



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 1992

STATION NOTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm

Sawdust Cafe

English as a Second Language

Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Finger Lakes Stamp Club

Thursday, February 13, 6:30 pm

Sawdust Cafe

English as a Second Language

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, February 10

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Speaker: Dr. Suk Soon Lee
Visiting Fellow,
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences

Topic: Silage corn production
in Korea—escape of rice
black-streaked dwarf virus
by cultural methods

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

Update on Bob Nellis:

Bob was recently moved out of the Intensive Care Unit. Please send your cards to: Bob Nellis, Patient, 5th Floor, Wing 3600, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY 14642.

As reported in the Finger Lakes Times on January 30, a benefit fund has been established to help Bob. People wishing to contribute may send donations to "The Bob Nellis Benefit Fund," in care of Chase-Lincoln First Bank, 5 Seneca Street, Geneva, NY 14456. Anyone with questions about the fund may contact Bonnie Nicastro at 781-2679 or 568-6977.

ROBERT BECKER RECEIVES AWARD

Robert F. Becker, associate professor in the Department of Horticultural Sciences and an extension specialist, received two awards at the 1992 New York State Vegetable and Direct Marketing Conference held January 27-29 at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn, Rochester, New York.



Carol MacNeil, Cooperative Extension Agent, and this year's planning committee chairperson, commented that Bob had been responsible for chairing these statewide vegetable conferences from 1967 until just last year. Carol presented a plaque to Bob at the conference banquet and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service and outstanding leadership. Bob also received some appropriate gifts, a working sweet corn telephone and a set of heirloom vegetable seed packet placemats.

The second award was given to him following the conference's cabbage session, by Clifford Kunes, Jr., President of the New York State Cabbage Research Association, in appreciation for Bob's 33 years of service to the New York State Cabbage Industry.

"I was really amazed," Bob said, "to receive both of these unexpected awards, and I appreciate being honored by the members of the New York State Cabbage Research Association and the Vegetable Conference Planning Committee."

Bob has been with Cornell University since 1959 and works primarily with commercial vegetable growers and food processors in New York State, conducting extension programs and doing variety evaluation, fertility, and tillage research.

A related interest of Bob's is the history of vegetable production and heirloom vegetable varieties. He has taught classes on this subject to horticultural students at Cornell, and has consulted with a number of living history farms and other historic sites over the past dozen years. He is also currently chairman of the Seeds and Plants Committee for the Association of Living Historic Farms and Agricultural Museums.

Bob lives in Rushville, New York with his wife, Fay. They have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Next time you're talking to Bob on the phone, ask him if he's got his ear next to his ear!

Bernadine Aldwinckle

JOHN WATSON, FORMER POMOLOGIST DIES

John P. Watson, 69, 1992 County Road 23, Phelps died Tuesday morning at his home following an extended illness. He was a former fruit breeder in Horticultural Sciences.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Eacker Funeral Home, East Main Street, Phelps. A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make contributions to the American Cancer Society; the American Lung Association; the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association, Hedrick Hall, Geneva, NY; or to an educational institution of their choice.

John was born on October 21, 1922 in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was awarded his bachelor of science degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1948 and his master of science degree from Rutgers University in 1950. Before coming to the Geneva Station on July 1, 1950, he spent time in Florida, Georgia, Texas, and Colorado with the United States Army.

His responsibilities at the Geneva Station were to evaluate and improve through breeding varieties of grape and plum for New York and the Northeastern United States. With plums, he planned and made crosses between various varieties and selections to produce seedlings of potential value in the marketplace. With the large grape program at the Station, John was in charge of the care of seedling vineyards and assisted in planning and making crosses of potential grape varieties. He also helped to evaluate the breeding and commercial value of these crosses.

He worked closely with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association, Inc. to establish virus free grape clones that could be increased and made available for distribution. At the time of his retirement on November 20, 1987, John was a Senior Research Support Specialist.

He was highly respected by fellow fruit breeders throughout the country. During his 37 years at the Station, he was involved in the introduction of 17 varieties of grape, including Cayuga White, Einset Seedless, and Chardonel, and the Iroquois, Seneca, Oneida, and Mohawk plums. In 1988, a new raspberry introduced by the Geneva Station was named *Watson* in his honor. He also was named Outstanding Employee at the Experiment Station in 1987.

John is survived by his wife, Judy; eight children: Richard, San Dimas, California; John, Poughkeepsie, New York; Lois, San Jose, California; Susan, Depauville, New York; Benjamin, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.; Judith, Clifton Springs, New York; Ruth, Rochester, New York; and William, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Also surviving are two brothers: Robert, Auburn, Massachusetts and Benjamin, Worcester, Massachusetts; a sister, Martha, Worcester, Massachusetts; 12 grandchildren; a great granddaughter; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Pat Krauss



ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED HONORING JOHN WATSON

The family of John Watson has requested that an endowment fund be established for gifts to commemorate John's life as a fruit scientist. Gifts are to be made to the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association, Inc., and should be sent to the Watson home at 1992 County Road 23, Phelps, New York 14532.

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RACQUETBALL LADDER

Matches played 1/30-2/5: Wolf def. Forsline, Kovach def. Forsline.

Walter Wolf	ENT	x362
Chris Hayes	HS	x246
Joe Kovach	IPM	x209
Phil Forsline	PGRU	x390
Matt Lewis	CS	x251
Ed Woodams	FST	x265
Gary Harman	HS	x246
Tom Burr	PP	x315
Jim McFerson	PGRU	x393
Curt Petzoldt	IPM	x206
Bob Evangelista	B&P	x200
Warren Lamboy	PGRU	x359
Karen Kroeger	PGRU	x339

If interested in joining or to report playing results, contact Matt Lewis at x251.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOUND: Set of keys (includes Volkswagon and Ford Keys) in the grass on the east side of Barton Lab. See Janice Valerio in Plant Pathology to claim.

FOR SALE: 1985 Ford Escort Wagon \$1900. 56,000 miles, well maintained. Call x390 or 781-1810 and ask for Susan.

**REMEMBER TO
 Sign-up for the**

BOWLING PARTY
 by Tuesday, February 11



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY