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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 5 — 1:00 p.m.—Staff Room, Lounge, Conference Room, Jordan Hall--New York Farm Bureau
6 — 10:00 a.m.—Morrison Hall Seminar Room, Ithaca--Department Heads Meeting
11 — 10:00 a.m.—Holiday Inn, Batavia--Vegetable Conference Planning Committee
12 — 10:00 a.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall--N.Y. Land Improvement Contractors
12 — 8:00 p.m.—Staff and Conference Rooms, Jordan Hall--Finger Lakes Stamp Club
14 — 3:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall--Station Seminar, "The Genetics of Pathogenicity in *Phytophthora capsici*" by Dr. F. J. Polach
14 — 7:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall--Finger Lakes Astronomy Club
18-19-20 — Rochester War Memorial--N.Y.S. Horticultural Society Show
25-26-27 — Kingston Armory--N.Y.S. Horticultural Society Show
26 — 8:00 p.m.—Staff and Conference Rooms, Jordan Hall--Finger Lakes Stamp Club

THANKS TO DICK ROBINSON

Although the Christmas party is long since history, it nevertheless would be less than decent if we did not take this opportunity to send a word of special thanks to Dick Robinson, Vegetable Crops, and his wonderful committee for the superb job they did. I think, without question, this was the best organized and best run Christmas party in the last 10 years.

The children seemed particularly to enjoy the booths and the special entertainment. And, after all, that is what Christmas is really for--the children.

Dick is to be commended further for his efforts since much of the time he had two sick children and a wife in the hospital. Under these circumstances, he did far more than should ever have been asked, and we thank you, Dick.

ANOTHER WORD OF THANKS

Dave and Shirley Guilfoose recently contacted Station News and asked that the following be printed:

"To all our many Station friends:

"Shirley and I were so surprised when we re-

ceived the \$231 collected at the Station as a Christmas present for us. We cannot tell you how much this meant and what a lift it was for our spirits. It is most gratifying to know that you have so many friends in a time of need.

"Certainly, the money was most welcome, but even more important, was the effort, kindness, and thoughtfulness of all you Station people who helped make our Christmas one of the most pleasant in our lives.

"Thank you again, and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon."

Sincerely,

Dave and Shirley Guilfoose

HEALTH INSURANCE

Yearly reminder that March 31, 1972 is the deadline for filing medical claims for expenses incurred during the calendar year 1971 and not paid by other provisions of your respective health insurance plans.

Statewide members (Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Major Medical) mail their claims to the Finance & Business Office, B-22 Mann Library Bldg., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

Statewide members be sure that drug bills have name of patient, date, prescription number, and cost; doctor bills must have name of member, name of patient (if claim is for a dependent), date and cost of each treatment, and brief diagnosis.

GHI members (Blue Cross-GHI) mail theirs to the New York City address on the back of the claim form.

If anyone has questions or needs forms for either plan, call Kay Schurstedt, Personnel Office, Jordan Hall.

THE SENATE

Note dates for submission of nominating petitions have been changed to single date: FEBRUARY 4, 1972—petitions for faculty, exempt and non-exempt nominees must be in the Senate Office, Day Hall, Ithaca by 4:00 of that day. So bring to Personnel Office, Jordan Hall, for forwarding at least 2 days earlier.

Employees of EACH category are urged to submit a nominating petition as it is possible for Geneva to have a Senator elected from each category. In the short time since her election, Bernadette D'Amico (non-exempt Senator), has submitted proposals to the proper committee that will directly benefit some of our employees here at Geneva.

SENATE CONCERN

Bernadette D'Amico, non-exempt Senator, has asked that the following note from her to Station employees be included in Station News.

Station Employees:

I am writing this with a deep concern for your future welfare as employees of Cornell University. As you know, February 4th is the deadline for filing petitions to run as candidates to the University Senate. This would be for the March - October term. So far, no one from Geneva has shown an interest. There will be four (4) non-exempt seats available to employees from the Statutory Colleges. This means that it could be possible for not

one, but two or three employees from our unit to get elected.

Since becoming a Senator last fall, I have learned that the Senate and what it decides carries very strong consideration from the Cornell Administration. At present, Employee Senators are gaining much of this strength. They, as individuals and working with committees, are striving and getting inequities in present University policies reconsidered, reviewed, and corrected. In the near future you will see the results of their endeavors, with changes for the better in present policies such as: Sick Leave; Vacation Leave; the Dependent's Scholarship Fund; the Reclassification System; and Paid Tuition for job-related courses at local Community Colleges. These are just a few. They are also being asked to review "proposed" policies in other areas such as: Part-Time Employee Benefits.

Therefore, you can see how vital it is to have representation from our Station. Being isolated from the main campus as we are, some of these benefits affect us differently than employees on the main campus. It is important to have our problems presented so when changes in policies occur they will not have an adverse effect on Station employees. Won't you please consider filing a petition and becoming a candidate for Senator at Cornell? It will cost you nothing as an individual and will benefit everyone here at the Station. We are just beginning to close the communication gap. Let's not lose ground now!

Sincerely,

Bernadette D'Amico

WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Rain, Melted Snow, etc.	Snow, Sleet, Hail	Snow, Sleet, Hail, Ice on Ground (Inches)	
December	1	30	21	.05	1.0	3
	2	24	17	.01	1.0	4
	3	28	16			3
	4	35	29			2
	5	34	16			1
	6	35	17	.45		
	7	43	34	.60		
	8	40	35	.01		
	9	42	35	tr.		
	10	44	40	.15		
	11	56	32	.13		
	12	47	29			
	13	52	33			
	14	37	23			
	15	35	23	.27	tr.	
	16	60	35	.31		
	17	48	31			
	18	38	19	.05	1.0	1
	19	20	12	.10	1.4	2
	20	35	19	.04	.3	2
	21	38	32	.02		
	22	38	18	tr.		
	23	24	15			
	24	40	20			
	25	49	18	.03	tr.	
	26	38	18	.28		
	27	42	22	.04		
	28	59	18	.11		
	29	38	29	.14	.2	
	30	40	26	.18	2.2	2
	31	44	12	.85	1.3	3