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New York State Agricultural Experiment Station Geneva

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| April 22 & 23 | - 9:00 a.m Jordan Hall - N. Y. State Chess Association Genesee Cup Matches |
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| 24 | - 2:00 p.m Statler Ballroom, Cornell University - Cornell Conference on New Foods, Flavors, and Analogs |
| 25 | - 9:00 a.m Statler Ballroom, Cornell University - Cornell Conference on New Foods, Flavors, and Analogs |
| 26 | - 1:30 p.m Staff Room, Jordan Hall - Staff Education Program for Nurses |
| 26 | -8:00 p.m Conference Room, Jordan Hall - Finger Lakes Stamp Club |
| 28 | - 9:00 a.m Conference Room, Food Research Laboratory - |
| | Agricultural Advisory Council |
| 29 | - 5:30-7:30 p.m Jordan Hall - Station Club Spaghetti Dinner |
| May 1 | - 8:00 p.m Mrs. Barton's home - Ceres Circle |
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COMMUNITY CHEST-RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

This is the annual drive to give financial support for 11 Community Chest organizations and the Red Cross. It is a single appeal for 11 community needs, and we should give in consideration for all of them.

Quota. The quota for the Experiment Station is \$3,300. This represents an increase of 10% from last year, but it is well within our ability to meet it. If everyone pledges \$1.50 more than last year, we will be in the proud position of reaching or exceeding our quota for 2 years in a row.

How We Can Give. There are three ways to make contributions: (1) PAINFUL-cash now; (2) LESS PAINFUL-pledge now, pay later by installments; (3) PAINLESS (almost)-payroll deduction.

By the payroll deduction method the Business Office will deduct each pay period an amount designated by you and forward it to the Community Chest. All you have to do is sign a card indicating the amount you wish deducted each payroll period. This holds good only for one year. We would like to encourage your use of this method. In your giving you can combine any two methods or all three if you wish.

How Much to Give. This is your decision, but you might keep in mind that you are giving to support 11 worthwhile projects for an entire year. Be proud of your gift to the Golden Anniversary Community Chest-Red Cross Campaign.

Here are the agencies served by your ONE gift to the united Community Chest-Red Cross Campaign: American Red Cross - \$23,507, Association for Retarded Children - \$5,050, Y.M.C.A. - \$20,000, Boy Scouts - \$9,100, Girl Scouts - \$8,800, Children's Camp Fund - \$525, Halloween Fund - \$200, Geneva General Hospital - \$5,000, Family Counseling Service of Ontario County - \$7,000, Salvation Army - \$9,500, U.S.O. - \$1,400, and Ontario County Homemaker Service - \$1,500.

We would like to have all cards back by May 2 so that totals can be reported to the campaign headquarters.

Your Community Chest Committee includes: Don Crosier, Stanley Comstock, Robert Hefferon, R. Bruce LeClaire, Ramon Mehlenbacher, William Mishanec, Morris McKoy, Evelyn Myer, William Sherring, Brigitta Stoyla, Jerome Van Buren, and Phillip Wilkie.

GILMER APPOINTED ACTING HEAD OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

It has been announced by Director Barton that Bob Gilmer became acting head of Plant Pathology April 15. Jim Hamilton, the former head, has stepped down from his administrative duties to complete a number of research papers before his official retirement July 1.

Bob has been in charge of the Station's virus and disease control work with nursery stocks since joining the staff in 1950. In cooperation with other workers, he was instrumental in the production of virus-free fruit trees for New York's nursery industry. Nearly all nursery stocks of sour cherry are now virus-free compared to just a few hundred trees in the early 1950's.

Along with scientists in Entomology, Bob was primarily responsible for developing suitable spray schedules for apple and cherry nursery stock. In another cooperative project with Entomology, he was a key investigator in identifying various species of leafhopper that are vectors of X-disease, a lethal virus affecting both cherries and peaches.

Bob's value as a researcher is well recognized outside Cornell University by

the fact that he is a member of the Executive Committee of a northeastern regional project (NE-14) on stone fruit virus diseases and he is a member of a national technical committee (IR-2) studying virus-free deciduous fruit stocks. He has some 75 scientific publications to his credit.

In 1958, Bob spent a 6-month sabbatic leave at the East Malling Research Station in England to further his knowledge on virus indexing techniques, studying the effect of environment on symptoms of various virus diseases of pears, apples, and quinces, and comparing virus strains affecting pome and stone fruits in England with similar strains native to New York.

Bob received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in 1947, 1948, and 1950 respectively from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the Plant Pathology Department at Geneva in 1950 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1954, and reached full professor in 1959. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Upsilon, Alpha Zeta, and Sigma Xi honorary or scientific fraternities.

The new acting head and his wife, Eleanor, are residents of Phelps, N. Y.

Jim Hamilton, long recognized by growers in New York State and by research colleagues throughout the country as one of the Experiment Station's most colorful figures and leading scientists, is bringing to a close a career that started with the Station in 1930. During the past 37 years, he has written nearly 180 scientific papers dealing with various aspects of plant disease control. His primary efforts have been on the evaluation and detailed study of fungicides used in controlling certain diseases affecting several of New York's leading tree fruits. Much of his research has been concentrated on the diseases, apple scab and cedar-apple rust.

His techniques for field and greenhouse evaluation of fungicides are standard procedures in this highly important area today. One of Jim's main contributions to New York agriculture was the development of a new fungicide, dodine, which is commonly used by growers today as a standard control measure for certain fruit diseases.

During his early days with the Station, Jim worked extensively in the Hudson Valley directing the research on orchard fruit diseases and their control. In 1942, he attained the rank of full professor and in 1951 was appointed head of the Department of Plant Pathology.

Director Donald W. Barton said today that Cornell University is extremely proud of Jim's accomplishments during his long and fruitful career. 'We take considerable pride in the entire Plant Pathology staff that has been under his able leadership for 16 years in the job it has done in protecting the fruit and vegetable growers from major economic losses due to diseases.'

SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Whatever you do, don't forget that spaghetti dinner sponsored by Station Club on Saturday, April 29. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Jordan Hall. President of Station Club, Joe Pettrone, says not to worry about plates and silverware since these will be furnished. The menu includes, besides the main course of spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, tossed salad, Italian bread, ice cream, and coffee and milk. Members of Station Club will pay \$1.00 for adults and 75¢ for children. Preschool children can eat free and a maximum charge of \$5.00 per family for members has been set. For nonmembers, you will have to pay \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for each child. Just to show you how interested Station Club is in promoting a strong social organization, there will be a carry out service available at this dinner for those who are unable to stay. You are asked to bring your own containers and we are sure they will be filled to the brim.

SIGMA XI ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Sigma Xi, national honorary scientific society, elected local officers recently. Frank Dennis will serve as chairman for one year. There were also two members of the six-man Executive Committee elected for three years. They are Malcolm Bourne from the Station and Professor John Hovorka from Hobart. Other members of the Executive Committee with their remaining terms of office are: Ross Hackler and Stan Shannon (one year) and Don Ourecky and Ada Hill (two years). The next meeting of Sigma Xi will be May 13 and is a joint dinner session with University Club. L. Pearce Williams, professor of history, Cornell, will discuss physics and philosophy in the 19th century.

PARIS TRAIL HEADS ART GROUP

Paris Trail has been elected president of the Newark Art Club for the coming year. Another Station member, Charlotte Pratt, was named as treasurer. The club plans to continue its 14th annual spring art show in cooperation with the Palmyra Palette Club May 14-21 at the Jackson and Perkins Garden House.

STATION MEMBER PRESIDENT OF ZONTA CLUB

The heartiest congratulations to Florence Updike, Food Science, who was recently elected president of Geneva's Zonta Club. She will be installed April 27.

FOR SALE

Ray Fryer, Publications, would like to sell his 1961 4-door Dodge. This automobile has 6 cylinders, automatic transmission, and good tires. It is in excellent condition and if you are interested, please contact Ray at our number, 789-6660.

DEATH

We were sorry to learn of the death of Alex Calabrese's father last week.

NOTES OF INTEREST

We had a pretty good idea it wasn't going to last long, and for once our prediction was accurate—State Exposition will no longer be called that, but will go back to the original name, State Fair. Many of you probably saw the article in the paper the other night in which it was stated that the name Exposition just did not catch on and that they have returned to the more popular name, State Fair.

Jim Moyer has been appointed to the Scientific and Technical Commission of the International Federation of Fruit Juice Producers.

Dr. Jacques Schonberg, professor of chemistry, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Lima, Peru, was a visitor in the Departments of Food Science and Entomology April 6-7. He was interested in discussing our pesticide work to obtain additional information that would aid him in setting up a new pesticide laboratory at his particular university.

CHESS MATCHES SCHEDULED

The auditorium of Jordan Hall has been used for a number of rather unusual events during the past 5 years, and this year is no exception. The Annual Genesee Cup Matches of the New York State Chess Association will be held this weekend in Jordan Hall. Teams of four chess players representing various New York State counties will compete for the 60-year old trophy. The Finger Lakes Chess Society, which represents Ontario County, finished second last year in this competition when it was held in Rome. Two Station members, Jerry Van Buren and Bob LaBelle, both from Food Science, will play for the local

club, and Bob will also direct the event. Game times are 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Spectators are welcome.

IFT LADIES NIGHT HELD

The Western New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists is holding its annual meeting and ladies night dinner today in Rochester. Included on the agenda is a tour of R. T. French's new test kitchens. The tour will be followed by a dinner, a talk by Robert P. Driggs, vice-president, R. T. French, and then the annual meeting will follow at the Top-of-the-Plaza Restaurant. A number of Food Science personnel are attending this session including the Robinsons, Masseys, Saravacoses, LaBelles, and Joanne Whitcombe.

NEW ARRIVALS

It's getting that time of the season again when the spring crop of babies begins arriving. Congratulations are due the Stamers, Food Science, on the birth of their daughter, Anne Marie, April 12.

Greg and Anita Wooster, also from Food Science, had a son, Andrew, April 9.

And finally, in Vegetable Crops, the Pecks had a 7 lb. 9 oz. daughter April 13, Virginia Ann.

Congratulations to all of you.

HEALTH REPORT

Hugh Miller is currently in Strong Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery.

Clarence Kunz, Food Science, is in Geneva General Hospital.

WEATHER

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