

# STATION NEWS

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## FIELD DAY OVER

The big news this week is that August 20th is past and the combined Horticultural Society's meeting and the Vegetable Growers Association meeting and the Station's Open House are over. The Station was host to about 600 people, including Governor Harriman, who were quite interested in what we are doing and who took advantage of the opportunity to talk with Station scientists. The three buses worked to capacity all day, taking people out to the numerous field experiments. The auditorium was filled with visitors to hear Dean Myers speak at 1 P.M. Exhibits and displays in the various buildings also drew a large crowd. The ladies of the Geneva Garden Club again outdid themselves in a series of beautiful flower arrangements displayed in the museum in Jordan Hall. Our special policemen turned in a fine job of directing traffic and Wilson Hey's crew handled the parking problem so well, there was no problem. Everyone had enough to eat, and the refreshment stand did a land office business. To date nothing has been reported lost, and the only casualty requiring first aid was a youngster who stuck an ice pick in his finger. This combined Hort Society and Vegetable Growers Association Field Day was such a success that there has been talk of making it an annual affair.

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## GOVERNOR TO RETURN

Governor Harriman expressed regret that his visit Tuesday was so brief, but promised to be back on October 4 in connection with the Symposium at which he will be a speaker. The governor is also scheduled to break ground for the Station's new Food Science building on that date and plans to make a more complete and leisurely tour of the Station facilities. Incidentally, at a downtown luncheon on Tuesday the Governor said he hopes that invitations for bids on the new building will be sent out early in September.

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## THANKS TO ALL

Whatever success attended the Open House and Field Day yesterday was due to the cooperation and combined efforts of a great many people around the Station. Our sincerest thanks to those who performed the behind-the-scenes tasks of sign making, setting up the grounds, tour guides, and to those who served in the fields and laboratories in meeting our guests throughout the day. Reports by visitors returning to the information center after tours were highly complimentary and appreciative of the attention they had received all along the line. Thanks go also to the state and local police and the sheriff's office for controlling traffic, and to the Geneva Chapter of the Red Cross for operating a first aid station.

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## ATTENDING RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dr. Kertesz is attending the Food and Nutrition Sessions of the Gordon Research Conference being held in New London, New Hampshire, August 19-23. He will present a paper on "Irradiation Effects on Carbohydrates".

## STATE FAIR AHEAD

The next major event on the Station calendar is the State Fair which opens August 30th and runs through September 7th. Bob Larsen is the busiest man right now so far as the Fair is concerned, winding up construction work on "props" for the Station display. "Progress Through Scientific Research" will be the theme of the Station's exhibit which will feature better fruits and vegetables and better quality in processed foods through Station research. The Seed Lab is also setting up quite an ambitious exhibit on how to buy lawn seed mixtures, in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the State Seed Association. A new departure this year will be two printed brochures to be handed out to Fair visitors, one relating to the lawn seed exhibit and one to the Station display as a whole.

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## SPENDS THREE DAYS IN FREDONIA

Joe K eplinger spent three days last week in Fredonia. Joe was collecting soil and root samples in vineyards in connection with Station nematode research.

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## TAKE PART IN FRUIT TOUR

Leo Klein and Henry Bennett will be in Albion on Friday to take part in a Fruit Tour sponsored by the Extension Service.

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## BAGK FROM CANADIAN GLAD SHOW

Leo Klein took some glads up to the Canadian International Glad Show in Newmarket, Canada, last week and came back with a satchel full of prizes -- trophies and ribbons. Leo's "Lohengrin" won the best 3 spikes in the show award, the best single spike in the open division award, and received the Award of Merit from the board of seedling judges of the Canadian Gladiolus Society. This is their highest award. Leo says Newmarket is celebrating their 100th anniversary and the place is full of beards and old costumes, too.

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## STATION NOTES

Willard Robinson and Mrs. Gertrude Bennett brought home their share of prizes and ribbons from the Palmyra Fair Glad Show last week.

Mary Lou Dumbleton is back in the Seed Lab after a week's vacation. Mary Lou and Jack made a trip to Baltimore to see friends and while there took in their first major league ball game. They saw Mickey Mantle hit a home run.

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## FOUND

A double counter was left in Dr. Cain's truck last spring. The owner can claim same in the Pomology office.

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## AROUND THE FARM

Progress continues on the pipe laying for the new Food Science building. On this date most of the digging is centered in front of Hedrick Hall and Parrott Hall. .... The early apples are being picked as they mature, Wellingtons were picked last week and the crew went through the second test orchard this morning and picked one of the selections, N.Y. 16884. Color in the apples is very good this year. .... With the dry spell continuing the Station irrigation systems are being used steadily. On the Darrow Farm some crops have been irrigated three times which is as many times as they have ever been irrigated in the past, and if we don't have rain in a week or so, they will need a 4th irrigation. Since the days are getting shorter and the nights cooler, the consumptive use of water by the plants is decreasing but at the same time the drought is increasing in severity and the plants need more water so the demand will continue until we have rain.

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## IT'S VALUABLE

Incidentally, save your August 21st issue of the Democrat & Chronicle. It has a picture of Joe Pettrone in it showing Joe down in the bean field. I understand Joe is buying up the issue!