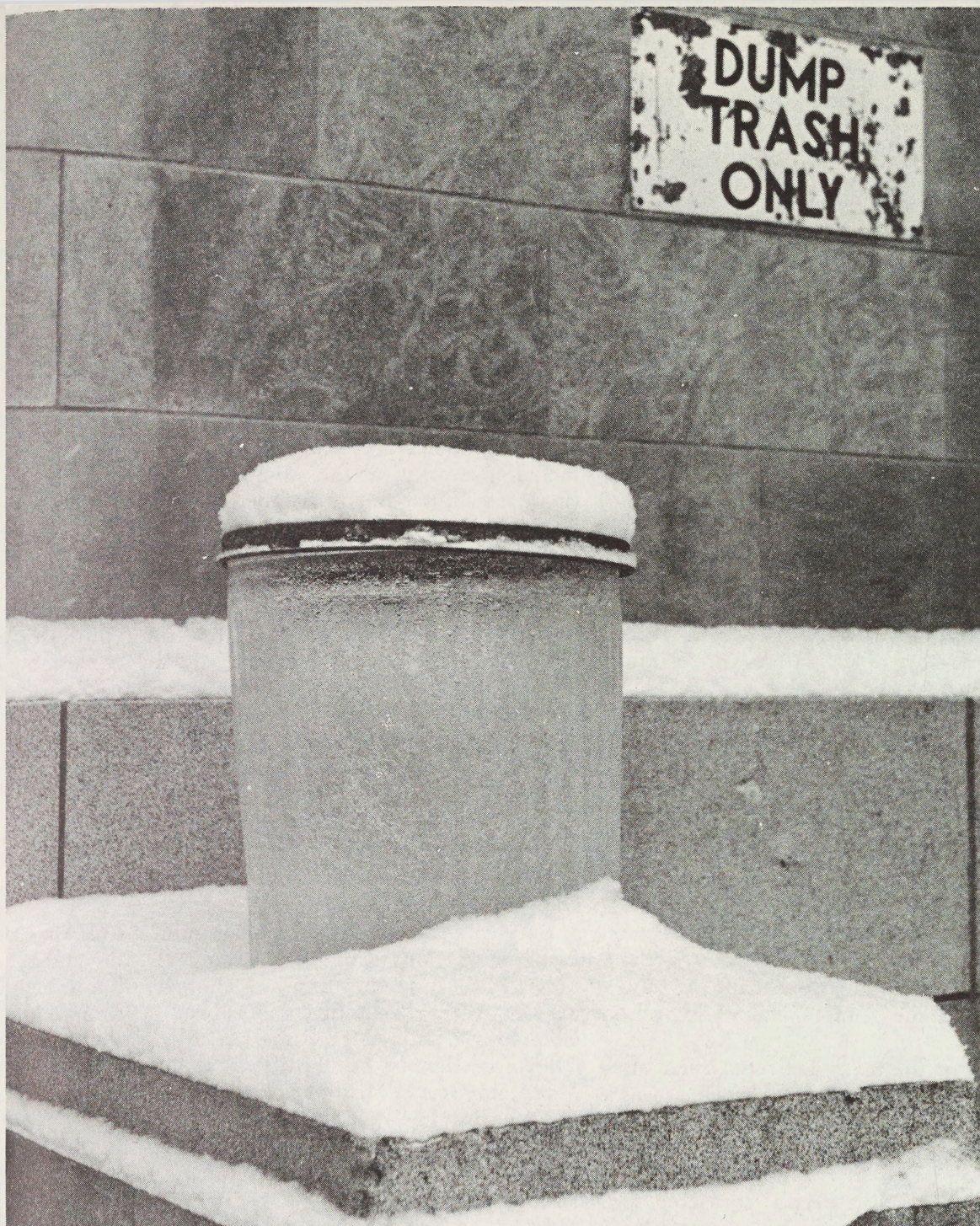


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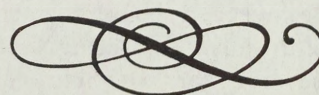
New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2— 7:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
3— 3:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—
Station Seminar, "Combining Soil Fer-
tility Experiments to Predict Future
Yield Data" by Dr. Foster Cady, Plant
Breeding and Biometry Department,
Ithaca
6— 3:00 p.m.—Auditorium, Jordan Hall—
N.Y. State Retirement System Benefits
Meeting
6— 3:00 p.m.—Tour, Den 5 Cub Scouts,
West Street School
7— 1:00 p.m.—Auditorium, Jordan Hall—
Cabbage Growers Meeting
8— Noon—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—Station
Club Travelogue, "A Few Words About
Yugoslavia" by Dr. Gordana Niketic
Aleksic

8— 8:00 p.m.—Conference Room, Jordan
Hall—Finger Lakes Stamp Club
8— 8:00 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—Co-
operative Extension, "Maintaining Your
Milk Market"
9— 7:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—U.S.
Coast Guard Auxiliary
10— 10:00 a.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—Co-
operative Extension, "Dairy Beef"
16— 7:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
17— 3:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—



Our cover this issue is Hedrick Hall's ice trash can
which sat on its pedestal for over a week before it
melted.

- Station Seminar, "Natural Foods and Nutrition" by Professor Ruth Klippstein, College of Human Ecology, Ithaca
- 18-11:00 a.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—Cooperative Extension, "Waste Management and Livestock Marketing and Feed Handling"
- 21- 1:00 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—Dairy Team
- 22-10:00 a.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—Clonal Rootstock Research and Demonstration Meeting
- 22-Noon—Auditorium, Jordan Hall—Station Club Travelogue, "Nepal and India" by Dr. M. T. Vittum
- 22- 8:00 p.m.—Staff and Conference Rooms, Jordan Hall—Finger Lakes Stamp Club
- 23-10:00 a.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall and Tour—Expanded Nutrition Education Program
- 23- 7:30 p.m.—Staff Room, Jordan Hall—U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- 24- 6:30 p.m.—Jordan Hall—Ceres Circle Dinner

STATION PLANT PATHOLOGIST DIES

Dr. Wilbur T. Schroeder, Professor of Plant Pathology, died unexpectedly Thursday, February 24.

The funeral was Monday, February 28, at the First Lutheran Church in Lyons. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094.

Considered as one of the most dedicated scientists in his field in the country, Dr. Schroeder was specifically interested in developing natural resistance to diseases in peas, tomatoes, spinach, cucurbits, carrots, and snap beans. He was often referred to as a courageous individual who was deeply convicted to his ideals and one who paid particular attention to the minutest detail. It was this dedication that brought him such outstanding success in the field of studying plant diseases.

Since coming to the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in 1943, Dr. Schroeder had helped to make several major breakthroughs in the control of damaging plant diseases affecting major New York vegetable crops. Some of his early work involved finding a combination insecticide-fungicide treatment for seeds that proved highly successful against the seed corn maggot. Until last year, this treatment was used throughout the country as a standard practice and saved the sweet corn industry millions of dollars.

Another breakthrough was Dr. Schroeder's research on pea enation mosaic virus, a disease that in the early 1950's threatened the pea industry in New York State. In cooperation with the Department of Vegetable Crops at the Station and the Regional Plant Introduction Station located on the Geneva campus, Dr. Schroeder was able to discover a resistant strain of pea. By the mid 1950's, resistant varieties were available for use by commercial growers. Largely because of this discovery, a sizable segment of the pea industry was able to remain intact in New York.

For the past several years, Dr. Schroeder had spent considerable time studying the effect of temperature and other environmental conditions on the development of various diseases. This basic research was leading to strong hopes for future practical control methods of several prominent diseases affecting vegetable crops. In the past 2 years, he had

also been studying disease problems of snap beans, an industry of more than 60,000 acres in New York State.

Because of his success in working with practical disease problems, Dr. Schroeder had developed a strong alliance with members of the canning industry and with seedsmen throughout the country.

Dr. Schroeder was born in 1911 in Des Plaines, Illinois. He was conferred his B.S. degree with high honors in 1937 from the University of Idaho and his M.S. degree a year later from the same institution. His Ph.D. degree in plant pathology was awarded him by the University of Wisconsin in 1941.

Before coming to the Geneva Station, Dr. Schroeder did considerable research on peas, including work for the Minnesota Valley Canning Company in Le Sueur, Minnesota. He was also an instructor at the University of Wisconsin in the Department of Plant Pathology.

He was appointed an assistant professor of plant pathology at Geneva in 1943, was made an associate professor in 1948, and was promoted to full professor in 1950. He was a member of the American Phytopathological Society, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Xi, and Delta Chi.

Dr. Schroeder's main hobby was growing rare ornamental trees. He had a large nursery at his home on Priest Road in Geneva, and much of his spare time was spent developing this nursery to his satisfaction. He was active in the First Lutheran Church in Lyons, New York and had been a Council member of the church.

Survivors include his wife, Charmion; a son, Marc, living in Moodus, Connecticut; and two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Lynn) Smith, Mahomet, Illinois, and Mrs. James (Karin) MacDowell, Broomfield, Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Rubert (Ruth) Naslund, Des Plaines, Illinois; a brother, Ralph Schroeder, Mountain Grove, Missouri; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

CERES CIRCLE DINNER MARCH 24

If by chance you've noticed a typical American couple on your department bulletin boards, they, as well as Mrs. Ron Kuhr and Mrs. Walt Kender, cochairmen, and their committee, invite all Station employees, spouses, and guests to "Chez Jordan," this year's Ceres Circle dinner.

"Chez Jordan" will be held Friday, March 24, in Jordan Hall. Happy Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets have been posted and should be signed by March 1. You will be contacted later as to what dish you should bring.

The committee hopes for "Chez Jordan" to be an even better dinner than last year's and promises a delightful evening for everyone who attends.

STATION CLUB NOTICE

Representatives of Station Club are selling raffle tickets to raise money in order to lower costs for members to the different social events held during the year. The drawings will be for money prizes: \$15.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00. Donations are \$.25 each or six for \$1. The first drawing will be held Wednesday, March 8, in Jordan Hall during the noon Travelogue.

So, hurry and buy your tickets and help your club and, if you're lucky, yourself to a little extra cash!

APPOINTMENTS

Dona Nedrow was appointed stenographer in Pomology effective February 17. Dona had been a stenographer in Plant Introduction since November 1968 and prior to that was secretary to Professor R.

Albrechtsen of the Department of Animal Science on the Ithaca campus. She is a 1967 graduate of the State University Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred with an Associate of Applied Science Degree, Executive Secretarial Science.

Judy Rector was appointed stenographer in Plant Introduction on February 17 to fill that vacancy when Dona was promoted and transferred to the Pomology Department. Judy is a graduate of Geneva public schools; her husband, Jim, works for the City of Geneva.

VEGETABLE PROCESSING CONFERENCE

More than 300 growers, food processors, and members of allied industry attended the Sixth Annual Vegetable Processing Conference in Batavia February 23-24.

It was without question the most successful conference in the history of the meeting, and special plaudets must go to all those who participated in the program, and particularly to the chairman, Bob Becker. Especially impressive this year was the excellent general session on farm manpower. Other sessions were held on snap beans, beets, carrots, and sweet corn.

Those participating in the conference from the Geneva Station were: Nathan Peck; the late Bill Schroeder, who incidentally gave one of the most stimulating and informative presentations; Mike Dickson; Chuck Eckenrode; Chang Lee; Malcolm Bourne; and M. T. Vittum. Other Geneva personnel on the planning committee were Don Downing, Stan Shannon, and Pat Krauss.

WINE PROCESSORS MEET

Members and guests of the Wine Technical Advisory Panel met in Jordan Hall and the Food Science Conference Room February 24. About 70 technical personnel from the Northeast United States and Canada wine industry came to the meeting. This advisory panel has become one of the most successful ventures in Station history, and is doing an excellent job of keeping a strong line of communications open between our Station and scientists in New York's most rapidly growing agricultural business.

A panel of university and industry speakers appeared on the program. Also featured were some pertinent comments by Director Barton. Station scientists making presentations were: Don Downing, Gil Stoewsand, Don Splittstoesser, Len Mattick, Terry Acree, and Jim Moyer.

One of the topics discussed was the possibility of holding another wine short course similar to that held last year and which was considered quite successful. Approval was given for this venture, and tentative plans call for the short course to be held in the latter part of April this year. Don Downing will be making plans for the program.

MEETINGS

Wendell Roelofs, Entomology, was an invited speaker at the Organic Symposium sponsored by the Louisiana State University Organic Chemistry Division, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He described new techniques for the identification of sex attractant chemicals.

Ed Glass, Entomology, attended a meeting of the UC/AID Advisory Committee and Panel on Pesticide Committee meeting in Washington, D. C. on February 3 and 4.

Gertrude Catlin, Entomology, spoke at the Gould

Theater on the Eisenhower College campus on February 22. Her subject was "Nature Photography—Micro, Macro, and Life Size." This was one of the Science Council lecture series for the public.

The Geneva Rotary Club Rural-Urban Day luncheon was held in Jordan Hall on February 9. Rotarians invited farmer guests for the occasion. Ed Glass was the speaker, and his subject was "The Far East—Land of Plenty?"

George Slate, Pomology, attended the American Pomological Society meeting in Grand Junction, Colorado January 26-27. He officiated as president and was reelected president for 1972.

John Cain and Jim Cummins, Pomology, spoke at the "in depth" fruit schools at Alton February 10 and Albion February 11.

EXPLANATION OF THE NEW YORK STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

Mr. Don Rosenbaum, Information Representative of the NYS Employees' Retirement System, will meet with Geneva employees Monday, March 6, at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of Jordan Hall. Mr. Rosenbaum will not only explain the benefits of the Improved Career Plan under which the non-academic Geneva Station employees are covered, but will answer questions afterwards.

This is not a meeting for just those thinking about retirement, but for individuals in all age groups who are interested in learning about their benefits.

DEATHS

Sympathies of the entire Station are extended to the Braun family, Plant Pathology, on the death of Mrs. Braun's mother, Mrs. Agnes C. Neidle, in Geneva General Hospital on Thursday, February 24. Mrs. Neidle had lived with the Brauns for the past 14 years. Burial was in Arlington, Virginia.

We were saddened by the death of Professor Emeritus of Entomology Frederick G. Munding, 80, 505 Washington Street, Geneva, on February 19.

Professor Munding retired from the Station in 1957. He had been associated with the Station for 33 years before his retirement. Ten of those years were spent at the Hudson Valley Laboratory when it was still located at Vassar College.

He was a 1914 graduate of Syracuse University, was a veteran of World War I, and was a graduate of Officers Training School in Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida G. Helmer Munding; a daughter, Miss Marian J. Munding of Geneva; a son, Frederick L. Munding of Riverside, Connecticut; and several grandchildren and other relatives.

NOTES OF INTEREST

David Hummer and Charles Smith, Plant Pathology, and Erhardt Schwartz, Buildings and Properties, have successfully completed the non-credit course "Transistors, Theory and Operation" which recently was offered under the sponsorship of the Finger Lakes Area Science Council, Science Department, Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Thomas (Janet) Kenny on her appointment as supervisor for the Cooperative Extension Association Expanded Nutrition Education Program in Ontario County. Janet was graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Home Economics. Prior to her working with the Extension Association, she was administrative aide for the

Ontario County Association for Retarded Children in Geneva. Tom works in our Seed Investigations Department.

Heidi Krauss, our Editor Pat's daughter, placed third in the seventh district Dental Health Week poster contest. She is a fourth grade student at North Street School. Congratulations, Heidi.

CLASSIFIEDS

Chairs caned. Reasonable rates. Will pick up and deliver. Sue Dwyer, 787-2228.

For sale: "Brilliant Fire" console gas furnace (connected to natural gas). Height 20 inches, width 34½ inches, depth 10½ inches. Outside vent (no chimney). \$50 and removal. Charlotte Pratt, 473 William St., Geneva. 787-2227 or 789-7771.

WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Rain, Melted Snow, etc.	Snow, Sleet, Hail	Snow, Sleet, Hail, Ice on Ground (inches)
February	1	23	11	tr.	1
	2	28	15	tr.	1
	3	31	17	tr.	1
	4	35	20	.26	1
	5	22	8	.02	1
	6	15	7	.05	2
	7	23	7	.11	2.8
	8	15	7	tr.	4
	9	15	7	tr.	3
	10	21	11	tr.	2
	11	21	10	tr.	2
	12	28	10		1
	13	39	23	.07	tr.
	14	35	30	.86	1.3
	15	38	26	tr.	tr.
	16	44	20	tr.	tr.
	17	25	9	.1	1
	18	29	13		1
	19	35	27	.21	2.9
	20	30	5	.86	14.0
	21	5	2	.11	.4
	22	41	5	.05	1.8
	23	13	-9	.2	15
	24	25	-2	.02	.1
	25	29	7	.07	1.2
	26	27	12	.20	3.6
	27	25	4	.05	.9
	28	34	13	tr.	17
	29	42	33	.02	14