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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 15 - 10:00 a. m. - Morison Hall, Ithaca - Department Heads Meeting
- 15 - 8:00 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Board of Directors, Citizens Committee for the Rural Public Schools
- 16 - 10:30 a. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Vegetable Crops Seminar: Zinc & phosphorus interactions affecting production of sweet corn, T. L. Jackson
- 16 - 8:00 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Farm Bureau District Meeting
- 16 - 8:00 p. m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Seneca Lake Waterways Assoc. Weed Committee
- 17 - 9:45 a. m. - Conference Room, Food Science Building - Wine Industry Technical Advisory Panel
- 17 - 10:00 a. m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Dry Bean Research & Extension Advisory Committee
- 17 - Noon - Auditorium, Jordan Hall - Station Club Travelogue - Larry Kelts will show slides of trip to Indian Ocean including some of marine biology
- 17 - 3:30 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Station Seminar: Problems of Insect Control in Hawaii, F. L. McEwen
- 18 - 10:30 a. m. - Auditorium, Jordan Hall - Commodity Sugar Beet Meeting
- 22 - 8:00 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- 22 - 8:00 p. m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Area 4H Council
- 23 - 10:30 a. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Vegetable Crops Seminar: Relation of Calcium Nutrition to Hypocotyl Necrosis of Snap Bean Seedlings, S. Shannon
- 23 - 4:00 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Annual business meeting of Sigma Xi
- 23 - 7:30 p. m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Stamp Club
- 24 - 10:30 a. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - N. Y. Farm Bureau Maple Syrup Meeting

RAW PRODUCTS CONFERENCE HELD

More than 150 processing plant managers, processing fieldmen, raw product quality control personnel, growers, and extension specialists attended the 41st Annual Raw Products Conference held on our campus February 8-9. The representation from industry, compared to the number of our staff attending this conference, was far better this year than in the past 3 years. Bob LaBelle and Dan Farkas were primarily responsible for arranging the first day's program, and they are certainly to be congratulated for an excellent job. In fact, everyone who appeared on the program both days made excellent presentations, and really communicated with this highly important group.

COMMENDATION FOR SNOW REMOVAL CREWS

Wilson Hey and his entire crew are to be congratulated for the excellent job they did in clearing streets, sidewalks, and parking areas from the avalanche of snow we had almost 2 weeks ago. They were asked to work long hours, did so without hesitation, and provided us with the best possible driving, walking, and parking conditions to be had under the circumstances. We applaud you, gentlemen.

NEW BUILDING PLANS

In tonight's paper most of you will undoubtedly read the Times' Annual Forecast Section for Geneva industries. The Forecast for the Geneva Station is most optimistic: Before the current State Legislature are proposals for constructing on our campus a Soils and Pottery Shed to be built at the main greenhouse range, a Raw Products Building to be constructed across from the Food Research Laboratory, a General Services Building that involves the elimination of several old buildings on campus, and, of course, the new Entomology-Plant Pathology Building. All are slated for occupancy in or before 1968. Remember, with the exception of the Entomology-Plant Pathology Building, the proposed buildings are pending contingent upon approval of the Legislature. Also in the current budget before the Legislature is a request for \$150,000 in additional funds, about a 5% increase, that would allow opening of several new positions, plus enough left over to buy some needed equipment.

ON THE SADDER SIDE

Word was recently received that the Federal Congress is considering cutting Hatch Fund appropriations by 20 per cent. Although the Geneva Station receives only 10 per cent of the total Hatch money received by Cornell University, it still could hurt certain projects in each of our six research departments. Everything possible is being done to see if the Congress will reinstate these funds, so there is still hope.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note the calendar of events for the next 2 weeks. There are a number of interesting seminars scheduled, and we suggest you might wish to mark them on your individual calendars.

STATION CLUB SPONSORS ANOTHER TRAVELOGUE

The series of noon travelogues recently initiated by Station Club has proved to be a resounding success. The next such noon session will be next Thursday, February 17, in the Jordan Hall Auditorium. Larry Kelts, Plant Pathology, will be the presenter and plans to show slides of his trip to the Indian Ocean. He also will include slides of marine biology that he took on this trip.

JOHN NATTI IN DENVER

John Natti, Plant Pathology, spent February 8-10 participating in an organization meeting to form a nation-wide project on bacterial diseases of beans. The meeting was held in Denver.

Incidentally, John's wife, Patti, will long remember the 1966 blizzard. She and a group of Girl Scouts got snowed in at a camp near Auburn. Patti says it was 5 days of scouting and 5 nights of pajama partying. Two Steinkraus children were at this camp at the same time, and Keith helped dig the group out.

SPECIAL MASS SPECTROMETRY WORKSHOP

Most of you know that the Station recently acquired a mass spectrophotometer. Bendix Corporation, builder of this instrument, in cooperation with M. J. Seavy & Sons, is sponsoring a special Mass Spectrometry Workshop this Saturday for interested persons within the State University complex. This is not a Cornell sponsored meeting - we are providing the facilities - so attendance at the meeting is by invitation only. So far, we understand 50 reservations have been made, several of which are from the Geneva and Ithaca campuses.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Lew Hicks has returned to Food Science as a research technician. Lew is not new to the Station, but leaves us from time to time to take additional schooling. Last semester he attended Auburn Community College. Now that he is back at the Station, he will be working on pesticides in the analytical laboratory section of Food Science.

Laverne Norsen, Plant Pathology, has resigned his position in that Department effective February 14. Laverne has taken a new job at Newark State School.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS REPORT

Kathleen O'Hara, Vegetable Crops, was taken ill quite suddenly 2 weeks ago. She was, for a time, in Geneva General Hospital, but recently was moved to Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital. Latest reports indicate that she has shown a slight improvement.

Jim Lockett, my predecessor, and perhaps one of the finest gentlemen this Station has ever known, is recuperating at home following eye surgery. He is reported to be coming along nicely. Jim has had a rough go with his eyes the past several months, and we hope he has seen the last of this problem.

Willard Robins on fell recently at his home while doing some painting, injuring his right shoulder. He is currently a patient in the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, but expects to be discharged soon.

The brightest news, however, came from my Department this week. Robin Trail had her cast removed Thursday, February 3. She was confined to this back breaker for nearly 10 months, and I'm sure you know her feelings about being released from this prison. Paris says she has grown 4 inches, which means a whole new wardrobe. We admire her courage and congratulate her on the success of the operation. Oh yes, Paris is particularly happy because he no longer has to tie her shoes.

WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Rain, melted snow, etc.	Snow, sleet, hail
January 29	10	-2		
30	15	6	.15	1.7
31	18	10	.35	4.6
February 1	20	16	.12	1.5
2	27	12	.05	.8
3	31	14	.04	.6
4	29	15		tr.
5	28	17	.02	.3
6	20	8		tr.
7	26	-2		
8	27	5		
9	36	9		
10	44	35		
11	49	39	.12	