

areas. He will return to the Station March 1, 1960. Congratulations, Don!

IN THE MEANTIME

Pending Doctor Barton's return, Doctor M. T. Vittum is serving as Acting Head of the Vegetable Crops Department. Vit came to the Station in 1946, following a year's service in the Navy. Prior to that he had held positions at the Connecticut Experiment Station and at Purdue University. He is a graduate of Massachusetts State University, with an M. S. from Connecticut and a Ph. D. from Purdue.

BUILDING CEREMONY

Next Tuesday at about 3:00 P. M., the new Dean of the College of Agriculture, Dr. Charles E. Palm; the Controller of Cornell University, Prof. A. H. Peterson; the Director, heads of departments, and other interested persons will assemble at the new Food Science Building for the ceremony of stuffing the Relic Box which will be sealed in the foundation of the building for archeologists to puzzle over in the year 2059. Among Station items to be deposited in the box will be the brochure, material from the 75th Anniversary Symposium, Farm Research, the Geneva Times special feature edition issued at the time of the 75th Anniversary, a recent annual report, etc. Formal dedication of the new building is contemplated for next spring when it is hoped to have the Governor and other State officials present.

NURSERYMEN COMING

Next Wednesday, July 8th, the Station will be host to the New York State Nurserymen's Association. The nurserymen are holding their summer meeting at Ithaca, starting Monday, and will spend Wednesday morning here. Several demonstrations are being arranged for the auditorium in Jordan Hall, with trips to the Plant Introduction and flower seed trials and the Rootstock farm.

SOCIAL NOTES

The Vegetable Crops Department entertained Professor and Mrs. Sayre at dinner at Caruso's last Wednesday, with 26 present. Professor Sayre was presented with a gift.....Veg-Crops also figured conspicuously in another important social event last week, marking the culmination of a Station romance. Miss Barbara Smith and Donald Lunick were united in marriage in the Lutheran Church here in Geneva Saturday. Barbara and Donald will continue in their jobs in the Department until September when Donald will resume studies at Springfield, Illinois Seminary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

The NEWS will be 36 years old tomorrow. On July 2, 1923, the pulse beat of Station personnel quickened with the appearance of an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet mimeographed on one side and said to be designed "to keep all of us informed of matters of more or less general interest to the staff." Many times since then we have felt that it was too bad somebody didn't tie a rock around the newborn progeny and drop it in the lake. Gleaned from the "pages" of that first issue is the enlightening bit of information that, "On July 1 the administration of the Station passed into the hands of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, with Dr. R. W. Thatcher holding the title of Director of Experiment Stations. Dr. Thatcher also becomes a member of the Agricultural Council of Cornell University and will direct the staff research of the College of Agriculture, the Cornell University Experiment Station, the Geneva Station, and the Long Island Vegetable Research Farm."....It is also recorded that, "Dean Mann (of the College of Agriculture) writes that it is their intention to push the request for a new horticultural laboratory building (now Hedrick Hall) at Geneva before the next Legislature....The Geneva Times is also reported to be planning "to devote an entire page to agricultural matters every Saturday night."

THE RAINS CAME

And they set some kind of a record with almost 3 1/2 inches within a 90 minute period last Friday afternoon, just as the reception and tea for Professor and Mrs. Sayre was getting underway. The weather did not dampen the spirit of the occasion in the least, although it did prevent some folks from getting to the party, particularly where baby sitters were rained out....A quick check around the Station reveals that probably the worst damage was done on the Canning Crops Farm where there was serious erosion, although the extent of the damage to the experimental plots has not yet been determined. There was also considerable washing in the Plant Introduction plots, the flower seed plots, and on the Darrow Farm. Incidentally, the precipitation on Darrow was 2.25 in. as compared with 3.4 at the greenhouse. Probably the most annoying thin in connection with the storm was the shut down of power due to flooding in the basement of the greenhouse where the transformers are located. Serious damage was averted by prompt action by the greenhouse, heating plant, and farm crews.

REMEMBER THE DATE

Saturday, July 11, annual Station picnic at Cayuga Lake State Park. Details later.
