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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 9 - 6:30 p. m. - Lafayette Inn - Annual Dinner Meeting Ladies' Night,  
Sigma Xi and University Club
- 10 - 9:30 a. m. - Conference Room, Food Research Laboratory - Cornell  
University Advisory Council
- 11 - 7:30 p. m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Stamp Club
- 12 - 9:00 a. m. - Conference Room, Food Research Laboratory - National  
Kraut Packers Association
- 12 - 8:00 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Farm Bureau District Meeting
- 16 - all day - CSRS review
- 16 - 7:30 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Barbershop Quartet
- 17 - 4:00 p. m. - Tour: Cub Scouts
- 19 - 10:00 a. m. - Jordan Hall - Ontario and Seneca County Extension Service:  
"Family Life Leadership"

## FARM RESEARCH REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETS

A three man committee composed of Ward W. Konkle, Editor, Agricultural Science Review, Washington, D. C.; Delmar Groves, Nations Agriculture, American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, Illinois; and Bruce Miner, Experiment Station Editor, New Haven, Connecticut met May 3-5 on the Ithaca and Geneva campuses to review the future of Farm Research. The first day, the group met with Professor Ward and his staff on the Ithaca campus and Wednesday it met with not only our

editorial and art staff here, but also members of the Publications Committee, Department Heads, and Director Barton. We have nothing but a fine commendation to give the Review Committee for the way in which they conducted this analysis. Having a review of this sort is a most difficult job, and depends to a large extent upon the Committee members not committing themselves in any way while asking questions, thereby getting as an objective appraisal as possible of the publication involved. This Committee was a master at asking blunt but extremely fair questions regarding past experiences of Farm Research, getting the thinking of many persons on our staff about the purposes of Farm Research as we see it, and even gave our department an excellent review of its over-all publications and services program.

Yesterday the Committee met with Director Barton and others involved from the Ithaca campus to give their oral report. This is to be followed with a formal written report at which time we will probably learn the decision of the Deans and Directors regarding the future scope of this quarterly publication.

#### HANDLE THOSE PESTICIDES CAREFULLY

Morie Vittum passed on to us one of his frequent interesting news items. This particular item happens to deal with a newspaper story that appeared in the Hartford, Connecticut Times on March 25 of this year and we thought you might be interested in reading it because it serves to warn all of us, and particularly those who handle pesticides or other dangerous chemicals that we must take extra precautions to make sure that a disastrous accident cannot possibly happen. Also remember that Wilson Hey and his crew are picking up old herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, nematocides, solvents, and other unneeded chemicals Monday, May 9, and will take them to Ithaca for disposal the next day. Following is the article as it appeared in the Hartford Times.

#### "Boy, 5, Dies; Found Arsenic Near Home"

The above is quoted from the Hartford, Connecticut Times of March 25, 1966. It continues "South Windsor - a five-year old boy died of sodium arsenite poisoning Thursday night, State Police reported . . . . State Police said he evidently found the arsenic in a can in a field near his home."

Actually 24 discarded cans were found in a weedy ditch located near a housing development and three potato fields. Five cans were of 1965 vintage; the others were rusted and the labels disintegrated. Sodium arsenite was the active ingredient--an herbicide used on potatoes as a vine killer--in a Springfield Rendering Company product.

The boy drank from a can--luckily four other youngsters, 2-1/2 to 6, playing with him, did not; they may have been told not to try it by the one who did.

The grower, it was reported, was being held for manslaughter!

Accidents like this do not improve the general public's image of those who find pesticides essential. Agriculture cannot afford this kind of publicity nor can we escape it after incidents like this.

This death did not have to happen. But a farmer let it happen because of the way "empty" pesticide containers were discarded.

Do you know of places where "empty" pesticide containers have been left around where children or animals can discover them?

Have you made sure that those you work with know how to dispose of pesticide containers? When you see "empty" containers improperly disposed of, do you try to correct the situation, or do you "stick your head in the sand?"

Remember! Whenever a small child is poisoned accidentally, some older person has done something wrong.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS IN GENEVA, MAY 10

Next Tuesday, members of the Advisory Council for the College of Agriculture and the Agricultural Experiment Stations will meet in the Food Research conference room here in Geneva. A broad outline of the research, teaching, and extension activities of the College of Agriculture is on the agenda, and Director Barton will present a discussion on the Station's new building program, along with other comments about Station activities. As many of you know, Director Barton appointed last December a committee to evaluate present functions and objectives of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, and to advise the Station's representative serving on President Perkin's committee to study the College of Agriculture. The completed report has been prepared and presented to the faculty of the Geneva Station and is slated for discussion at the Advisory Council Meeting as well. Members of the committee included Bob Shallenberger, Chairman, John Cain, Ben Clark, Bob Gilmer, Dave Hand, Freeman McEwen, Nelson Shaulis, and Morie Vittum.

## NATIONAL KRAUT PACKERS MEET, MAY 12

In cooperation with the College of Agriculture and Cooperative Extension, the National Kraut Packers Association are meeting on May 12 in the Food Research conference room. Among the scheduled program items are a cutting bee of commercial samples, a review of the hybrid cabbage program in New York, and a review of the Geneva research program in insect control with suggestions for cabbage insect control in 1966. John Stamer, Mike Dickson, John Natti, and Freeman McEwen are responsible for this section of the program.

## LABELLE NAMED SECRETARY OF IFT

Bob LaBelle has been elected secretary of the Western New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists. Dan Farkas and Willard Robinson will serve as councilor and alternate councilor respectively. These elections took place on April 22 at a joint meeting with the Toronto section of the Canadian I. F. T.

## MEETINGS

Don Splittstoesser attended the American Society for Microbiology Meeting in Los Angeles this week. He also planned to visit the U. S. D. A. Laboratories in Albany, California and the National Cannery Laboratory in Berkeley.

Dave Hand and Dan Farkas attended the 80th Annual Meeting of the New York State Cannery and Freezers Association held at Kiamesha Lake, New York, May 1-4.

Don Ourecky spent all last week on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley area establishing raspberry and strawberry trials. We understand that Don is not particularly sold on Station cars.

Paul Chapman went to Houston, Texas April 21 and 22 for the premiere showing of a film on the use of spray oils and control of pests of citrus and deciduous fruit trees. The movie was prepared by the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and material in the film was based in part on spray oil research conducted at Geneva. As an aside to Chappie's trip, he was given an inspection tour of NASA headquarters. The following week a cameraman and a Humble representative came to Geneva and Chappie and Sig Lienk worked with them in taking spray scenes in an orchard near Sodus to fill a deficiency in the film.

## COMBINED SIGMA XI AND UNIVERSITY CLUB BANQUET SCHEDULED

The annual ladies' night dinner meeting of Sigma Xi and University Club is scheduled for May 9 at the Lafayette Inn. Dinner is set for 6:30 p. m. Tickets

are \$3.25 per person and may be purchased at the door. The speaker is Dr. Charles R. Weston, Department of Biology, University of Rochester, whose discourse is entitled, "Mars--the Biological Quest."

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS REPORT

Steve Corcoran is reported to be making satisfactory progress at Strong Memorial Hospital where he underwent back surgery on April 26.

Gertrude Catlin is rapidly returning to good health following a 2 week's illness which also involved a trip to the hospital.

Dorothy Lynch makes the illness report this week after falling in her kitchen and pulling a ligament in her leg.

NOTES OF INTEREST

At the men's night of Ceres Circle held last Monday, five males decided to attend the outstanding lecture slide show presented by Dr. Robert Doran.

Dr. Geoffrey L. Hey, Murphy Chemical Company, England, visited the Entomology Department Tuesday, May 3. He was a graduate student from Cornell in the 1930's.

STATION BASEBALL SCHEDULE LISTED

Game Time: 6:45 p.m.

Place: Junior School

Team 1 - C. Stevens, L. Hicks, F. Consolie (Capt.), D. Angell, W. Hey, F. Dennis, D. Norsen, J. Kenny, D. Neufang.

Team 2 - B. Smith, E. Woodams, P. Crough, E. Broderick, O. Curtis, M. McKoy (Capt.), K. Livermore, T. Ralston, W. Blodgett.

Team 3 - B. Ennis, B. Jones (Capt.), H. Brandt, R. Clark, S. Comstock, M. Scarselletta, E. Laursen, P. Krauss, D. Kacsur.

Team 4 - M. Szkolnik, R. Nevill, M. Dunham, D. Thiebeau, J. Pettrone (Capt.), W. Sherring, W. Roelofs, Y. Oda, D. Atkins.

<u>1st Half</u>				<u>2nd Half</u>			
May	9	Team 1 vs.	Team 2	June 27	Team 1 vs.	Team 2	
"	11	" 3 "	" 4	"	29	" 3 "	" 4
"	16	" 2 "	" 3	July	5	" 2 "	" 3
"	18	" 4 "	" 1	"	6	" 4 "	" 1
"	23	" 1 "	" 3	"	11	" 1 "	" 3
"	25	" 2 "	" 4	"	13	" 2 "	" 4
"	31	" 2 "	" 1	"	18	" 2 "	" 1
June	1	" 4 "	" 3	"	20	" 4 "	" 3
"	6	" 3 "	" 2	"	25	" 3 "	" 2
"	8	" 1 "	" 4	"	27	" 1 "	" 4
"	13	" 3 "	" 1	Aug.	1	" 3 "	" 1
"	15	" 4 "	" 2	"	3	" 4 "	" 2

June 20 --ALL-STAR GAME (Picnic follows game)

WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Rain, melted snow, etc.	Snow, sleet, hail
April 23	57	31		
24	65	54	.24	
25	68	46	.01	
26	61	35		
27	50	28		tr.
28	45	31	.56	tr.
29	46	37	.06	
30	61	35		
May 1	61	42	.51	
2	53	32		
3	46	29		
4	55	35	tr.	
5	51	30		
6	76	42	.03	