



# STATION NEWS

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## PICNIC PRELIMS

In only 38 more days, the Station Club's Annual Picnic will take place at Cayuga Lake State Park. Another gala romp in the fresh air is in prospect and the committee charged with the event is rapidly taking shape. Mr. and Mrs. Wesselmann, general chairmen, have recruited the assistance of the following members: food arrangements--Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Gilmer; coffee brewers--(a return engagement by popular demand) Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins; coffee disseminators--Mr. and Mrs. Lamb; purchasing committee for dairy products--Mr. and Mrs. Holley; dairy product distribution--Mr. and Mrs. Swenson; adult physical development program--Mr. Barton; games for small children--Mrs. Wishnetsky and Mrs. Patterson. Pictorial documentation--Miss Catlin. There'll be further word as the plans progress--just hold the date open, Saturday, July 19th.

## GRADUATION

Monday was a milestone in the lives of several of the younger set known to the Station. As reported in last week's NEWS, Mary Hervey and Sylvia Hand were awarded their bachelors' degrees from Cornell and Swarthmore respectively and are about to embark on a European trip. Also at Ithaca, Harrison Jahn participated in two ceremonies, the first of which gave him his Bachelor of Arts degree; the second, an ensign's commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Harrison will report for duty at San Francisco on July 6th, to begin a two year tour....And former graduate assistant Ray Sheldrake was formally awarded his Ph D and has headed for more southerly climes.

## SUMMER INFLUX

Among the new workers who will be with us for the summer months are Barbara Calkins, Barbara Slate and Maria Pantidou who have returned for another season in Plant Path; Raymond Harrold and Robert Doran III, both back for a second summer in Veg Crops; Grace Overholser in Pomology; and Dick Larsen who will assist with the carpentry work. Back at his customary stand in Pomology is graduate assistant Roger Way.

## BLUE CROSS

Station employees who wish to enroll in the Rochester Hospital Service and/or the Genesee Valley Surgical Plan have until Friday to do so. The number of opportunities to join these plans have been reduced and a six month's wait is involved before the next enrollment date. If interested, please contact Miss Warren at 2920.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On Friday afternoon at the Geneva General Hospital, 7 lb. 6 oz. Claire Louise was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Robinson. Everyone's doing fine and our hearty congratulations go to the parents.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Henry Bennett returned to her home from the Strong Memorial Hospital on Monday.....And we're relieved to report that little Billy Shannon has won out in a battle with pneumonia which sent him to the Mercy Hospital in Auburn for a session in the oxygen tent. He returned home on Sunday.....Mr. Harlan's condition is reported improved, too.

## VISITORS

A Monday guest at the Station was Dr. F. P. Cullinan, assistant chief in the Bureau of Plant Industry at the USDA. He's an uncle to Seed Testing's Bette Cullinan.....Discussing fruit fungicides with plant pathologists yesterday was Dr. John Harry of the Boyce-Thompson Institute.

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## WEDDING BELLS

At a ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Miss Marjorie Wertman became the bride of Mr. Glenn Martin, a native of Ovid. "Marge" is the genial stenographer in the Fruit Testing Association's office. The Martins will reside at 138 North Street in Geneva.

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## STATUS CHANGE

Nathan "Beezy" Peck of the Vegetable Crops Division has moved into the graduate assistantship recently vacated by Ray Sheldrake.

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## CANADIAN GROUP VISITS STATION

As part of a tour of Central New York, about sixty members of the Eastern Ontario Crop Improvement Association, plus three county agents and four Canadian Department of Agriculture officials made a short stop at the Station yesterday. Consisting primarily of dairy farmers, the group was given an insight into the workings of the seed laboratory and the feed and fertilizer laboratories and then headed on for a look at the seed production work of the Robson Seed Farms.

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## OTHER VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes are visiting her parents in Waterloo. Bill was a research assistant in FS&T in the early forties and is now at the Northern Regional Laboratory in Peoria, Ill. ....Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klein for the week is his mother. She'll return to Canada this weekend when the Kleins go up for the annual Alumni Day at OAC....From California comes Mrs. Elliott Blakesley and her three children to spend a few weeks at the home of her parents, Professor and Mrs. M. T. Munn. The children managed to pick up the measles on the way across country and are recuperating at the Munn home.

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## HERE AND THERE

A recent letter from the Office of Experiment Stations tells us that former Station plant pathologist J. G. Horsfall, Director of the Connecticut Station has been elected a Fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A national leader in his field, Dr. Horsfall is noted for the development of several new fungicides and has pioneered in the use of chemotherapy for the control of plant diseases....Bob Larsen, Jr., a senior at Union College, is one of a select group chosen to serve as test engineers at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in White Oak, Md., for the summer....After a series of delays due to weather conditions, the Veg Crops gang is catching up on its tomato-planting schedule. Balmy Saturday weather called most of them to the field and they now report that 80% of their plants are in. Out on the pea variety trial plots, Prof. Sayre discloses that eight varieties are in bloom.

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## COLD WAR INVADES SCIENTIFIC FIELD

The April 25th issue of Science prints an exchange of letters between the president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the president of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States. The Hungarian president, Istavan Rusznyak, expresses the horror of Hungarian scientists over the fact that U. S. forces have been using bacteriological weapons to exterminate peaceful Koreans and Chinese. He then calls upon American scientists to raise their voices in protest of the ghastly deed being committed in the name of the people of the United States with instruments of science. American president Detley Bronk rebuked the assertion, citing the fact that Communist forces have refused an International Red Cross proposal that an inspection be made by a team composed of nonbelligerents.

The degree of organization of this form of propaganda became more apparent when Dr. Breed recently received a similar letter from members of the Polish Microbiological Society. Recalling action taken by 102 American delegates to the Fourth International Congress of Microbiology at Copenhagen in 1947, when biological warfare was unanimously outlawed by the Congress, the Polish group calls upon Dr. Breed to "do your utmost to put a stop to these inhuman activities, rivalled in past history only by the Nazi mass exterminations of millions of defenseless people in Europe during the past war"...."Not content with having almost completely destroyed the homes, farms and factories of 30 million Koreans, not to speak of the many hundreds of thousands of lives snuffed out through the use of American arms, the American military forces are transforming what is left of the country and its peoples into a gigantic laboratory for testing the efficiency of bacteriological weapons which it has been feverishly developing during the past ten years. And as though this were not enough, they are spreading the horrors of this form of warfare amongst the Chinese peoples who, for the first time in centuries, have liberated themselves from the yoke of feudalism and are now attempting to build their own future." The names of twelve members of the Polish delegation to the Congress appear at the end of the letter, and handwritten signatures have been affixed above all but one of the names.