

STATION NEWS



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THE FIRST SHOW

Time marches on and the first "glad" show of the season is almost here. Next Saturday the Empire State Gladiolus Society will hold its official early seedling display in Jordan Hall. Leo Klein is in charge of local arrangements and the exhibit will be open to the public Saturday afternoon. Leo has also been tagged to serve as a judge at the glad display at the Canadian National Exposition in Toronto the last of this month and at the New York State Fair in September.

THE FIRST FAIR

And Ontario County opened its 1955 Fair last night. The Station is not represented at this Fair, but we have contributed "props" to displays being arranged by Station folks. The Hofers are responsible for the Pomona exhibit in the Grange Building and the Bud Campbells are setting up an exhibit for the Ontario County Council of Churches, using material from Vacation Bible Schools throughout the County. The Fair continues through this week.

HEADING SOUTH

Heading south next week in search of cooler weather and to see something of other major apple-growing areas will be Doctor Heinicke, Leo Klein, and Henry Bennett. They will be taking part in the summer tour of the State Horticultural Society. Points to be visited include Gettysburg, Pa., Hagerstown, Md., Paw Paw, N. Va., and Winchester, Va. The tour runs Monday through Wednesday.

NORTHBOUND

Doctors Chapman, Lienk, and McEwen have taken off in a northerly direction for the Lake Champlain area to study mite infestations in orchards in that region. They left yesterday and will return Thursday night.

CHERRY PROCESSING

Two representatives from the Eastern Regional Laboratory in Philadelphia are at the Station for a few days in connection with investigations of cherry processing in the pilot plant and at a local commercial plant. They are Doctors James Robinson and Robert Hittenberger.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plant Pathology Department is giving notice that it is cleaning out the 50 degree room in Hedrick Hall. Material not claimed within the next three days will be thrown out. Those wishing to have material kept in the cooler should make arrangements with the plant pathologists.

MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Col. E. H. Smith is on leave until August 14th as an active duty training instructor in military intelligence at Camp Drum. Ed's tour of duty began Aug. 1st.

VISITING ALUMNI

Bob Ransford, formerly with the Food Science Department and now employed by the Redwing Company in Fredonia, is a "student" in the Mold School... And John Shafer, one-time member of the Vegetable Crops Department, paid a brief call on friends at the Station last week. John is now in the lumber business with his father in Logansport, Indiana.

COMING AND GOING

Robert Howe who served as a graduate student in Entomology and recently acquired his Ph. D. degree, is now employed by the Dow Chemical Company in South Haven, Mich. James O. Stevenson has been appointed an assistant in Entomology and is working with Ralph Dean at the Poughkeepsie Laboratory.

THE VISITORS

Leonard Miller, chief entomologist with the Department of Agriculture at Hobart, Tasmania, spent the past several days with the entomologists and plant pathologists here. He is traveling under the auspices of the Australian Government.... The chief of agricultural research and experiment stations for the Thailand Department of Agriculture in Bangkok, Mr. Roem Purnariksha, spent last Wednesday at the Station.... Everett, better known as "Tex", Carleton, Jr., is visiting his parents this week. He and his wife are on a 'round-the-world flight from the Far East where he is connected with the UN Korean Reconstruction Agency.

PRIZE-WINNER

Congratulations to Mrs. Brigitta Stoyla of FS&T on first place award in the Wehle fishing contest for the largest New York State perch in June, a 2½-pounder from Seneca Lake. The prize carried with it a nice check, in the shape of a fish, and a case of delectable and cooling beverage for these hot days.

SIGNS

He who runs may not be able to read them as he passes by, but we now have two signs on North Street identifying the place and informing the passerby of our complicated administrative relationships. It is a much-needed and appreciated improvement.

RUNNING SHORT

The Vegetable Crops specialists are a bit disturbed over the prospects for the tomato crop. Most seasons fruit must be set by August 10th to insure optimum yields of red-ripe US No. 1 tomatoes, they say. This means about 60 tomatoes to the vine by that date. At present the set is only running around 25 fruits to the vine in the Station plots.

SUMMER MADNESS?

Leo Klein must have been wearing his Davy Crockett hat when he drove into orchard 26 on the Seneca Castle Road last Monday and saw "a large animal, probably a bobcat, jump out of one of the trees." (See masthead for our artist's conception of what Leo saw!) "It ran so fast I couldn't keep up with it in the pick-up," he continues. (For goodness sake, Leo, don't use a "pool" pick-up for big game hunting!) At any rate, fruit breeders wandering around that area should be alert to an encounter at anytime with BIG GAME. Of course it was HOT Monday.

THE WORD GETS AROUND

Frank Boyle brought back a clipping from the Honolulu Star Bulletin on the survival of bacteria in frozen foods based on a newspaper story released from here. It dealt with information in an article by Doctor Hucker in Food Technology. Then the other day we had a letter from a gentleman who describes himself as "a teacher at a training school for farmers in France", requesting permission to visit the Station. He said he heard about the place in talking with a priest on shipboard and from a member of a French mission who visited the US to study corn production. So far we haven't had any hint that the Russians are heading this way.

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