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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16 - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium, Jordan Hall - Geneva Coin Club
16 - 7:30 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Christian Business Men's Association
17-19 - 9:00 a.m. - Conference Room, Food Research Laboratory - N.Y. State Feed Inspectors Meeting
18 - 9:00 a.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Social Security Administration Employers Seminar
18 - 1:45 p.m. - Tour - Botany Students, Hobart and William Smith

Colleges
18 - 7:30 p.m. - Conference and Staff Rooms, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Stamp Club
19 - 1:45 p.m. - Tour - Botany Students, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
19 - 7:30 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - U.S. Power Squadron
21 - 8:40 a.m. - Auditorium, Jordan Hall - 401st Civil Affairs Army Reserve Unit
23 - 7:30 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Farm Records Group, Farm Bureau

EINSET HONORED

Our heartiest congratulations to John Einset, Pomology, who was 1 of 15 persons in the country to be elected a Fellow of the American Society for Horticultural Science at its recent meeting held in Miami Beach, Florida. There are more than 3,000 members of the Society, and it is a considerable honor to be elected a Fellow.

We thought you might be interested in some of John's background and accomplishments that led to his election. Born in Ullensvang, Norway, he earned both his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University.

He has spent his entire professional career at Cornell University and our New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. John joined the staff as an instructor, then became an assistant professor in 1944, an associate professor in 1947, and a professor in 1951. He was named head of the Pomology Department in 1953 and still holds that post.

John is considered, by his colleagues, to be one of the outstanding cytogeneticists and fruit breeders of the world. His research efforts demonstrating the existence of cyto-chimeras in apples and grapes represent a classic contribution to horticultural science as are his studies on the cytogenetics of the genus *Rubus* which have opened the way for new approaches to the hybridization of this fruit. His plant breeding efforts have resulted in several new varieties of grapes and apples. He is the author of more than 60 scientific publications.

John has been a member of ASHS since 1943 and served on the Fruit Breeding Committee. He was its chairman from 1964-1966. In 1953, John was presented the Joseph Harvey Gourley Award by the Society for his paper, "Spontaneous polyploidy in cultivated apples."

In recent years, John has turned his major research efforts to the ever-expanding grape breeding and evaluation program at the Station.

He is also a member of the American Society of Enologists, the Botanical Society of America, the Genetics Society of America, the American Pomological Society, the Biological Stain Commission, the New York State Horticultural Society, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and has served, for many years, as the secretary-treasurer of the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association.

John spent 1967 in Portugal under a Fulbright-Hayes Research Grant. While at the National Agronomical Station, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Economy, Portugal, he acted as scientific consultant in research planning in horticulture. He also recommended areas in which American scholars can best contribute to agricultural research and education in Portugal.

Prior to that, in 1959, he spent a year at the University of Chile on a Rockefeller Foundation Grant. His responsibilities in Chile were to organize teaching and research programs in pomology.

Again, John, the most prolific congratulations from the entire Station family.

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT ASHS

Our Station is always well represented at the annual American Society for Horticultural Science meetings, and this year was no exception. The 67th annual meeting of the Society was held in Miami Beach, Florida November 1-4. Among those attending from both the Departments of Pomology and Vegetable Crops were: John Cain, Jim Cum-

mins, Walt Kender, Bob Lamb, Nelson Shaulis, Roger Way, C. G. Forshey, Stan Shannon, and Dan Cantliffe. Bob Drury attended from Seed Investigations. Several of our attendees presented papers which are listed below:

John Cain--Mechanical pruning of hedgerow apples with a slotting saw.

Dan Cantliffe--The relationship of light to nitrate accumulation in vegetable crops.

Jim Cummins--Orchard performance of *M. sikkimensis*, *M. VII*, and Western seedlings under three cultivars and root formation in in vitro cultures of apple stem tissues.

Walt Kender--Factors influencing runner and flower formation in everbearing strawberries.

Nelson Shaulis--The fruitfulness of Kniffin-trained Concord grapevines.

Stan Shannon--Changes in soluble solids, red pigment, and texture of table beet cultivars.

Incidentally, Walt Kender was appointed an associate editor of *HortScience* at the meetings. This is one of the most respected publications in the field of horticultural research, and Walt should prove to be an excellent addition to the staff.

POSSIBLE NAME CHANGE

Most of you have probably heard or read about the possible name change for the College of Agriculture. Initial steps have been taken to change the name of the New York State College of Agriculture to the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

So far, the faculty has approved the change, the Cornell Board of Trustees has approved the change, and, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, the change will be contained in a bill to be submitted to the New York State Legislature when it convenes in January. An amendment to the University's Charter, which was granted by the State, is necessary before the change can become official.

STATION ACCEPTS NEW BUILDINGS

Although all employees have seen the notice that the Station has now taken possession of the new Soil Storage Building and Potting Shed, we thought it advisable to mention it in Station News for the official record. The Soil Storage Building will be used for storage of raw soil mixture for the greenhouse soil supply. It will also be used for soil pasteurization and storage of this soil until it is taken to the greenhouse ranges.

The new Potting Shed which is attached to the old greenhouse range will provide an opportunity for separating potting and planting operations using non-pasteurized soil from those using pasteurized soil. The Potting Shed also provides space for storage of greenhouse equipment and for preparing special soil mixtures as well as providing space for the greenhouse crew to repair flats, cold frame sash, etc.

ADVANCE ON CERES CIRCLE

All women of the Station family are asked to mark their calendars for the next meeting of Ceres Circle which is scheduled for December 7 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Donald Barton. Mrs. Terry Acree, Food Science, will present a program entitled, "Cathedral of the Navajo." Members are also asked to bring an inexpensive, unwrapped child's gift to be donated to a local charity for Christmas.

SIGMA XI MEETS

On November 4, Dr. Edward O. Wilson of Harvard University presented the visiting Sigma Xi lecture to Station and area persons on the subject, "How Insect Societies Work." Following his presentation, he joined with most members of the Entomology Department for a social gathering and for comparing his studies on pheromones with those being conducted by Wendell Roelofs and his associates. The next day, Dr. Wilson spent considerable time reviewing Entomology's laboratory procedures for obtaining and working with very small quantities of pheromones.

VISITORS

Dr. Freeman McEwen, former head of Entomology, and Dr. Walter Wilde, both of the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, visited Entomology November 10.

Senator James E. Molpus of Mississippi visited Entomology October 29. He toured the building and talked with various members of the department.

Another visitor to Entomology was G. L. Buckingham, Imperial Chemical Industries, Haslemere, Surrey, England, on November 6. He is an economist who was investigating the economic possibilities of certain insecticides.

On November 3, Dr. George Gyrisco brought some of his entomology students from Cornell for a tour of the building.

Also of interest in Entomology is the fact that Chuck Brodel and George Kennedy, graduate students at Cornell, spent their citizenship break at Geneva working and studying with members of the department.

DEATH

The sympathies of the entire Station family are extended to Wendell and Marilyn Roelofs. Marilyn's father, Clarence Kuiken of Sheldon, Iowa, died on Thursday, October 29.

NOTE ON BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD

The following note was received from Kay Schurstedt, Personnel Office, and is addressed to Blue Cross-Blue Shield (Major Medical) subscribers--The Statewide Plan. We reprint it here for your information and consideration.

Although Blue Shield (doctor bills) claims are now being processed through the coordinating

office in Albany for the contracts issued to the State of New York, the Rochester Blue Shield Plan Area benefits still apply to subscribers located in any of the six counties comprising the Rochester area. This is most fortunate because the income ceiling for the Rochester area is still \$10,000--higher than any other area in the state (see Circular letter No. 27, June 1969, or page 14 new Health Insurance Booklet).

Income ceiling means that Blue Shield will pay in full the scheduled allowance to your doctor only if your aggregate (total family) income is *less than \$10,000*. In other words, "there are two schedules of allowances, one for subscribers with incomes over \$10,000, and one for subscribers under \$10,000."

Blue Shield cannot pay the doctor's bill until this income information is received, thus the form sent to subscribers requesting the appropriate box be checked. If your total family income exceeds the \$10,000 limit, the doctor does not have to accept the Blue Shield allowance as full payment. He may charge his usual fee even if this exceeds the allowance, and you must pay the difference.

Part of the balance of the doctor's bill (80% after \$50 deducted) may be recovered through the Major Medical program by filing your claim on forms available in this office.

The above provision has always been a part of the Statewide Health program, but it seems "new" to those whose family income has just exceeded the \$10,000 ceiling.

WEATHER

						On Ground:	
				Rain, Melted		Snow,	Snow,
				Snow, etc.		Sleet,	Sleet,
		Max.	Min.			Hail	Hail, Ice
October	31	49	45				
November	1	52	47				
	2	56	46				
	3	62	37				
	4	55	42				
	5	50	38				
	6	44	34				
	7	50	39				
	8	52	27				
	9	49	35				
	10	53	43				
	11	57	47				
	12	57	52				
	13	57	49				