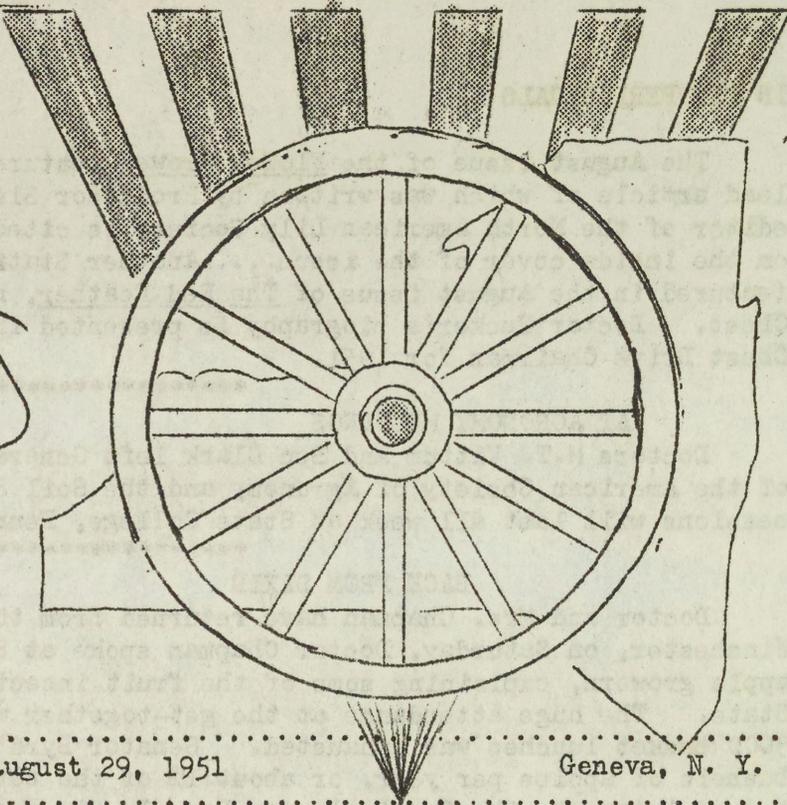


# STATION NEWS



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## STATE FAIR OPENING

Truckloads of exhibit material will begin their annual trek to Syracuse tomorrow in preparation for the opening of the New York State Fair on Saturday. The event will have an eight-day stand again this year. The Station's role at the Fair has assumed larger proportions in a wing of the Horticultural Building. Last year's mass display of apples is being modified into the form of the State Fair emblem, which will require a goodly supply of grapes. In an encore of the 1950 exhibit, new varieties and promising seedlings of tree fruit, grapes, and small fruits will be in abundance--a newly-built frozen storage cabinet being used for the cherries and berries. The plum curculio will be the main character in an exhibit being set up by the entomologists. It will present a panoramic story of the curculio's life cycle and his deepicable behavior, ending up with a sure-fire method for spelling his demise. This exhibit treats the problem from the home gardener's angle. The story of Professor Tapley's squash-breeding work is certain to be an eye-catcher in the Station's wing. A new squash which is destined to be a main item on baby's menu will hold the place of honor, and its lineage will be traced with specimens from the Station's plantings. Fair visitors will be given another opportunity to sign up for Farm Research in Professor Lockett's "voting booth" which will briefly sketch the Station's fields of research. Specialists from each Division involved will be in attendance to answer queries from the visitors.

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Those initials stand for David, Daniel, and Donald Haight, who are just a dozen days old today, and doing fine. Mrs. Haight returned home from the hospital on Saturday, leaving the squawling youngsters in the capable hands of the hospital staff until they have attained five pounds of avoirdupois. Eunice is currently deliberating whether to take them home one-at-a-time or all-at-once. There seems to be no one at the Station sufficiently experienced in cases of this sort to advise her. The interest of the Station group in the triple-birth phenomenon was expressed by a \$200 check presented to the proud mother last Thursday. Eunice sends a note of thanks in these words: "Please pass on to all my friends my sincere thanks. Words fail to express how much I appreciate all they have done for me, both in my time of greatest sorrow, and again now, at this happy time. To everyone at the Station--THANKS, from me and the 'three sons'." Sincerely--Eunice Haight. By popular demand, Station Club President Vic Hopkins has appointed a committee to serve as watchdog for the triplets. Heading the committee is Bob Wesselmann and he'll be assisted by Celia DeWall, Eleanor Warren, John Einset, and Zoltan Kertesz. Meanwhile, gifts of material goods and services have been heaped upon the family: Finger Lakes Exterminating Co.--complete refinishing job on the boys' nursery; Franklin Furniture Co.--\$50 in trade; J. W. Smith Dry Goods--blankets and clothing; Junior Shop--sweaters; Timely Clothes--\$15; D. Max Henry--insurance policies; Boy Scouts of America--registration in the Cub Scout program when the boys reach eight years of age; bank accounts in the National Bank of Geneva, Geneva Federal Savings & Loan, and Geneva Savings Bank; Brenner's Jewelry of Newark--3 tiny gold rings; and hand-knit sweaters and booties from a Mrs. Pappas of Canandaigua, a stranger to the family; Gerber's Baby Food Company and the Pet Milk Company are taking care of the babies' liquid and solid foods for their first year. In addition, Geneva's Welcome Wagon dropped a payload of merchandise and services at the doorstep, through the cooperation of 16 Geneva business firms. Contributions to the Keuka College piggy banks have been received from interested persons in the area and in distant places. The deluge of congratulations and gifts may have caused us to inadvertently overlook some of the benefactors. At any rate, we're happy to know that the youngsters are off to a good start in life.

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## IN THE PERIODICALS

The August issue of the Flower Grower features a section on lily culture, the lead article of which was written by Professor Slate. Some of his work as yearbook editor of the North American Lily Society is cited along with a photo of Mr. Slate on the inside cover of the issue....Another Station scientist, Doctor Hucker, is featured in the August issue of The Red Feather, mouthpiece of the city Community Chest. Doctor Hucker's biography is presented in an introduction to the Community Chest Drive Chairman for 1951.

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### AT AGRONOMY MEETINGS

Doctors M.T. Vittum and Ben Clark left Geneva on Sunday to attend the meetings of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America. The sessions will last all week at State College, Penna.

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### BACK FROM DIXIE

Doctor and Mrs. Chapman have returned from their weekend trip to Virginia. At Winchester, on Saturday, Doctor Chapman spoke at Senator Byrd's annual picnic for apple growers, explaining some of the fruit insect control practices in New York State. The huge attendance at the get-together was emphasized when the supply of 3000 basket lunches was exhausted. Senator Byrd's orchard produces over 1,200,000 bushels of apples per year, or about 1% of the total national production. As a matter of interest, the Senator's son Beverly, is production manager of the business and was a student at Cornell, under Doctor Heinicke. On their return trip to Geneva, the Chapmans called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steiner at Gettysburg, Penna. Mr. Steiner was an assistant in the Entomology Division here in the '30s. He is now technical manager of Knouse Industries.

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### FROM DURFEE TO MURPHY

Confirmation has been received of the appointment of Richard Murphy of Corning to the position of research assistant in Food Science. He occupies the job formerly filled by Horton Durfee. Mr. Murphy is a 1950 graduate of St. Bonaventure and completed his master's degree requirements at Cornell this year. He majored in chemistry. Though he has earned his master's degree, he's still proud of his bachelor status. For the time being, he is commuting daily from a cottage on Keuka Lake.

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### COINCIDENCE IN CLEVELAND

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Heit and family are keeping close tabs on the American League pennant race during their vacation. In order to do some first-hand scouting, the family went to Cleveland last weekend when both the Red Sox and the Yankees invaded the Indians' home grounds. As a small segment of the crowd of 70,000 which witnessed the Saturday afternoon struggle, Claude was understandably surprised to feel a sharp jab in the ribs. Clutching his wallet tightly, he turned to see the grinning faces of Foster and Lydia Gambrell, who just happened to be visiting her relatives in Ohio. Then, in unison, came exclamations to the effect that the magnitude of the planet is sometimes deceiving. Claude, by the way, took advantage of the trip to visit the Ferry-Morse plant-breeding plots at Rochester, Michigan.

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### OTHER VACATION NOTES

Former Station bacteriologist Bob Brooks and Mrs. Brooks are leaving their cottage at Billsboro today to return to their home in Missouri....Fred Munding is taking a couple of weeks off to catch up on a few little odd jobs around home..... The Slates are spending the week in Bernardston, Mass., where they are visiting his mother.

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### A MODERN KITCHEN

To aid in the taste-testing work in Sturtevant Hall, a completely equipped modern kitchen is ready to begin operation. It's located directly behind the vitamin laboratory and boasts the latest in culinary conveniences, including electric stove, electric dishwasher and garbage disposal unit, and cupboards galore.

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### VISITORS

Doctor and Mrs. Donald Tressler and family, of Chicago, called on friends here last Friday. While here, Doctor Tressler conferred with food scientists on the progress being made on the vegetable dehydration project....Visiting plant scientists here last week were K.M. Graham and J.B. Julien of Ottawa, and Gerard Denisse of France.

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### BEE EXPERT PASSES

Doctors Chapman and Smith attended the funeral of the late Professor E.F. Phillips, emeritus professor of entomology at Ithaca. The widely-known agriculturist died on August 21st.

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It may be a perfect marriage when a man marries a beautiful girl and good housekeeper, but it sounds more like bigamy to us.