

STATION NEWS

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
August 26	73	47	Fair
August 27	75	50	Fair
August 28	80	51	Fair
August 29	86	59	Fair
August 30	88	65	Fair
August 31	89	54	Fair
September 1	62	49	.25 inches rain

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VEGETABLE VARIETY FIELD TRIALS

The north East Vegetable Variety Field days will be held Sept. 8th and 9th. The meetings will be held at Ithaca on Monday and move to Geneva Tuesday. At the Station they will visit the trueness-to-type trials of vegetables in the morning, then to the processing vegetable breeding plots at the canning crops farm. In the afternoon they will visit the plant introduction trials and end up at the variety trials at the Darrow farm.

VISITOR

Allan Shepherd, principal chemist at the Vegetable Processing Investigations, Fruit and Vegetable Laboratory of the USDA, will visit the Station today. He is interested in learning details of the work done at the Station on chlorophyll destruction during processing and subsequent storage of green vegetables. He will spend his time here with Austin Wagenknecht and Frank Lee.

TO SPEND SEVERAL MONTHS AT STATION

Miss Gordana Niketic from Yugoslavia arrived at the Station Tuesday. She came to the U.S. last January on a I. C. A. scholarship to study Food Technology in this country. She spent some time at the U. of Cal. at Berkley and more recently at Ohio State University. She will be here for three months and will work with Dr. Pederson on fermentation processes. While here she will stay at Mrs. Glasgow's.

VISITOR FROM INDIA

Professor O. S. Srivastava, lecturer from the Agricultural Institute at Rewa, India, visited the Station last week. He visited with Dr. Chapman, Dr. Gambrell, and other members of the Entomology Department.

VISITOR FROM ENGLAND

Miss Keep, a plant breeder from East Malling Station in England, visited the Station last week. She has been attending the Genetics Conference in Montreal and visited the Station pomologists.

NEW ARRIVAL

A son, Douglas Allen, born Sept. 2nd, 1 P. M., 8 lbs. 8 oz. to the Forshey's at the Poughkeepsie Hospital.

HOME FROM EUROPE

The Gilmer's have arrived home after Bob's six month sabbatic in England. Bob showed up at work on Tuesday and said they had arrived home last Tuesday, but had needed about three days sleep to recuperate from all the packing, traveling, and unpacking.

GETTING READY TO GO BACK TO HARVARD

Clifford Hand is home from a summer job at Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati. He will go back to Harvard Sept. 15th to do graduate work.

REPORT FROM THE STATE FAIR

What's good for black spots on roses? Why won't my apple trees bear fruit? My apples this year are covered with scab and insect injury, should I cut my apple trees down? These are just a sample of some of the questions being fired at us at the Station exhibit at the State Fair. We answer them as best we can but have decided we need a combination pomologist-botanist-horticulturist-plant pathologist-entomologist-agronomist and psychologist to do full justice to some of the queries we get.

This year the exhibit is one which invites a lot of comment and questions, and at the end of a day's stint the men on duty are slightly hoarse. The live material is holding up fine and the pea plants have grown a foot taller and the mandevilla plant has had three blossoms. There is a lot of interest in the dwarf fruit trees after we have convinced them that the trees are growing in the pots and not just branches stuck in. Also a surprising number of people have planted dwarf trees in the last few years and most of them are very happy with them.

The most common comment about the fruit which shows insect injury is, "That's what our apples look like this year." The folder on pest control are in great demand and we are pleased with our decision to supply folders only when they are requested.

And last but not least is the attendant's great relief at not having to be constantly asking people (boys mostly) to please not take fruit. We have to admit that the specimens of insect damaged fruit don't look very appetizing.

The plant introductions are a focal point and always attract people who became interested in their use and can follow the example illustrated, the breeding of a virus resistant processing pea variety.

GOIN CLUB

The Goin Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. in the Conference Room at Jordan Hall. Visitors are welcome.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Herewith is a letter to the editor from John Cain, Executive Vice-President (self acclaimed and appointed, representing 50% of the membership) of the "Flotsam and Jetsom Club". Regarding an antic in last week's Station News about another Station's member's attempt to join the club, "I would like to mention a few fundamental requirements for membership in this society:

- 1) The voyage from which the attempt is made must be (a) strictly solo, and (b) at a time when no one else has any knowledge of the undertaking.
- 2) The boat must be completely capsized by forces of nature at least $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from shore
- 3) No other boat must be within sight.
- 4) The applicant should preferably be wearing normal street apparel with full complement of items such as wristwatch, eyeglasses, billfold, shoes, etc. and not anticipate or make preparations in any way for the event.
- 5) White caps should be plainly visible on at least 75% of the waves in such manner that they break over the head of the applicant at irregular and unexpected intervals.
- 6) The temperature of the water should be such that only the very hardest members of the "Polar Bears Club" (a close affiliate of this society) would ever think of taking a swim.
- 7) He must spend at least two hours in the "Flotsam and Jetsom" position and be cast ashore by the said forces of nature slightly blue in color and shaking like discolored maple leaves in an autumn wind, still clinging to his beloved craft. (preferably on a rocky shore)

SCHOOL STARTS

Well, there was high excitement in this writer's home as two youngsters prepared for school this morning. Our eldest is entering second grade and is acting very worldly about the whole affair, but the youngest is entering kindergarten and is excited about riding the bus and is looking forward to the room with the candy cane on the door. The house will seem very quiet for a change.
