the-Station" talk. He referred to the need for consumer, grower and legislative endorsement of the Station's valuable work in research dedicated to supplying the state and the nation with the world's highest-quality fruit and vegetable products.

The incoming slate of officers (see box on P.2) was unanimously approved. An abbreviated treasurer's/auditor's report indicated that the Club is solvent. A 50/50 drawing (conducted by Pat Krauss and drawn by Mary Plane) was won by Madeline (Mrs. Gus) Curtiss and Dave Lasher Jr. Harry Leichtweis named Entomology winners of the summer softball league, and presented a special plaque of appreciation to retiring umpire Joe Pettrone.

Department and unit heads introduced new employees who were in attendance, and the evening concluded with dancing to the music of Nick Gillette and Company. In addition to the DeRosas, others planning and conducting the banquet included: Ken Livermore (Fruit Baskets); Tom DeYulio (Decorations); Barry Smith (Door Prizes/Raffle), and the Communications Services staff (Tickets/Publicity).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 p.m., auditorium, Jordan Hall: *Employee health insurance meeting*

Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 p.m., staff room, Jordan Hall: *Geneva Food Co-op dinner*

Wednesday, November 16, 10:00 a.m., Sheraton Inn, Ithaca: *Cornell Seed Conference*

Wednesday, November 16, 12:00 noon, staff room, Jordan Hall: *Cooperative Extension meeting*

Thursday, November 17, 8:30 a.m., auditorium, Jordan Hall: *DEC/Bureau of Pesticide Management meeting*

RACQUETBALL LADDER

No games scheduled.

225	Rixana Petzoldt	335	Wayne Wilcox
251	Matt Lewis	265	Ed Woodams
203	Jason Boyd	209	Joe Kovach
390	Jim McFerson	246	Gary Harman
390	Phil Forsline	239	Bruce Reisch
315	Tom Burr	245	Chuck Simon
206	Curt Petzoldt		

SAFETY WISE ADVICE

Did you know that the electricity we use in our homes is a potential killer? House current of just one or two amperes can "fry" skin tissue, producing a burn so deep and thorough that the affected limb may have to be amputated. The average household outlet provides a full 15 amps. It's known that more people die from low voltage household current than those who work on high voltage lines.

AGRINOTES

We Place Two in the 'Top Dozen'

A syndicated *Associated Press* feature article directed to newspaper food editors, quoting the International Apple Institute, listed two apples introduced by the Station as among the top dozen "most popular varieties" on today's market. Making the prestigious list published last week were "Cortland (1915)" and "Empire (1966)." Others included Crispin-Mutsu, Golden Delicious, Idared, Jonathan (a parent of the Station's Jonagold, Jonamac and Monroe), McIntosh, Red Delicious, Rome, Stayman, Winesap and York.

Farm Borrowers Pressured

The FmHA has set November 14 as the deadline for farmers who are delinquent in loan payments before new legislation requiring some form of settlement takes effect. According to the FmHA, about 90,000 U.S. farmers are six months or more in arrears, representing \$8.8 billion in overdue loan payments. While each case is to be considered on its own merits, FmHA spokespersons said that the legislation is primarily designed to help the farmer repay through refinancing, reducing interest rates, etc. as opposed to imposing punitive measures.

Fewer Agronomy Grads in the Northeast

A study conducted by the American Society of Agronomy and reported in the October issue of *Agronomy News* showed the Northeastern U.S. lagging far behind the rest of the nation in producing college-educated agricultural scientists. Figures for last year indicate that the Northeast had about 150 B.S. students of the 1,054 nationwide; 90 of the 536 M.S. recipients; and less than 50 of the 326 who received Ph.D.s in fields of study related to agriculture.