

# STATION NEWS

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## A MILESTONE IS REACHED

A career which began at the Experiment Station 47 years ago will reach a milestone on July 1st when Professor Richard Wellington will retire from his official duties. It was on a hot day in July of 1906 when Richard Wellington, with a brand new diploma from Amherst tucked under his arm, trudged up Castle Street to his first assignment at this Station. With a feeling of apprehension he eyed the greenhouses in which every pane of glass was shattered. Turning the corner on to North Street, he felt his way cautiously among the foot-deep ruts of the unpaved road, lest his highly-polished patent leathers be splattered. So this was the Geneva Experiment Station! His fears were allayed shortly after meeting Director Jordan who informed him of the torrential rain and hailstorm which had recently passed over Geneva, ruining most of the crops--as well as the greenhouse windows. Mr. Wellington joined the division headed by Dr. U. P. Hedrick and became the third horticulturist on the Station staff. He earned his Master's Degree at Harvard in 1911 and, in 1913, he left Geneva for a seven year stint of teaching and research at Minnesota and Maryland, returning here in 1920 as associate horticulturist. In 1929, Professor Wellington became Head of the Division which has become world-famed for its contributions in fruit-breeding and the cultural aspects of pomology. His particular forte has been grape-breeding and a single glance at the stock list of the Fruit Testing Association attests to his productiveness. Of recent years, Mr. Wellington has been keenly interested in the merits of seedlings resulting from crosses of native grapes with French varieties, the Franco-American hybrids. Mr. Wellington has been a keystone in the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative, and has been its uncontested secretary-treasurer for well over a score of years. One of his most recent awards was the Jackson Dawson Medal presented to him and Mr. Slate in 1950 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for skill and achievement in the hybridization of hardy, woody, plants. Although Professor Wellington may relinquish his old stand in Hedrick Hall, we are comforted to know that his willing hand and winning personality will remain virtually in our midst since his horticultural activity will shuttle between his next-door home and the nearby farm of son John. Good luck, Dick. May you fully enjoy your future projects in plant work, unrestricted by work orders, time sheets, and progress reports!

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## OTHER STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Florence Peck has been appointed a laboratory assistant in Food Science. She is the wife of "Becky" Peck, graduate assistant in Veg Crops. Mrs. Peck is a graduate of the College of Home Economics at Ithaca and will work in the Quality Control Lab of Sturtevant Hall.

Dr. John Atkin, a native of Utah, is to fill the new position as plant breeder in the Division of Vegetable Crops on June 1st. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Utah and earned his Master's and Doctor's degrees at the University of California. The Herbarium on the second floor of Hedrick Hall is being modified to accommodate the new assistant professor. He and Mrs. Atkin and their three children are attempting to locate living quarters in or near Geneva.

Mr. LeRoy W. Nittler, who is currently completing the requirements for his Ph D degree at Cornell, has been engaged as an assistant professor in Seed Investigations, effective June 1st. Mr. Nittler matriculated in his native state of Nebraska in 1949, has been majoring in plant breeding, and minoring in agronomy and plant pathology. He'll be concerned with the trueness-to-type tests on grains and forage crops in the Station field trials. He and his bride of one month will make their home at 112 Jay Street.

Walter Clark, graduate assistant in FS&T, winds up his appointment here this month. He's completing the requirements for his advanced degree at Ithaca this semester and is accepting a faculty position in the Cornell School of Nutrition.

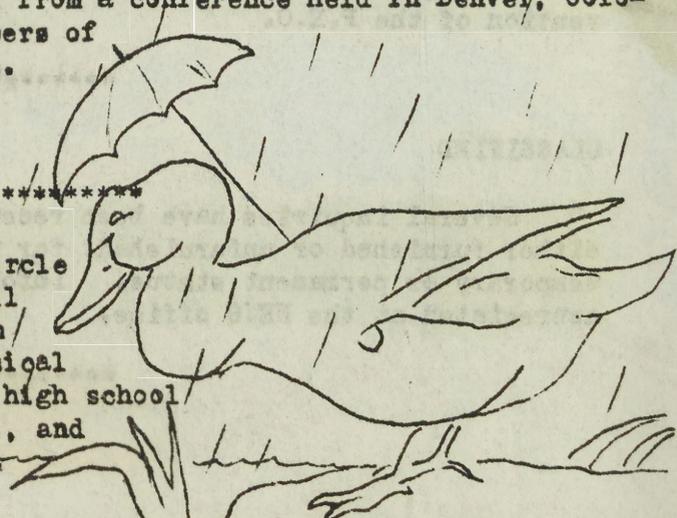
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## ATTENDS DENVER MEETING

Director Heinicke returned on Monday from a conference held in Denver, Colorado, last week. He met with other members of the Inter-regional Committee on New Crops. Mrs. Heinicke accompanied him to Trenton, Illinois, and spent the interval at her home there.

## CERES CIRCLE MEETING

The May 25th meeting of the Ceres Circle will be Guest Night and Mrs. Heinicke will be the hostess at her home. The program, chairman, Mrs. Hand, announces that a musical evening will be provided by two talented high school students from Geneva, George Abraham, Jr., and Jewel Hara, Sr. That's Monday evening at 8 P.M.



DR. HOFER BEREAVED

Dr. Hofer left for Chicago yesterday afternoon to attend funeral services for his father who passed away on Monday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

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THE YOUNGER SET

Our congratulations to Clifford Hand, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Hand. Cliff was the recipient of two scholarships within a few days, both of which will be utilized in furthering his education. A New York State scholarship was awarded him last week and a Cornell stipend was announced on Monday. Cliff will enter the Cornell College of Arts and Sciences in September to major in chemistry....Cliff will have company at the college town, too, for his sister, Sylvia, has enrolled for graduate work at the University....And Romaine Hervey, son of Dr. and Mrs. George Hervey, will register at the State College of Forestry in Syracuse, this fall, to embark upon his college studies.

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BURNED OUT

Word has been received in Geneva of misfortune which has beset a former Station family. About three weeks ago, the brand new home of Dr. and Mrs. George Pearce in Savannah, Ga., was destroyed by a fire which also consumed practically all of the family's personal effects. The fire apparently broke out while the family was away. The structure itself, into which the Pearces moved less than a year ago, was insured but the furnishings, clothing, and other effects were a total loss.

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BRIDGE PARTY THIS FRIDAY

The monthly meeting of the Station Club bridge fans will be held this Friday evening in Jordan Hall. Novices and experts, alike, are invited.

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HEDRICK HALL FREEZER ROOM FACES CLEANUP

If you have material in the Minus Forty Degree Room in the basement of Hedrick Hall, you'd better find other quarters for it by Friday morning. That's the day set for defrosting and cleaning and any unclaimed items will be put in File 13, according to the pomologists.

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CORNELL ORNITHOLOGIST TO RETIRE

The first professor of ornithology in the United States will retire in August. Dr. Arthur Allen of Cornell University has chosen the date to end his 45 years with the University. He has pioneered and excelled in the study and photography of birds and the recording of their songs.

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Dr. Maurice Bond of Ag Economics at Ithaca reports that he has closed the book on the hop industry in New York State. The death knell was prophesied several years ago and Professor Harlan conducted research in that line until recently. Extension Echoes informs us that the last hop farm in Central New York has now retired.

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CHIT-CHAT

Harrison Jahn dropped in for a surprise visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jahn, last week. Harrison, a Naval ensign, recently returned from a cruise on the U.S.S. Kennebec and has just completed a course at the anti-aircraft control officers' school in San Diego. He'll report on Monday to Newport, R. I., for service aboard the U. S. S. Severn....Dr. M. Rogosa and Mr. A. J. Beaman of the U. S. Public Health Service visited FS&T on Monday to talk about lactic acid bacteria with Dr. Pederson....Mrs. John Shafer and daughter of Logansport, Indiana, called on Station friends last Thursday. Mr. Shafer worked in Veg Crops back in the early '40s....Temporary workers in Entomology are Mary Hervey and Ronald Clark..... Mrs. Hening and Mrs. Smith were in New York City last week as delegates to a convention of the P.E.O.

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CLASSIFIED

Several inquiries have been received regarding vacant houses or apartments, either furnished or unfurnished, for people who are coming to the Station on either temporary or permanent status. Information regarding available quarters would be appreciated at the NEWS office.

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