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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 3 - 10:30 a.m. - Tour, Rochester Audio Visual Bus, School No. 27, 6th graders
- 4 - 11:00 a.m. - Conference Room, Food Research Laboratory - Geneva Computer Committee
- 5 - 10:15 a.m. - Tour, Stonehedge School, Camillus, 6th Graders
- 7 - 1:00 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - 35th District Coordinating Committee for Congressional Action
- 10 - 7:30 p.m. - Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Stamp Club
- 12 - 8:00 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Astronomy Club

## STATION COMMUNITY CHEST GOES OVER TOP

Congratulations to all Station employees for your excellent participation in this year's Community Chest-Red Cross drive. The Station reached 104 per cent of its quota with 81 per cent participation by employees. Our goal was \$4,035.50, and at the end of the drive, \$4,215.50 had been collected. There were 277 contributors out of a possible 339 prospects, which means the average contribution was \$15.59. Since these figures were compiled, we



have learned that another \$45 has been collected.

A special thanks must go to Don Downing of Food Science and Technology, the chairman of the Station drive, and to all his workers in the various departments.

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS ON CAMPUS

Last week, on May 21, members of the Advisory Council of the College of Agriculture met on our campus for their annual spring meeting. This committee is appointed by the President of Cornell University and reports to him with recommendations concerning agriculture at the University. In addition to several committee reports by the Dean and Directors, a special presentation was made to the Council on the Station's grape and wine research program. Also, the Council toured the Loomis Farm to see some of Jim Cummins' close density plantings and then toured the Raw Products and General Services Buildings. Participating in the review of our grape and wine research program were Director Barton, John Einset, and Willard Robinson.

#### FOUR STATION EMPLOYEES FETED ON APPROACHING RETIREMENTS

Harold Fink, the night watchman; Willie Pedersen, head carpenter; Kathleen O'Hara, stenographer in Vegetable Crops; and Charles Amidon, in charge of the Station's Business Office, all were given retirement parties in recent days by employees and co-workers in their respective departments.

The personnel and wives of Buildings and Properties honored Willie Pedersen on Friday evening, May 22, at the Dresden Hotel. Willie is retiring from the Station after 28 years service officially on July 1. His last work day was May 25. Twenty-nine people attended the "Surprise" party. Table decorations were arranged through the courtesy of Pete DeMaria and his greenhouse crew. A large sheet cake decorated with toy tools was served, and a toast to Willie was given by Herb Pallesen, plant supervisor. Willie was presented with several parting gifts, among which was a miniature door, 33" x 18", with a brass plated inscription noting his years of service, made by his crew of carpenters as a parting memento from them.

On Wednesday, May 20, Harold Fink walked into a surprise retirement party in Jordan Hall after returning from his first rounds. This party was organized by Mary Lou Dumbleton and Joyce Batson, aided and abetted by Director Barton and Charles Amidon. Pete DeMaria furnished a centerpiece, and Stan Lynn brought in some of his outstanding tulips. Cake and coffee were served to about 20 friends who knew Harold from his rounds to the heating plant, greenhouse, barns, etc. When Director Barton presented Harold with his gift--a handsome billfold--he expressed his and the entire Station's appreciation for the faithful performance of his duties as night watchman, particularly on some of the wintry nights.

Honoring Kathleen O'Hara on Saturday, May 23, were 40 members of the Vegetables Crops Department including Director and Mrs. Barton and Professor and Mrs. Sayre. This party was also held at the Dresden Hotel and honored Kathleen for her 20 years of service to the Station. Following dinner, members of the department presented Kathleen with a gift that will be useful in connection with the trip to Ireland she and her husband plan to take this summer.

No surprise, but pleasantly anticipated and thoroughly enjoyed, was the dinner for Elizabeth and Charles Amidon held at the Dresden Hotel on Tuesday, May 26. About 30 friends and co-workers attended to watch Charles open up a large, oddly decorated package which contained a fun present, and then the Director presented him with an attache case, which the busy secretary of the Shrine Club can use. Director Barton commented on the many changes in the Business Office since Charles started in April 1955 and how well he made these adjustments and kept things going smoothly.

#### MEETINGS

Ron Kuhr and Wendy Roelofs, Entomology, are currently attending meetings of the American Chemical Society in Toronto. They are each presenting a paper.



Ed Glass and Sandy Davis were in Highland May 19 and 20 to discuss department matters with staff members there.

Seventy-five persons from the western half of New York State attended the Central New York Branch of the American Society for Microbiology meeting on Saturday, May 24. Don Splittstoesser and Wanda Harrison presented a paper on "Activation of Heat-Resistant Mold Spores."

#### VISITOR

Dr. G. S. Howell, a member of the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University, spent May 18-22 visiting Nelson Shaulis in Pomology. Dr. Howell and Nelson spent the first part of the time in the Fredonia area and returned to Geneva May 21. Until recently, Dr. Howell was a member of the cold-hardiness research team at the University of Minnesota.

#### APPOINTMENT

Jack Reich, II, from Renton, Washington has joined the Pomology Department as an experimentalist. He was graduated from Oregon State University this year with an M.S. degree and did his thesis on "The Use of 2,4-D, Paraquat, and Dinoseb for Control of Filbert (Corylus avellana L.) Suckers." Jack started work May 15 and will be assisting Don Ourecky in the small fruit breeding program.

#### SUMMER HELP

Andrea Braun has returned to work in the Vegetable Crops Department for the second summer season. Amy Strouse has also started working in Vegetable Crops for the summer. Both are assisting Nathan Peck in his experiments.

Paul Walker has returned to Pomology for his second summer.

The following summer employees have started working in Entomology: John Taranta, assisting Buck Waters in the Hudson Valley Laboratory; Marilyn Chester, assisting Sig Lienk; Bill DiCicco and Bill Shannon, assisting H. Tashiro.

#### CLASSIFIEDS

Missing from the Library: Annual Review of Microbiology, v. 14, 1960; Radiation Botany, v. 8, nos. 3 and 4, 1968. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these items, please contact the Library.

Wanted: Hand push lawn mower in good condition at reasonable price. Telephone Mrs. Mary Porterfield at 789-2733 after 5:30 p.m.

#### WEATHER

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Rain</u>
May 16	60	48	.21
17	70	49	.49
18	56	42	.12
19	62	44	
20	79	54	
21	64	42	
22	79	55	