



WEEK OF MARCH 10, 1991

STATION NOTES

NINE EMPLOYEES TO RETIRE

Nine employees with a combined total of 243 years service will retire near or at the end of this month.



Grace Parsons



Al Meaden



Vince Johnson



Roberta Vicery



Pat Sattaneo



Frank Consolie



Rose Kohlage



Fred Sauer



*Ramon (Ray)
Mehlenbacher*

Grace Parsons, Research Support Specialist in Food Science and Technology, began at the Station in that department in 1956, and says that since then she has worked for at least 12 professors, and a couple of postdocs. She also admits that she has probably forgotten a few. Her duties over the years are too numerous to list here; some include: biochemical evaluation of plant materials following gamma radiation; assaying components of processed food products using gas chromatography; and pectin and sugar extraction. She has a B.S. degree from Cornell.

Grace was born in DeRuyter, N.Y., and now lives on Route 14 south of Kashong with her husband Gene, dog Gretchen, and two cats, Ginger and Gigi. Hobbies and other outside interests include: gardening, counted cross-stitch, needlepoint, knitting, baking, floral arrangements, western square dancing, and hand bells. She is a member of the Penn Yan Friendship squares, Ell-D-Van class of Penn Yan Methodist Church, Penn Yan TOPS, and hand bell choir.

In retirement, Grace plans to devote more time to hobbies and other interests, help Bob Shallenberger edit a book he is writing on sugars, and **Ignore the Alarm Clock!** She says what she will remember most about the Station is, "Friends and associates, and a long, interesting, varied, and at times, challenging career. She also says she will remember the snow on the window sills of the old Chemistry Building on winter mornings, and the move in 1960 from that building to the present Food Research Laboratory.

Roberta Vickery, also of Food Science and Technology, came to the Station in 1956, and worked her entire time here with that department as a Laboratory Assistant and Laboratory Technician.

She was born in Geneva, attended Geneva Public Schools, is a Freeman Business School graduate, and now makes her home in Phelps. Her hobbies include: horses, antiques, and rock collecting. She is a member of two indian historical societies.

She said that the things she will remember the most about working here are the old Chemistry Building, the move to the new building, and serving on the Geneva Employee Council. Roberta plans to spend some time enjoying hobbies and doing volunteer work.

A third Food Science retiree, **Al Meaden**, began his Station career in 1973 with the De-
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partment of Entomology working with pests of apples. He later moved to the Food Science and Technology Department where he served as stockkeeper. He was born in Middletown, Pennsylvania, and has an A.B. Degree from Gettysburg College and an M.S. from Cornell in general biology and science education. He currently lives in Geneva with his wife Pat. Al's interests range from HO model railroading to music. He is organist and choir director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls, and some may remember his piano playing with the "Station Ensemble" at the Christmas party a few years back.

Rose Kohlage, Communications Services, came to the Station in 1967 and got her start in Entomology before moving to Plant Pathology in 1969. She worked in Plant Pathology for 20 years as a science illustrator in the Photographic Laboratory before that operation merged with Communications Services in 1989.

Rose was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania (a suburb of Wilkes-Barre), and graduated from Penn Yan Academy with majors in secretarial science and music. She has also taken courses at Syracuse University, R.I.T, CCFL, and a number of classes through the Professional Photography Society of New York. She enjoys most crafts and many types of needlework, and is usually working on one or the other. She frequently volunteers at the Smith Opera House, and enjoys studying history, particularly the Medieval English period. She belongs to the Business and Professional Woman's Club, and served as President of that organization. She also served as Secretary of the Syracuse Industrial Chapter of the Professional Photographers Society of New York, and was also Secretary and President of the Station's Ceres Circle in the early '70s.

Rose sang with the Finger Lakes

Chorale for many years, and on two occasions the group performed with the Rochester Philharmonic under the direction of Erich Kunzel. She also sang with the group formerly known as the College Singers, and with several Methodist Choirs.

Rose is the mother of three children (all grown) and has five grandchildren. By virtue of her recent marriage, she has "inherited" two more children and three more grandchildren. The new bride and groom (Hank) live on Bennett Street in Geneva. Rose says that what she will remember the most about the Station is the "opportunity and pleasure of meeting people from other countries." Her retirement plans include: a full-time job at the Geneva Free Library, travel, more time for hobbies, and a possible move south—perhaps Virginia.

Pat Sattaneo started at the Station in 1977, and has worked for the entire time in Buildings and Properties as a plumber, heating plant relief man, and security guard. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and attended both public and trade schools in that city.

Outside of work, Pat is interested in antiques, old pictures and posters, and coin collecting. He is a member of the Geneva Coin Club. He says that he will most remember all the wonderful people he has worked with here at the Station. He and his wife, Rose, are the parents of three daughters: Josie, Marylee, and Michelle. In retirement, Pat plans to do some traveling and a little plumbing work.

Fred Sauer, Buildings and Properties, first came to the Station in 1970 after working with the railroad, and has worked as a plumber, a heating plant relief operator, and painter.

He lives in Seneca Castle with his wife, Joyce. (We are sure there is a lot more to be said about Fred, but this is all we have—friends in B&P describe him as "not a limelight kind of guy.")

Vince Johnson, also of Buildings and Properties, started in the boiler room as a heating plant worker, and moved to the plumbing shop a few years later. He was born in Philadelphia where he lived until he moved to Tyrone, N.Y. in 1970. He now lives in Dundee with his wife Lillian. They have three sons: Vince, David, and Mark. They also have eight grandchildren. He enjoys programming his computer, and playing chess and poker.

What Vince will remember most about the Station are the people who work here. He said, "I've had more than a few jobs the last 40 or so years, and I've never met more friendly and helpful people. It's like family in B&P. Dave Lasher and Bruce LeClaire and my Foreman, Barry Smith, are the best I've ever worked for. They were always willing to lend a helping hand," he added. "My co-workers are the greatest—I'll always remember them as good friends."

Vince says he has no big plans for retirement. He said he might do some plumbing jobs, and some buying and selling of various things. He added that he's looking forward to being his own boss.

Two others retired six months ago, but they have been around every day since. No, they are not candidates for volunteer of the year, but took part in a "lag retirement" program in which the employee continues working for six months.

Frank Consolie began in 1948 with the Department of Entomology and will be retiring from that department. He worked for most of that time with Dr. Harvo

Tashiro, and later with Dr. Mike Villani. While at the Station, he worked on insect related-problems of turf, small fruits, and ornamentals. One of Frank's duties involved going to various locations around the state to collect grubs, and he remembers being confronted on several occasions by local law enforcement personnel who thought his digging activities were a bit suspicious.

Frank was born in Geneva, attended Geneva Schools, and spent four years in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service during the Korean Conflict. Frank and his wife, Natalie, are the parents of three daughters—Nancy, Sandra, and RoseAnn. They have three grandchildren.

He says he will remember "the good old days" at the Station, and during retirement plans to travel and possibly join an organization such as the American Legion or VFW.

Ramon (Ray) Mehlenbacher, Food Science and Technology, started in the Station's Pomology Department in 1950 where he worked as a Field Assistant and Research Assistant before moving on to Food Science and Technology as a Laboratory Technician and later a Research Support Specialist.

Ray was born in Honeoye Falls, N.Y., went to High School in Avon, and received A.A.S. and B.S. degrees from Alfred Agricultural Tech and the University of Kentucky, respectively. He is an avid fisherman and hunter, a member of the Hydrant Hose Fire Department, and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Geneva. He lives in Geneva with his wife, Rita. The couple has three children—Jim, Pennie, and Vickie, and three grandchildren.

Ray says that among the many great memories he will take with him are the nice people he was associated with and especially his work with Dr. J. C. Cain in Pomology and his work in the Analytical Laboratory under Dr. J. Bourke and Dr. R. Durst.

Ray's plans for retirement include: fishing and hunting, home projects, babysitting the grandchildren, running beagles, shopping trips with his wife, visiting friends and family, and taking in the sunrises on local lakes.

We at the Station wish all the retirees the best of luck.

Joe Ogrodnick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 am
348 Morrison Hall, Ithaca
CALS Department and Section Chairs' Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 am
Lounge, Jordan Hall
Station Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm
Sawdust Cafe
English as a Second Language

Wednesday, March 13, 4:00 pm
Food Science Conference Room
Department Chairs' and Unit Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Finger Lakes Stamp Club

Thursday, March 14, 1:30 pm
401 Warren Hall, Ithaca
CALS Administrative Managers' Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 pm
Sawdust Cafe
English as a Second Language

Friday, March 15, 1:30 pm
Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Geneva Administrative Managers' Meeting
(Special RFA Seminar on Journal Entry Preparation)

Saturday, March 16, 6:00 pm
Town & Country Lanes, Pre-Emption Road, Geneva
Station Club Bowling Party

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, March 11
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Dr. Chris Wein, Associate Professor Fruit and Vegetable Sciences, Ithaca
Topic: Catfacing in Tomatoes: Causes and Possible Remedies

Date: Tuesday, March 12
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Dr. Robert A. Norton
NW Washington Research Unit Mount Vernon, WA
Topic: New Apple Varieties in Washington State: "From Down Under"; Japanese Imports; Breeding Program

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, March 13
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Room 133, Barton Laboratory
Speaker: Dr. D. P. Maxwell
Department of Plant Pathology
University of Wisconsin
Topic: Molecular Approaches to Control of Geminiviruses

Retirement Dinner Set

*A retirement dinner for
Rose Sticht Kohlage
is set for Saturday, April 13,
at Abigail's Restaurant.
A separate sheet with details
is being sent with Station Notes.
If you did not receive one
and would like to attend or
contribute towards a gift,
call Janice Valerio
at x314.*

PESTICIDE SAFETY SEMINAR SCHEDULED

The annual pesticide safety seminar will be held in the Jordan Hall Auditorium from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, March 27, 1991. Topics to be covered include: experimental use permits, emergency exemption reports, 2(EE) requests, special local need requests, CENET demonstration, and New York State and Federal regulations. All certified pesticide applicators should attend this seminar. Credits toward certification will be given, but the actual number has not yet been determined.

TRAVELOGUE SEMINARS

Station Club would like to determine if there is interest in restarting the noontime travelogue seminar series. This used to be a popular activity at the Station, whereby persons that had travelled to various parts of the world would share their slides and experiences. If you have some slides that you would like to share, please contact Tom Burr at x312.

GOURMET DINNER APPROACHING SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Have you signed up for this evening of good food, wine, candlelight, music and friendly company? If not, be sure to do so before Friday, March 15. Come and share that favorite entree or dessert of yours. All Station employees and spouses and/or friends are invited to Jordan Hall for hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. Please, bring your own personal table setting. A \$2.00 per person donation at the door will help defray costs. See you on Saturday, March 23, for a good time.

GEC NEWS

An exempt or non-exempt employee is urgently needed as Geneva representative on the Employee Assembly. The Assembly meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from Noon to about 1:30 pm. This is an opportunity to interact with the Cornell Community in Ithaca and present Geneva concerns. Interested persons should contact the Geneva Employee Council or the Office of the Assemblies at 165 Day Hall, Ithaca, for more information.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1982 Toyota Tercel. Standard (5-speed), good condition, \$1200 or best offer. Contact Nat at x312.

FOR SALE: 1990 12-inch black and white TV, \$60. 1988 Sanyo compact vacuum cleaner, \$30. Call Nat at x312.

FOR RENT: One-bedroom apartment 5 miles south of Geneva in restored farmhouse. \$320/month plus utilities. Contact Russ at x362 for more information or landlord at 789-4652.

MOVING SALE: 19" Hitachi color TV with remote, three years old, looks and works great—\$180. Deluxe Weider free weightset, 200lbs cast iron weights, straight bar, curl bar and two dumbbells, all chromed, with weight bench—\$180. Like new deluxe electric gelatino ice cream machine, no ice or salt needed, built-in electric freezer—\$75. Antique walnut chest of drawers—\$135. Antique mahogany dresser—\$85. Misc. chairs—\$8-\$12. Square table—\$10. Oak bookcase—\$35. Steel shelving—\$10. Kirby vacuum—\$25. Contact Dan Legard at x315 or 781-2669.

**Don't forget
DEADLINE
to sign up
for the
Station Club
Bowling Party
is today,
March 8.**