



STATION NEWS

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TWO PARTIES

Two testimonial parties were held this week for Station employees who have joined the ranks of "former" employees through the process of retiring. On Monday evening at the White Inn in Fredonia a group of 16 persons gathered for dinner to do honor to Gay Swetland, formerly of the Vineyard Laboratory. Taking part in the festivities from the Station here were Doctor Shaulis, Professor Wellington and Professor Slate. Representing the Laboratory were Doctor Taschenberg, Don Crowe, who took over Gay's duties, Harold Crowe, and Floyd Frish. In addition, there were county agents, growers, and processors to wish Gay good luck and good health and to present him with a gift as a token of their esteem.

Then, yesterday afternoon in the Entomology Department, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hopkins were guests of honor at a party by Vic's former associates in the Department who presented him with a gift and all good wishes for the future.

TASTE TESTERS

Doctor George Oberle, formerly with the Pomology Department here and now with the Virginia Experiment Station in Blacksburg, joined John Einset Monday for a meeting in Hammondsport to evaluate new grape varieties for wine purposes. Doctor Oberle's wife and children accompanied him to Geneva and spent the time at the Einset cottage.

VISIT OAT TRIALS

Dr. R. H. Bradley, manager of the Certified Seed Growers Cooperative, and Professor N. F. Jensen oat breeder in the Department of Plant Breeding at Ithaca, joined a number of field inspectors for the Growers Coop last Monday in an inspection of the oat trials of the Department of Seed Investigations.

DR. MORRISON RETIRING

Doctor Frank B. Morrison who served as Director of this Station from 1927 to 1928 is retiring from the College of Agriculture on June 30th. Known internationally for his book on Feeds and Feeding, Doctor Morrison relinquished the headship of the Department of Animal Husbandry at Ithaca in 1945 to devote his time to writing and to working with graduate students. According to press notices, his book is now in its 21st edition and a complete revision is under preparation for 1956. Doctor Morrison's term of service here came between that of Doctor R. W. Thatcher and Doctor Hedrick.

JULY DATE OFF

With the July 4th holiday coming on the first Monday of the month, Professor A. H. Peterson will not pay his usual visit to the Station this month.

ENROUTE

Doctor Vincent Cochran and his family are spending a few weeks at the Conn's cottage on the East Lake Road prior to a sabbatic leave at the University of California in Berkeley. Mrs. Cochran is the former Jean Conn. He is Associate Professor of Biology at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

NEW LAB WORKER

Miss Jane Hubbard, a 1955 graduate of William Smith College, has begun work in the feed and fertilizer laboratory of the Food Science Department.

MOYERS DUE SUNDAY

We are indebted to Herb Pallesen for the latest information about Doctor and Mrs. James Moyer, our world travelers, who are expected to arrive at Sampson via Mohawk Airlines Flight 68 next Sunday evening. The letter was written from Honolulu on June 21st, and commented on highlights of their trip from Sydney to Hawaii. Jim has apparently acquired a British accent and talks about it being "bloody" chilly at the stops they made all along the line from Australia to New Zealand where it is now winter, but where central heating is not deemed an essential by the native population. He also sends word to Frank Lee about mountain pools in New Zealand inhabited by rainbow trout so tame that they will eat from your hand. Jim implies that Frank might have more luck there than in the streams and lakes of the Adirondacks which he frequents. We are glad to note that the Moyers have been recording many of their experiences by kodachrome which we hope to see at seminars and talks on their trip which began last October.

OUTWARD BOUND

Clif Hand was the first of a number of Station folks who will be traveling in Europe this summer. He left Saturday for two months of an "Experiment in International Living". He will live part of the time with a German family in Westphalia and will engage in hiking expeditions with German companions. And Mrs. Beulah Glasgow is leaving tomorrow by air for London on the start of a trip that will take her to England, Holland, Belgium, Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy. She expects to return the last of August.

MAKING PROGRESS

We are glad to learn that young David Gerard Nittler is making good progress at the Geneva General Hospital and now boasts the robust weight of 5 pounds, 2 ounces. It is expected that he will be going home very soon.

GOINGS AND COMINGS

Miss Norma Lerkins who teaches school in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and works for the Entomology Department in the summer, has returned to Geneva for her summer engagement....Leo Klein attended an alumni reunion at Guelph Agricultural College over the week-end....Doctor Carl Pederson has been nursing a stiff back for the past several days....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutschky visited the Station last week. Charles, who is now with Pennsylvania State University, was employed in the Entomology Department here from 1946 to 1949. Mrs. Rutschky worked in the Plant Pathology Department part of that time....The July issue of Farm Research is on the press.

ITHACA DATE

Heads of Departments of the College of Agriculture and the Station will attend a dinner in Statler Hall Friday evening in honor of Doctor L. B. Uichanco, Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of the Philippines. Dean and Mrs. Uichanco were recent visitors to the Station.

ANOTHER KEY

Another lost car key has been turned in. It is attached to a Goodrich tag which bears the inscription "104-452--New York World's Fair, 1940". It may be claimed from Mr. Amidon.

PEAS, BUGS, THE WEATHER

There's a lot of talk about the weather—most of it unprintable in a home organ like the NEWS. Irrigated peas are coming in with a pretty fair crop, but run-of-the-mill peas are not too good, according to the Vegetable Crop "specialists". The dry weather cut short the strawberry crop and other berries are going to be small, according to our "source". In fact the only agricultural commodity that seems to be thriving with the dry weather are the bugs. Codling moth and mites, particularly, like this weather, say the entomologists, with a threat of an invasion of aphids if it stays dry and warms up. But it's wonderful for picnics and you don't want to forget that date for the Station Club picnic at Cayuga Lake State Park on Saturday, July 16th. More about the details later.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Two engines, one at each end of a 500-mile straightaway on the Sante Fe Railroad, start toward each other at exactly the same instant, one going 60 miles per hour and the other going 65. A bumblebee flying 90 miles an hour starts in front of the engine going 60, flies down the track until it meets the second engine, flies back to the first, etc., shuttling back and forth until it is crushed between the two engines as they collide. How far does the bee fly? (See Vittum for the answer, we don't know!)