

STATION NEWS



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HOTTEST JULY 4th

Yes, it was hot on the Glorious Fourth. The "official" maximum for the day at the Station greenhouse was a round 98 degrees. This was one-half degree higher than any previous reading for the Fourth of July in the Station's records, which go back to 1883. In 1899 it got up to 97.5, but we are certain it was much hotter last Monday at 98. But then it might have been the coldest day of the month. Back in 1909, for example, the minimum for the month, 42 degrees, was recorded on July 4th, and in 1907 it went down to a low for the month of 46 degrees on Independence Day. Mr. Jahn says it was a real struggle to keep plants alive in the greenhouse over the last week-end. The heat, coupled with the prolonged period of drouth, is playing hob with small fruit and vegetable plantings not accessible to irrigation systems around the grounds.

THEY LIKE IT (?)

Doctor and Mrs. Moyer returned to Geneva over the week-end and are really soaking up the heat after just having left Australia's winter a few days ago. It is nice to have them back and we are looking forward to hearing about their experiences and seeing their pictures.

NEVER ABOVE 100

Miss Cullinan and Claude Heit have returned from the meetings of the Association of Official Seed Analysts at Oklahoma A. & M. College in Stillwater last week. It never got above 100 in the Sooner State, they report, but then they were housed in air-conditioned quarters where it didn't matter anyway.

LOTS OF CHERRIES

The Pomology Department announces that there is an abundance of sweet cherries to be had and that sour cherry picking will commence next week. Orders for large amounts should be filed with the Pomology office.

AT BELTSVILLE

Doctor Braun and his family have taken up residence in the vicinity of Beltsville, Md., where Alvin will be engaged for the next year on nematode investigations at the Plant Industry Station there.

DR. REINKING CITED

Doctor L. B. Uichanco, Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of the Philippines, speaking in Ithaca Friday evening on the FOA activities of Cornell personnel at his institution, mentioned Doctor Reinking's contributions as marking the beginning of the enterprise. Otto was in the Philippines under FOA auspices in 1949. Several years before he came to this Station as head of Plant Pathology he had organized a Department of Plant Pathology at the University of the Philippines.

PEA QUALITY

Professor Nazmy Elehwany of the University of Maryland and Mr. John Taylor, a federal-state raw products grader, have brought their mobile testing laboratory to the Station to try out a new method for measuring quality in peas. Starting with the pea harvest in Maryland, they have been moving north with the development of the crop, with stops in Pennsylvania State College and now are taking their final stand with the New York crop.

MOVING UP

Roger Bledsoe who has been serving as Assistant Director of the Florida Experiment Station has been named Associate Director as of July 1st. Roger was a member of the Pomology Department here from 1945 to 1947.

ALSO ADVANCING

Michigan State has announced the appointment on July 1 of George Axinn as assistant to the Director of Extension for program development. Since joining the staff at East Lansing two years ago, George has served as associate extension editor and extension television editor. Axinn held the post of Editorial Assistant here from 1946 to 1948 when he went to the University of Maryland.

VISITORS

Here for the day last Thursday was Mr. Ariyant Manjikul, head of the Plant Protection Division of the Thai Department of Agriculture in Bangkok. He inspected work in Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Pomology....Also on Thursday, Mr. Paris Trail of the U. S. Naval Proving Ground at Dahlgren, Va., toured the Station. A civilian photographer with the Navy, he is interested in natural history as a relief from photographing flying missiles and armaments. He was accompanied by his wife....Doctor Walter H. Buchi, Director of the Laboratory of the Fruit Union, Zug, Switzerland, spent yesterday in the Food Science Department.

MISS HORAN

Jean Elizabeth Horan arrived in this world on June 25th. Congratulations all around and particular to mother, the former Mary Louise Howe of Honeoye Falls, and to grandmother, Mrs. George Howe.

A PRIZE-WINNER

Lynn Schroeder must have set some kind of a record at the Phelps Central School graduation exercises for 8th graders the other day. Besides being one of 14 of the 50 graduates who received honor diplomas for maintaining an average of 90 or better (Guilford Mack, Jr., was also in this group), here are her awards: The alumni prize for the best average for the year, a 96! the PTA prize for the best average in English, the PTA prize for the best average in Social Studies, and the PTA prize for the best average in Science. Congratulations, Lynn! No wonder Bill is strutting these days.

FAMILY ARRIVES

Joseph Keplinger of Plant Pathology brought his family to Geneva from Maryland over the week-end. They will make their home at Mrs. Glasgow's, 23 Maxwell Ave., during her absence in Europe.

A FAMILY VENTURE

Our best wishes go to the Gigliottis for success in their new venture with the Socony-Vacuum station on Main Street across from the Armory. With Gay as the manager and Peter, Jr., and dad as helpers, the new venture is expected to get underway with a "grand opening" the week of July 17th. Gay and Peter, Jr., are in Syracuse for a two-week training course provided by the Socony-Vacuum Company.

SOCIETY NOTE

Announcement of the engagement of Marlene Crosier to Ronald Carpenter of Auburn appeared in the Geneva Daily Times recently. Miss Crosier, a 1955 graduate of Cornell, is at present employed as a chemist in the School of Nutrition in Ithaca.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Bob Gilmer comes up with a calculation that the bee mentioned in last week's NEWS as shuttling back and forth between two Santa Fe trains traveled 360 miles before meeting its fate between the two onrushing locomotives. So far as we know, Bob is the only one with enough energy and/or brains to figure it out, and we don't know how near right he is for Maurie Vittum, who started the whole thing, won't tell, if he knows.

KIBITZERS FOILED

Just as things were getting interesting at the site of the Indian burial ground at Pre-emption and Castle Roads a Supreme Court justice in Rochester grants an injunction to the Seneca Indians stopping excavation operations. The activities at the mound has become a point of high interest to Station "tourists" as well as to local citizens. A hearing on the injunction is set for next Monday. It has been proposed unofficially in the past that the State acquire the area and assign it to the Experiment Station for perpetual care.

JULY 16th

That's the date. The place--Cayuga Lake State Park. The occasion--the Station Club's annual picnic. The peas have come on too fast for the committee to give much thought to details, but we'll have full information on the event next week. So save the date!