



# Station News

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## SIGN-UP TIME FOR STATION CLUB

The election of officers at the fall banquet of the Station Club marked the beginning of a new year and the first activity of the new season will be the Christmas Party scheduled for December 21st. Customarily, the Club's membership drive is held in advance of the Christmas Party. This drive begins today and will run through December 2nd. The executive committee has circulated a questionnaire and followed this up with two meetings to lay plans for the new season. Members and non-members were given an opportunity to voice their opinions of the Club's policies and activities in the questionnaire. It was significant that the tabulation expressed overwhelming satisfaction with the status quo. About half of the responses were not averse to an increase in annual dues and several people expressed an interest in a dance club. The general reaction indicates that no radical changes are desired but the minority requests are being taken under advisement. A suggestion that new employees be invited to join the club upon first making connection with the Station is being adopted.

Also adopted by the executive committee was a change in the present scale of annual dues. Heretofore, a charge of \$2 per person has been levied upon members. This covered the costs of the Christmas Party, the Summer Picnic, and the Fall Dinner. Inasmuch as some members or would-be members are not desirous of participating in the Fall Dinner and since this affair mortgages the greater share of the dues, it was moved that annual dues be reduced to \$1 per person,--and a separate solicitation of the membership be made prior to the banquet. In this manner, the cost of the dinner can be adjusted at the proper time according to the desires of the members. The motion was passed.

Remember, membership in the Station Club is open to all employees of the Station and their families. Fuller participation means fuller enjoyment for all. The dues will be \$1 per adult member, no charge for children. This covers participation in the Christmas Party and the Summer Picnic. Those who wish to attend the Fall Dinner will be asked for the additional payment at that time. Serving on the membership committee this year are Mr. Hey, Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Lienk, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Szkolnik, Mr. Barton, Mr. Heit, and Mr. Wishnetsky. Your membership is an investment in future enjoyment.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas Party will spotlight the younger generation, according to an advance flyer from Mr. and Mrs. Klein, cochairmen. Sandwiched between the children's lunch and the visit from St. Nick will be a short program of specialty numbers put on by the kids, themselves. Talent is being lined up for the show by Mrs. Weselmann who states that there is room for a couple more of tomorrow's stars. The date for the party is December 21st.

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## WINTER HORT SHOW PLANS

The Director, in company with Professors Lockett, Glass, and Braun, met with the executive committee of the New York State Horticultural Society in Rochester, yesterday, to discuss plans for the Society's January meeting.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Attention is called to the fact that the Station has a new post office box number. P.O. Box 353 is now obsolete, having been replaced by P.O. Box 462. Please note this change in correspondence where the box number is used.

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## FILLING THE GAP

Mrs. Barbara Gray of Geneva is helping out with the Plant Path and Veg Crops stenographic duties. Mrs. Gray is a native of Niagara Falls and graduated from Geneva High School in 1950. Her husband, George Gray, is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. They have a one-year old son.

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Members of the Seed Department turned out in large numbers at the Gorham Methodist Church on Saturday to witness the wedding of their co-worker, Miss Virginia Hurlbutt, to Robert Woodard of North Syracuse. Our wishes for much happiness go to the newlyweds who will reside in Stanley after their honeymoon trip.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

This week is one long moving day for the John Watsons. They're vacating their Station quarters at 659 Castle Street in favor of life in the country. The Watsons recently purchased a farm adjoining the Newark Lake property. The Robert Lambs will move into the vacated Station apartment.

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ACCEPTS OREGON POST

Dr. Knud Swenson, assistant professor in Entomology, has announced his acceptance of a position as associate entomologist at Oregon State College. Dr. Swenson came to Geneva in June of 1951 and has been working on vegetable insects. He completed his undergraduate studies at North Dakota and earned his doctorate at the University of California in 1951. At Corvallis, he will be concerned with insect problems of nursery stock and ornamentals and will also teach a course in plant disease transmission. Dr. and Mrs. Swenson and their two children are planning to leave Geneva late in December.

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ERRATA

Attention is called to typographical errors contained in the recently-distributed mimeo sheet on "Preparation of Material for Lantern Slides". Line 12 should be corrected to read "and 35 spaces in width,....", while Line 15 should read "ber of spaces decreases to 28...".

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CHIT CHAT

Dr. Chapman told members of the Clyde Grange about the insect world at their meeting on Friday evening....Dr. Shaulis was the speaker at yesterday's Pomology Seminar at the College of Agriculture. Later in the day he attended the statistics lecture given by Prof. Snedecor of Iowa State. Prof. Sayre and Dr. Atkin also took in the lecture....Prof. Sayre met with members of the State Cannery Beet Committee in Rochester on Friday for a beet-cutting bee. The beets in question were tested for residues and off-flavors following weed control experiments of the past season...Doctors Pederson and Moyer are meeting with the Educational Committee of the Association in Rochester today....Tradition will hold sway at the College of Agriculture tomorrow when staff members and graduate students in Pomology will join in the department's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Several local people will be on hand for the 4:30 dinner bell....Barbara Slate, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. George Slate, has been awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key at Middlebury. Our sincere congratulations to the new PBK....The Vittum family is spending the week on vacation in Massachusetts where they are visiting at Mrs. Vittum's home....The badminton contest for which a number of Station people will journey to Rochester has been postponed from November 27th to December 4th at Kodak Park....Christopher Kertesz, son of Dr. and Mrs. Zoltan Kertesz, made the news this week as the result of a bottle-tossing episode. Seems that Chris mustered all the glass containers aboard the ship on the family's return from Ceylon in late September and proceeded to insert his name and address in them. At intervals, he committed the glassware to the care of Davey Jones, and two of the emissaries have fallen into responsive hands. These jugs were tossed overboard about 50 miles off the coast of Sicily and were picked up about a month later near Syracuse, Italy. Fortunately, the finders had a passing acquaintance with English and have begun an interesting exchange of correspondence with young Christopher....The call of the wild has taken the Station mailman to the woods for the week....And sick call in the guise of a virus has claimed several Station casualties over the weekend....Mrs. Middleton is taking a vacation from her books for the week....The Wesselmanns will spend Thanksgiving at his home in Dolgeville, N. Y.

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When Maude Hogan forsook her faithful Ford last week for one of the new-fangled models, we couldn't help reminiscing. And so it was that we were inspired to write this opus in iambic comptometer which, in lay terms, means that it bounces to the beat of "The Night Before Christmas". We call it simply, "Cardust Memories":  
For 14 long years it had served her right well--  
Neither thunder nor snowstorm its spirit could quell,  
She gave it the care of a boy's Christmas bike;  
Fondled it, groomed it, even pet-named it "Mike".  
But time marcheth on and its havoc it wrought  
On old Mike who was wheezing (his plumbing was shot).  
Now the Hogan garage holds a new quadra-cycle,  
And thus ends the tale of our Hoagy's car Michael.

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Two things to do this week: Have a happy Thanksgiving, and Join the Station Club.