



WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 1991

STATION NOTES

LEGISLATIVE GROUP TOURS STATION



"Spider mites? Here, you take them," says Lynn McClure, staff member of the Assembly Agriculture Program.



"We want to incorporate resistance to disease in the Empire apple, one of the best apples that we have," Herb Aldwinckle, Plant Pathology, told the group as he discussed his research that involves tissue culture and the use of the gene gun.



"Please, tell people to use Integrated Pest Management practices," comments Joe Kovach, IPM, as members of the legislative staff concentrate on results from a project that compares traditional methods of controlling insects and diseases versus an IPM-managed orchard and organically grown fruit.

Last Wednesday, 10 legislative staff members from Albany toured the Experiment Station during most of the day. Those participating in the tour from Geneva were: Jim Tette and Joe Kovach, IPM; Wendell Roelofs, Jan Nyrop, and Harvey Reissig, Entomology; Herb Aldwinckle, Roger Pearson and Wayne Wilcox, Plant Pathology; John Sanford, Dick Robinson, Rixana Petzoldt, and Steve Carpenter, Horticultural Sciences; and Terry Acree, Ben Gavitt, Mark McLellan, Don Downing, Malcolm Bourne, Terry Spittler, Don Splitstoesser, and Gil Stoewsand, Food Science and Technology. Obviously, members of the visiting legislative staff received a concentrated briefing on research and extension at the Station that roughly followed the format of *The Geneva Plan*.

Word has been received since this visit, that the group enjoyed their brief stay in Geneva and, as almost always happens, found out that it is a place quite different from what they originally envisioned. As is usual, the faculty and staff who participated from Geneva did an outstanding job of telling our story to this group. The legislative staff is perhaps the most important group in Albany, for they are responsible for drafting new legislation and probably are more familiar than anyone with programs critical to the well-being of the state.

NEW CHERRY ROOTSTOCKS VIEWED BY INDUSTRY AT GENEVA

Mr. Leno Mori and Mr. James Garret, president and nursery sales officer respectively of Newark Nurseries Inc. of Hartford, Michigan, visited the Experiment Station earlier this month at the invitation of the Station's Department of Horticultural Sciences. Newark Nurseries is the licensed distributor of the GI series of cherry rootstock varieties developed in Giessen, Germany. These varieties show promising early results from research done here at the Station.

The new dwarfing cherry rootstocks could prove to be very important because they may help sweet cherry growers in New York and the Great Lakes Region regain some economic losses that have occurred due to a reduced brining market. They would essentially eliminate the need for ladders for harvesting, could help in bird control and reducing rain-induced cracking through row covers fastened to trellis structures, and some would offer resistance to soil fungi, *Phytophthora* root rot.

The NC-140 (North Central, USDA, Cooperative States Research Service

Regional Project #140) cherry rootstock experiment at Geneva was planted in 1987 with the Hedelfingen variety grafted to 18 different rootstock varieties, and had its first crop of any horticultural significance this year. Yields ranged from 70 pounds per tree on some dwarf types down to less than a pound per tree on those with less inherent capability for early production.



Jim Cummins points out features of cherry tree. Mr Mori is to his immediate left front.

Leno Mori and James Garret toured the research orchard and answered questions about propagation and availability of these stocks. Accompanying the visitors on the orchard tour were: Jim Cummins, Bob Andersen, and Hugh Price from the Station; cherry growers Joe Nicholson, Geneva N.Y., and Gary Orbacher, Williamson N.Y.; and Mike and Kathy Wafler Madison, growers and nursery representatives from Wolcot, N.Y.

Joe Ogradnick

LIBRARY NEWS

The date for our library joining the Cornell University Libraries Automated Circulation System has been changed to September. Please remember that when this happens you must bring your Cornell ID card with you in order to check out books. We will keep you posted as to the exact date .

METAL SHED AVAILABLE

Construction will begin shortly on the new pesticide facilities at the Fruit and Vegetable Research Farm on Castle Road. There is a metal shed, approximately 256 square feet in size, at the site that needs to be removed. The base of the shed is encased in a concrete pad. This shed must be removed by Monday morning, August 12, 1991. If you are interested in obtaining this shed, please submit a sealed bid to Pat Krauss, Jordan Hall, not later than 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 1991. This bid should contain what you are willing to pay for the building, an agreement that you will have it removed from the premises by the start of work on Monday, August 12, 1991, and a willingness to sign a document that absolves Cornell University, the Station, any of their employees, and the Board of Trustees and any other officers of Cornell University from liability should an injury occur.

PAYROLL NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Future paycheck stubs will reflect two separate deductions for FICA (Social Security). One deduction is for FICA at 6.2% of earnings up to \$53,400 and the other is for MEDICARE at 1.45% of earnings up to \$125,000. The combined deduction rate of 7.65% continues unchanged.

Questions regarding these deductions should be referred to the Payroll Office, B-7 Day Hall (607)255-5194.

TENNIS LADDER

Matches played July 25-31. W. Roelofs def. Petzoldt, Parker def. Marks, Bell def. Cooley.

Wendell Roelofs
Ann Raffetto
Jiang Lu
Curt Petzoldt
Kevin Roelofs
Bob Parker
Howard Marks
Joe Kovach
Ed Lavin
Molly Driscoll
Tony Delgado
Antonio Di Pietro
Pim Larsson
Matteo Lorito
Jim McFerson
Ken Bell
Tina Cooley
Bryan Hoch
Christopher Blake

Dropped one notch for inactivity: Delgado, Di Pietro, Lavin, Larsson, Lorito, McFerson

STATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

PLAY-OFF RESULTS:

Monday, July 29	HS def. XT
Tuesday, July 30	ENT def. PP
Wednesday, July 31	GR def. HS

As of printing of this issue of *Notes*, the final play-off game had not yet been held. The winner of this game will advance to the Championship.

Thursday, August 1	B&P vs. ENT
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DIRECTOR'S CUP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:

Tuesday, August 6	GR vs. winner of August 1
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GAME TO START AT 6:00 pm

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Johnson outboard motor. 4 h.p. with a separate 3-gal. gas tank. 1971 model in very good shape. \$199. Call Gary at x238.

FOR SALE: 20" boys bicycle in good condition. \$25.00 Call Jeanne at x214.

WANTED: If anyone has glass vials (70mm x 28mm, 6 dram) with screw caps that we may borrow, please contact Alba Jofre or Pat Wallace at x221 (John Sanford's lab).

FOR SALE: 1987 MacPlus with 2 meg simms added, extended keyboard, and mouse. All in excellent condition. \$525 firm. See Roger Cullen, Food Science.

FOUND: In vicinity of Barton Lab. Orange and cream male tabby kitten. Very affectionate. Desperately needs a home. Call Veronica at x330 or 789-3835 evenings.

WANTED: Experienced homemaker is looking for children to watch in our home at any time, seven days a week. If interested, please contact Chris Hayes at x246 or Kristie Hayes at 789-4429.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Iron Age Safety Shoe Company will be on campus August 12 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the Sawdust Cafe. L-order forms may be used.