



STATION NEWS



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SPRING IS HERE

Spring may have arrived Saturday night by the sun and the clock, but it really became official Monday afternoon with the Station's first grass fire. Stubble in the field back of the Station houses along Castle Street became ignited a little after 3:00 o'clock and led to a call to the Geneva Fire Department. However, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Sondheimer had everything pretty well under control, with some belated help from Bob Lamb, by the time the professional fire fighters arrived.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

By action taken at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University James Harlan has been appointed Professor of Pomology Emeritus, effective April 1st. Congratulations, Jim!

THE NEW LOOK

The Geneva Chapter, Civil Service Employees Association, will hear John O'Brien of the Middletown State Hospital and Fourth Vice President of the Association, explain the salary readjustment bill at their annual dinner meeting at the Legion home next Saturday evening. Out-of-town guests expected at the meeting include State Senator Harry K. Morton and Assemblyman Thomas Quigley. Results of the recent balloting for Chapter officers will be announced. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p. m. and Doctor Hofer and Mr. Pettrone can help you with reservations. Mr. Harlan, retiring President of the Chapter, will preside.

ROY SMITH FETED

The Food Science Department celebrated Saint Patrick's Day with a rousing party for Roy Smith who retires March 31st, having also recently celebrated his seventieth birthday. A gift presented Roy conveyed the best wishes of his associates for the years ahead.

LAND USE

A group of graduate students in the Department of Geography of the University of Syracuse will spend tomorrow afternoon at the Station, discussing land use with Doctor Vittum and Mr. Carleton. They will be accompanied by Professor Eleanor E. Hanlon.

MR. LIBERATORE

James Liberatore, better known to a long succession of Station employees as Jim, died last week, following a long illness. He was 90 years old. Jim first joined the Station labor force in 1919 and retired in 1933. His son Frank, now employed at Sampson, also worked at the Station for many years, mostly around the greenhouse.

NEW PRINTING CONTRACT

Word has been received from the Purchasing Department in Ithaca that the W. F. Humphrey Press here in Geneva has again been awarded the contract for printing Station publications. The Ithaca Engraving Company has been handed the engraving contract. Both agreements cover the fiscal year 1954-55.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We join his host of friends in congratulations to Maurice Bond upon his designation as Director of Extension, effective July 1st, when Director Simons retires. Doctor Bond grew up on a Vermont dairy farm near White River Junction. For the past several years he has been associated with the Department of Agricultural Economics at Ithaca where he specialized in the marketing of farm products. His knack for presenting statistical information in down-to-earth terms has made him an exceptionally popular and effective speaker. We wish him every success in his new job.

6 LBS., 13 OZ.

Lauren and Beverly Cole are the proud parents of Donna Lee who arrived March 19th. Mrs. Cole formerly worked in the Food Science Department. The Coles are now living on the East Lake Road.

STATION CLUB BRIDGE PARTY--FRIDAY, THE 26th, AT 7:30 P.M.--JORDAN HALL

A NEW WAY

Our congratulations to the Roger Ways upon the arrival of Edward Ralph, born March 18th at Clifton Springs. The young man weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 oz. Mother, father, and baby are all doing well.

NEW FRUIT BREEDER

Doctor Kenneth Hanson of Athens, Ga., has begun work in the Pomology Department. Professor Hanson received all of his training at the University of Minnesota, where he majored in horticulture and plant genetics and was granted the Ph. D. degree in 1952. For the past two years he has been engaged as horticulturist at the Georgia Experiment Station. He is married and has three children. For the present, the Hansons are living in Waterloo.

ON THE MEND

We are happy to report that Gay Swetland of the Vineyard Lab at Fredonia has left the hospital following a serious illness and is recuperating nicely at his home.

FROM ENGLAND

Miss Agnes M. Almond of Newbury, England, was a visitor here last Friday. She is a biology teacher in a girls' school and spent her time mostly with the pomologists and in the seed lab.

GREENHOUSE OPERATORS

A bus load of commercial greenhouse operators from the Cleveland, Ohio, area paid a visit to the Station yesterday as part of a tour that included Buffalo, Rochester, Ithaca, Corning, and points in between. They were particularly interested in phases of our work having to do with vegetable crop production. County Agent Harold Ward of Cleveland arranged the tour.

LETTERS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

USDA, the employee news bulletin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, quotes Secretary of Agriculture Benson as saying, "Write good letters, and write them promptly." Letter writing was the theme of the first monthly luncheon meeting of the Secretary with his immediate staff and service heads of the Department.

83--BUT GOING STRONG

We are indebted to Doctor Breed for letting us see a letter from Dr. H. A. Harding who was Doctor Breed's predecessor as Station bacteriologist, serving here from 1897 to 1913. He now makes his home at Baileys Harbor, Wis., where he is finishing a house "I have been working at for about 20 years....The original start was with some logs about 100 years old which had been in two previous houses. They are the Scandinavian type, standing vertically with plaster chinked between. They have been covered outside with insulation and clapboards and I have been finishing the inside with cedar studd vertically. Job is nearing completion...however, the patience of my wife is about at an end." Doctor Harding hopes to visit the Station, but says "my kid days are decidedly past."

TAKE IT EASY!

Men, be sure and show this to your wife! The Division of Safety of the New York State Executive Department in its March Bulletin stresses the hazards involved in cleaning up the yard and making home repairs after a winter of physical relaxation. "Either or both of these can so easily put unnecessary taxes on your system," states the Bulletin, adding, "Remember! The very purpose of such work rests squarely on the assumption that you will continue to live and enjoy the results. So, take it easy!" And so, when the little woman hints that it's time you got the yard cleaned up, the screens painted, the storm windows put away, the windows washed, and so on, show her this. And remember, too, that when she says, "A woman's work is never done", she probably means the part she asked you to do!

WHAT'S IT?

We receive some curious letters and right now one that is in a class by itself comes addressed to "The Entomologists of the Geneva Station" and is unsigned, undated, and has no address--all quite helpful in attempting an answer. (It was mailed in Geneseo, we know that.) Written in pencil, it reads as follows: "Can you tell me about a little black fly. it is so little, like a fine needle. you can hardly ever see it. now it seems to drop something, shape like a horse shoe. it eats in my furniture, even in my granite pans and my nice floors. I spray with Gulf soray it helps some, but not much. it would drive you crazy (NB. You can say that again!)....I will be watching our American Agriculturist farm paper for an answer. I hope it will stop it."

Girls, Just why do you call it a "permanent" wave?