

# STATION NEWS

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## WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
Dec. 2	30	17	Trace of snow
Dec 3	37	27	Trace of snow
Dec 4	43	35	Trace of snow
Dec 5	40	16	.12 in. of rain-3,3" snow
Dec 6	21	17	Trace of snow
Dec 7	26	14	Fair
Dec 8	26	15	Trace of snow

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### STAFF MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Karl Brase, Bob Gilmer, and George Schaeffer left Monday for New York City. They will attend a meeting of the technical committee of NE 14. NE 14 is a fruit tree virus project. The meeting will be held at the New York Botanic Gardens.

John Tomkins and Al Braun left Monday for Brant, New York to confer with County agents and growers on plans for the small fruit section of New York State Horticultural Society Meeting to be held in Syracuse in January.

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### AMONG THE AUTHORS

The 1958 proceedings of the Association of Official Seed Analysts is just out. The Seed Investigations Department is well represented in the Publication, 7 out of 23 articles being authored by members of the Seed Lab.

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### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Station Club membership drive has been quite successful. It looks like we will pick up enough new members to put the membership over 200. Morrie Vittum, chairman of the membership drive, wishes to express his appreciation to his committeemen for their efforts.

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans are progressing for the Station Children's Christmas Party next Tuesday December 16th at 6 P. M. The Tashiro's are the General Chairman with the Fenton Carruths in charge of the Children's supper, Alice Middleton in charge of the Adult tea, the Wagenkhechts in charge of entertainment, (Bring your hoops, there will be a hula hoop contest) Incidentally Austin is scouting for talent and will be happy to include on the program anyone clamoring to perform. George Schaeffers is in charge of decorations. Remember, the party will start at 6.00 P. M., Tuesday, December 16th. There will be milk, cookies and ice cream for the youngsters and of course Santa Claus is expected to drop in later with a load of presents. Honorary members of the Station Club are cordially invited to attend.

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#### NEW BUILDING

We made a tour of the new building Tuesday morning. Its colder than the northeast corner of the north pole around there but at least all the mud is frozen solid. The construction crew is working rapidly, they have made up time and are now within a week of their original schedule. Most of the window frames are in and most of the workers are working inside.

The bricklayers are working on the refrigeration rooms and are surrounded by a dozen or so 5 foot torches which are blazing away. As a consequence the refrigeration rooms are the warmest place over there. Down in the basement under the pilot plant the big room is a maze of curved and looped pipes. The radiation chamber is a big empty room with four feet concrete walls and a hole in the floor. The first floor coming in from North Street is open and empty now and you can get an excellent idea of the floor space before the partitions are put up.

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#### STORK ARRIVES

The Bravermans have a son born on December 7th in Geneva General Hospital. He weighed in at 8½ pounds and has been named Alan Joel. Congratulations, all!

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#### SPEAKS TO BIOLOGY CLUB AT GENEVA HIGH

Gordana Niketic spoke to the Biology Club at Geneva High School on Monday afternoon. She talked about her work here at the Station and something about the school system in Yugoslavia.

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#### CONVALESCING

Donald Splittstoesser is getting along fine after an operation in Geneva General Hospital. He expected to be home last Monday.

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#### NEW HOME

The Harold Grippens have moved to their new home on RD 1 Oak Hill Road, Waterloo. Harold says they have a big garage, able to hold the boat and might even be able to squeeze in the car. With all the fishing Harold and Ginger do each summer they figure their farm is just the right size — one acre.

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#### SCHOLARSHIP DANCE

Remember the Scholarship Dance at the Geneva Country Club this Saturday, Dec. 13th, from 10 until 2. Get your tickets from Cap Bigelow or Ken Hanson.

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#### ED MAC GINN

Ed Mac Ginn, former janitor at Jordan Hall, died at his home Sunday after a long illness.

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#### INFORMATION PLEASE

As most of us know our Station specialists receive and answer a continuous stream of mail. This varies from letters requesting information to containers of various objects which people want identified. In the belief that we can understand the other fellow a little better if we know of some of his problems. Here are samples of the more difficult queries.

Some of these are almost research problems in themselves — such as this one, asking for "the effect of water transpiration of trees on the evaporative cooling of dwellings". Others pose difficult identification problems — such as this one accompanied by an apple core in a high state of decomposition.

"The apple was so good we ate it. Can you tell us from the shape of the core, what kind of an apple it was? We never saw a core so large. The skin was yellow green with sort of brown specks on it. It always seems to have a sticky substance on the outside. It had a delicious aroma, was large in size and sort of sloped down on one side. Are they common in this area? This tree is on New York Ave. I happened to park there and picked up a few of these because they smelled so good. It's on an empty lot, I'll bet when the lot is sold, this wonderful tree will be cut down. Sure would like to know the name of it."

However nothing ever really stumps our experts, they always have some answer to send. In this case it was pointed out that the core was so decomposed that identification was not possible from the remains. However, if the writer (a lady) would send in some samples next fall we would be happy to identify them for her

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#### QUOTABLE QUOTES FROM THE MONTHLY LETTER, ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Workers want to be treated as members of a team, to be kept informed of company matters that might affect them, to have their suggestions received with attention, to be promoted according to their merit, and to work under supervisors they can respect. People are concerned not only with getting the necessities of life but also with getting them in a way that maintains their self respect.

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