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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 10 - 10:00 a.m. - Lounge, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Trail Conference, Board of Managers
- 12 - 10:30 a.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Farm Bureau, Farm Records Service
- 14 - 7:30 p.m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Stamp Club
- 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Upstate Lettuce Industry Committee
- 19 - 9:00 a.m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Dairy Specialists
- 19 - 3:00 p.m. - Tour - Dr. Ned Bayley, Director of Science and Education, U.S.D.A.
- 20-22 - Rochester War Memorial - N.Y.State Hort. Society Meetings
- 20 - 10:00 a.m. - Morrison Hall Seminar Room, Ithaca - Department Heads Meeting
- 21 - 10:30 a.m. - Tour - Rochester Audio Visual Bus, Elementary Classes
- 23 - 3:30 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Station Seminar - "The Effect of Controlled Fire on Vegetation and Small Mammals," Dr. J. E. White, Keuka College

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## STATION CONSTRUCTION MOVES FORWARD

Director Clark has prepared an excellent progress report on the status of Station construction, and we publish it in its entirety so that all Station employees can have the opportunity to keep abreast of our building program.

"In spite of the weather and various other problems, progress is being made on the various campus construction projects.

"Unfinished items in connection with the Entomology-Plant Pathology building were reviewed with the architect's and contractor's representatives on Monday, January 5, and it is hoped that the few remaining jobs can be completed in the near future.

"Except for paving and landscaping, progress is being made on the Raw Products and General Services buildings. The tile floor has been laid in the Raw Products building, and the refrigeration system for the cold storage rooms is now being installed. The heating systems for Raw Products and General Services are nearly complete, and some of the interior painting has been completed. Unfortunately, the paving for the Raw Products and General Services buildings has not yet been approved, so we cannot use any of the driveways or parking areas constructed in connection with these buildings.

"The demolition part of the Hedrick Hall project has been completed, and the new walls are now being constructed where they are needed. A considerable amount of new piping and electric conduit has been installed.

"Progress on the Soil and Potting facilities is obvious. The foundation and walls of the new Potting Shed are in place, and most of the walls of the Soils building have been erected. In the near future, part of the campus from a point west of the Director's residence south to the Soils building will be dug up for installation of a new gas line to provide gas for heating the building.

"On December 23, bids for a new Power Substation were opened, and the low bid was within budget limitations so we expect a contract to be signed for the construction of the substation. It will be across Collier Drive from the Heating Plant.

"Another project now in the planning stage is an improved water distribution system. Work on it is scheduled to begin next spring."

## CHRISTMAS PARTY GREAT SUCCESS

Because this is the first issue of Station News since the Christmas party, we need to take this opportunity to thank Gil Stoewsand and his excellent crew for putting together one of the most memorable Christmas parties that the Station has had in many years. A special thanks to Brigitta Stoyla, Food Science, who was in charge of the adult tea; Jerry and Mary Van Buren, Food Science, who took care of the teen-age party and made some of the best pizzas we adults have ever had; and to Mike and Jean Dickson, Vegetable Crops, for standing close watch over the thousands of Station children who came to see Santa Claus.

As a final note, Mahtab Shaikh deserves a large pat on the back for producing the play, "Mrs. Magician's Mistake." The children in this play did an exceedingly excellent job and were very well received by both young and old. The two leads, the Magician and Kallyhoo, were played by the offsprings of Bernadette D'Amico, Buildings and Properties, and if you do not think that is a proud mother, just stop in her office for an autographed program.

It was a fine evening that always marks the official beginning of the Station holiday season.

## N.Y. STATE HORT SOCIETY MEETS

It is nearing the time again for the annual winter meeting and trade show of the New York State Horticultural Society, the Empire State Potato Club, and the New York State Vegetable Growers Association in Rochester. The dates for the show in Rochester are January 20, 21, and 22. A number of Station scientists will present papers at this meeting including Bob LaBelle, Food

Science; Chick Forshey, Hudson Valley Laboratory; Willard Robinson, Food Science; and John Einset and Nelson Shaulis, Pomology.

The meeting of the society in Kingston is scheduled for January 27, 28, and 29 where Ed Glass, Entomology; John Gilpatrick, Plant Pathology; and Chick Forshey will present papers.

#### MEETINGS

Keith Steinkraus attended the Third International Congress on Global Impacts of Applied Microbiology in Bombay, India in December. Of the 325 scientists attending from 45 countries throughout the world, 17 were Americans, 10 were Russians, and 10 were Japanese. The meetings emphasized the increasing worldwide concern with problems of pollution and shortages of protein for human and animal feeding. Following the Congress, Keith visited the University of Illinois-U.S. AID Soybean Production Project at the U.P. Agricultural University, Pant Nagar, Northern India. The U.P. Agricultural University has been given permission by Cornell University and the Research Corporation, which handles Cornell patents, to utilize and further develop a Cornell "Patent Applied For" process for the production of imitation milk from soybeans.

Willard Robinson attended the Second Annual Wine Conference at Pennsylvania State University December 6 where he presented a paper on the New York State wine research program.

Then, on December 10-12, Bob LaBelle attended the winter meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago where he gave a paper on gas sulfiting of apples.

Desmond Dolan has been invited to present a paper at the 1970 meeting of the Tomato Breeders Round Table in Chicago February 19-20. The title of his paper is "Important Genetic Factors on Tomato Introductions at the Plant Introduction Station, Geneva, New York."

A major contingent of Geneva entomologists attended the national meeting of the Entomological Society of America at Chicago December 1-4. Eight scientific papers were presented by Shiu-Ling Chung and Haruo Tashiro; Andre Comeau and Wendell Roelofs; Ed Glass, David Judge, and George Schaefers; Sig Lienk and Paul Chapman; Wendell Roelofs and Andre Comeau; George Schaefers and David Judge; Mahtab Shaikh and Ed Glass; and Haruo Tashiro. Ed Glass also participated in a panel discussion on "Applied Research in the United States During the Next Ten Years."

Haruo Tashiro discussed the current status of lawn insects at the Rochester Farm and Home Center December 11. He spoke to homeowners, extension leaders, and local garden store owners.

Otis Curtis is attending the Northeastern Weed Control Conference in New York City January 6-10.

John Cain presented a paper at Concord, New Hampshire at the New York-New England Apple Institute meeting January 6-9.

Mike Dickson is currently attending the Bean Improvement Coop meetings at Seattle, Washington January 6-9.

Gerry Marx is attending the Pea Improvement Coop meetings in Seattle, Washington January 6-10.

Nathan Peck attended the NE-48 and other meetings in New York City January 4-7.

#### VISITORS

Dr. G. H. L. Rothschild visited with our entomologists December 9. Dr. Rothschild was on his way from England to a new assignment in Australia where he is assuming a role on a team of biologists and chemists who are to study the sex pheromone of the light brown apple moth and its possible use in control. Because this insect is quite similar to the red-banded leaf roller, he was particularly interested talking to Wendell Roelofs and his associates.

Finley Negley, Chief of the Nursery Inspection Service of Pennsylvania, spent December 18 consulting with Jim Cummins on nursery and rootstock propagation problems.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Mahtab Shaikh, Entomology, is taking a 6-month leave of absence to accept a teaching assignment at the Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. During this leave, he will be teaching three biology courses. He expects to return to Geneva later this summer to complete his studies on the genetics of diapause in the red-banded leaf roller. This research is supported by a U.S.D.A. grant. Mahtab's address while on leave is the Department of Biology, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

#### APPOINTMENT

Irving J. Barkan has been appointed to a position in the Heating Plant effective December 16.

#### BIRTHS

A baby girl, Diane, was born to the Shiu-Ling Chungs on Christmas Day. Shiu-Ling is now working at Pennsylvania State University.

Susan and Jerry Uyemoto had a baby girl, Holly Mitsuru, on December 23, weighing 8 lbs. 4-1/2 oz.

#### HITCHING POST

Congratulations to David Judge and Leah Veronica Doyle of West Orange, New Jersey on the announcement of their engagement.

#### PERSONNEL NOTES

The following item concerning emergency illnesses and accidents while away from home has been received from Mrs. Kay Schurstedt:

If you travel frequently, or if you usually vacation in another state, or abroad, you should note the following procedures for filing claims involving hospital or medical expenses incurred while away from home.

#### Hospital Claims:

Statewide and GHI: Tell the hospital to file its claim through the Albany, New York Blue Cross Plan, 1215 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203 as an inter-plan bank claim.

#### Physician Claims:

Statewide: You, yourself, must file all claims for doctors' services through your own local area Blue Shield Plan, 41 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.

GHI: Same procedure as you have been doing with local non-participating doctors.

#### CLASSIFIEDS

Note of Thanks: I wish to thank most sincerely the entire staff of the Station for their generous contribution to the Biafra Seed Fund. Your demonstration of compassion towards the needy is highly appreciated. Please make any further contributions to me in care of the Department of Seed Investigations.--Chris Anojulu

Found: Following the Christmas party, a pair of ladies' shoes, black pumps. Owner may pick them up at the Business Office, Jordan Hall.

For Rent: Unfurnished 3-bedroom duplex house available about February 1. Telephone 789-6524.

For Sale: Conn clarinet. Contact Jack Chimera, 787-2215.

## WEATHER

		<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Rain, Melted Snow, etc.</u>
December	6	25	15	
	7	29	10	
	8	37	15	.37 (S.R.Freez.R.)
	9	37	33	.01
	10	40	22	
	11	40	28	1.28 (R.)
	12	40	34	tr.
	13	35	27	.06
	14	31	26	
	15	30	25	.16 (S.)
	16	27	17	.03
	17	23	18	.02
	18	30	19	tr.
	19	32	24	.12 (S.)
	20	32	17	.04
	21	28	16	
	22	29	22	.18
	23	30	3	tr.
	24	8	-2	.09
	25	14	-6	.01
	26	19	3	.29
	27	24	15	1.03
	28	22	17	tr.
	29	25	17	
	30	27	18	
	31	28	17	.27 (S.)
January	1	22	-1	
	2	16	-3	