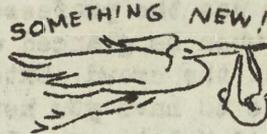


# STATION NEWS

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Toby Trail, weighing in at seven pounds even, arrived early in the morning of Election Day, Nov. 4th. All are doing well, including Dad. Congratulations!

A House organ for  
Station Employees

## WEEK'S WEATHER

DATE	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	PRECIPITATION
Oct. 28	44	41	0.32 inches rain
Oct. 29	51	39	0.34 inches rain
Oct. 30	51	43	Fair
Oct. 31	61	34	Fair
Nov. 1	48	27	Fair
Nov. 2	45	28	Fair
Nov. 3	53	33	0.17 inches rain

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## OPEN HOUSE — 1958

Jordan Hall is strangely quiet today. No patter of little feet, no shrill voices exclaiming over the wonders of science, no rows of solemn-eyed youngsters munching and crunching on snappy Macoun and Monroe apples while the professors expound on their several displays. So now we ask whether the Open House was a "Success". Just how does one measure "success" in such a venture? If it is by attendance, we would have to say that it was only moderately successful. From registration figures and observation, we believe that about 1,500 persons viewed the exhibits and demonstrations, with fully 80% of the number 16 years of age or under. This includes the Lazy Club "opening night" and the delegation of science teachers who closed the event with their visit Monday afternoon. But judging from audience reactions, we feel that the Open House was a success and that it accomplished its primary objective — to show scientific research in action. Certainly the unsolicited comments by teachers, adult participants, and young people themselves testified to this fact and were evidence that, for them at least, the visit to the Station was well worth while.

Our unqualified thanks go to all who cooperated so whole-heartedly in planning and setting up the exhibits and demonstrations and in manning them so effectively. Our special thanks go to Paris Trail who put in many hours of "overtime" under considerable stress of a severe cold and family complications and to Joe Pettrone who took care of our shop requirements with Bob Larsen and his crew tied up with pressing construction jobs.

Our thanks, too, to the hostesses, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Flint, Barbara Smith, Gertrude Catlin, and Millie McGuigan; to the girls who operated the elevator in Hedrick Hall, Joyce Bennett, Mary Lou Dumbleton, and Nancy Incho, with the cooperation of some of the high school contingents; and to the corps of guides, including Don Crosier, Jerry Gibbs, Ralph Clark, Floyd DeJohn, Don Schiner, Larry Lewin, Ken Hamson, George Slate, John Tomkins, and Karl Brass. Much of the time the guides simply "stood by", but when they were needed, they were needed badly, and they did a splendid job of keeping things running on an even keel during the peak periods.

And of course, there was Wilson Key's crew who stepped in to give a hand in setting up and dismantling the exhibits and the rooms in Jordan Hall. Scarcely anyone at the Station escaped entirely from having some part in the affair, and its success is a testimony to the wonderful cooperation experienced throughout the week.

## BILL CUMMINGS

We note with sorrow the passing of William Cummings last Friday, following a long illness. Bill was a familiar figure around the Station for many years as a member of the Fruit Testing Association crew. He retired early in 1957.

## SOME HIGH LIGHTS

There was a taxi cab driver trying to deliver a passenger to Jordan Hall Thursday morning when school busses were arriving and the place was jumping with youngsters. "My God what's going on here, they having a Bingo game?" he asked.

And then there was the professor who was talking earnestly to a group of high school students when he glanced up to see a tall gentlemen with a friendly smile on the fringe of the crowd. Extending his hand in greeting, the professor said, "Well, it's nice to have you here, Governor Harriman." Only it wasn't the governor, but President Malott, who later commented it was evident that he would have to get around the Geneva Campus more frequently in the future.

Some cynics, seeing the director place a basket of apples in front of the poster at the entrance to the auditorium which bore a quotable quote from him on the need for agricultural research, thought the objective was to attract readers to the quotation. If so, it failed of its purpose as few got beyond the little sign above the basket that read "Help Yourself".

A high school science teacher wrote, "I have seen many attempts to educate school groups. So many times the day is replete with things to make impressions and entertain. We and the kids see through these fakes-- We'd rather see the truth no matter how seemingly dull and easy going than a peppy fake. If your's was a fake, we were sure fooled. We thought you were continuing your tests and experiments today as you did yesterday-- 'Research in Action'.

But we liked best of all Dean Myers comments to the Agricultural Council following their tour, when he said, "You have done more than a good job in public relations, you have done an excellent job in public education. I know it has taken a lot of time and hard work, but I believe it is well worth while."

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## SEMINAR SPEAKER

Claude Heit will be the seminar speaker tomorrow evening at a meeting of the silvaculture staff and grad students in the school of Forestry at Syracuse University. His topic will be "Coniferous Tree Seed Testing in the Laboratory and Fields".

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## ITHACA MEETING

A long list of speakers from Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Seed Investigations is included in the program for a three-day meeting on the Ithaca Campus, starting next Tuesday. The Sessions include the 20th annual New York State Insecticide and Fungicide Conference and the 11th annual Pesticide Application Equipment Conference. Doctor Chapman and Doctor Hamilton will preside at two of the sessions. The meeting is largely attended by industry representatives.

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## RECENT MEETINGS

Doctor Gambrell attended a conference on European chafer control of the Japanese Beetle Laboratory, Moorestown, N. J. last week, where he discussed quarantine regulations with officials of the Plant Pest Control Division of the USDA .....

And Doctor Smith attended a joint meeting of the Chemical Institute of Canada and the Canadian Entomological Society in Guelph, Ontario, where he presented an invitation paper reporting cooperative research with Doctor Wagenknecht.

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## A GOOD CITIZEN

Lynn Schroeder was honored by her classmates and the faculty at Phelps Central School the other day when she was chosen to receive the DAR Good Citizenship Award.

Lynn is a senior and the selection was based "on the Highest standards of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism". Congratulations, Lynn!

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## SPOOKEREE WINNERS

Described as the "Best Yet", Geneva's Spookeree parade Halloween evening saw costume awards go to several Station youngsters, including Robert Braun and Paul and Ken Barton.

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Fortune teller: "You'll be poor and happy until you are forty."

Client (Hopefully): "Then What"?

Fortune Teller: "You'll get used to it."

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