



# STATION

# NEWS

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## SPRING IS HERE

At least that's what the calendar says. We read somewhere the other day, though, that the "sun still had teeth". Word from some of our vacationers who headed south to escape the wintry blasts that whip around western New York indicates that they haven't fared much better than the rest of us these first few days of spring, 1955. Vic Hopkins and his spray crew have braved the elements to get on the first of the "dormant" sprays and the pomologists are finishing up pruning in Station orchards and vineyards. But for the most part, early season activity around the Station is limited to greenhouse planting, to cleaning up equipment, and to making plans for that nice weather which can't be too long delayed—we hope.

## PLANT INTRODUCTIONS

Des Dolan in his capacity as Regional Coordinator for the Northeastern Plant Introduction Station here, is engaged in a whole series of conferences this week. Monday he was in Rutgers and today and tomorrow he will meet with the three other Regional Coordinators in Beltsville. Friday and Saturday he will be joined by Doctor Heinicke for conferences with USDA officials and the Inter-regional Committee in Washington. Doctor Heinicke is technical advisor for the Northeastern Region.

## EFFECTIVE JULY 1st

Promotions in rank, effective July 1st, have been announced for the following persons: Robert C. Lamb and Karl D. Brase from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in Pomology; Keith H. Steinkraus from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in Bacteriology; Willard B. Robinson from Associate Professor to Professor in Chemistry; and Edward H. Glass and Edward H. Smith from Associate Professor to Professor in Entomology. Congratulations, fellows!

## TWO-WAY PROGRAM

Several members of the Station Staff were guests of a group of officers, directors, and store managers of GLF at the Seneca Hotel Monday evening. Included were Doctors Chapman, Hervey, Clark, Schroeder, Hand, Szkolnik, Avena, and Vittum. It was largely a "get acquainted" affair, with the GLF personnel describing the activities of their organization and each of the Station men telling something about his particular program of research. Arrangements were made by Lloyd Curtis, well-known area representative of GLF.

## MOBILE LAB

A water pollution survey of the Finger Lakes area is expected to get underway within the next few weeks. The water pollution control section of the State Health Department is making the survey. A mobile laboratory to aid in the survey will be set up on the coal mat adjacent to the heating plant.

## PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT

A Public Health Service grant has been approved to further investigations by Doctor Holley and others of peptide synthesis and breakdown. The grant goes into effect April 1st.

## IN STRONG MEMORIAL

Professor Sayre entered Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester Monday afternoon for a check-up. No report had been received up to press time.

## PATRICK HANDLAN

Patrick Handlan died unexpectedly Monday afternoon at his home on William Street. He was 81 years of age. Mr. Handlan was a familiar figure around the Station for over 25 years as an employee of the Fruit Testing Association. He retired in August of last year. He had a serious illness last summer but more recently seemed to enjoy pretty good health. His good nature and genial ways prevailed to the end. Among survivors is Miss Millie McGuigan of the Food Science Department, a niece.

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## SPEAKING IN ELMIRA

Doctor Chapman will be guest speaker before the Chemung Valley Audubon Society in Elmira tomorrow evening. His topic, "Insects vs. Man."

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## THE BISHOP BABY

We extend sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bishop in the loss of their baby girl last week. Mr. Bishop works with Bill Schroeder.

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## FAR EASTERN POLICY

A forum on "American Far Eastern Policy" will be held in Room 16, Smith Hall, Hobart and William Smith College, Friday evening, March 25th, at 8:00 p. m. Sponsored by the Social Science Department at Hobart, the forum will have as its moderator Prof. Ignacy Aleksandrowicz. Panel members will include Dean Seymour Dunn, Prof. Harold Webb, and Prof. Gchiming Hou. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

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## WELCOME TO MISS NATTI

We join with Doctor and Mrs. John Natti and Johnny and Tommy in welcoming Elizabeth Ann and all of her 6 pounds, 9 ounces. She arrived at the Geneva General Hospital last Saturday, the 19th.

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## THE POOL WINS

Interest over the question as to whether a swimming pool should be included in plans for expanding school facilities in the Phelps Central School district has spread far beyond the borders of the district. Names of active proponents for the project in the Phelps Central School PTA as published in the Geneva Daily Times read almost like a Station directory. Monday was THE DAY, and as all the world knows now, the pool won by an overwhelming vote. Congratulations!

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## COMMITTEE NAMED

With celebration of the beginning of the second century of the New York State Horticultural Society scheduled for the new War Memorial Building in Rochester next January, Doctor Heinicke and Director of Extension Maurice Bond have combined forces to name a joint committee from Ithaca and Geneva to plan an appropriate exhibit. The Ithaca group includes G. S. Butts, chairman; B. A. Dominick, M. B. Hoffman, A. A. LaPlante, E. D. Markwardt, W. D. Mills, and E. S. Phillips. For Geneva there will be W. B. Robinson, E. H. Smith, M. Szkolnik, and L. G. Klein, Mr. Luckett has been designated "overall" chairman, which sounds like he may be the one to do the real work. Preliminary planning will get underway in the near future.

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## ELECTED

Officers of the Geneva Chapter of the CSEA elected at the meeting last Friday are as follows: President, Lloyd Weir; vice president, Joe Pettrone; secretary, John Chimera; and treasurer, Jack Shannon. Also elected to the Executive Council were Eleanor Warren, Carrie Legnini, Roy Bergstresser, Karl Brase, Bob Larsen, Edward Mulcahy, and W. Sprong.

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## A TIGHT SQUEEZE

The boy who was freed from a precarious position in a maple tree last Sunday by the Geneva Fire Department was visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Arthur W. Clark. Six-year-old Noel Swift, son of the former Ruth Clark, now of Rochester, slipped when he was climbing the tree and became so tightly wedged in the tree that it was necessary to saw off an 8-inch limb to free him.

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## SOCIETY NOTE

Announcement of the engagement of Helen Parker to Harold B. Tukey, Jr., appeared in the Geneva Daily Times the other night. Young Tukey is graduating from Michigan State College in June. His father has been head of the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State since leaving here in 1945.

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## CONVEYS THANKS

Several people around the Station have received a letter of thanks for aid given a visitor here last October. Mrs. Zdenka Samish of the Agricultural Research Station at Rehovot, Israel, spent a week at the Station observing work in food processing.

LEON H. JONES

The sudden passing of Leon Jones has brought a feeling of deep personal loss to everyone at the Station. Apparently in excellent health Saturday evening when he played cards with a group of friends, he was stricken early Sunday morning and died enroute to the Geneva General Hospital. He would have been 57 on April 6th.

In mourning our mutual loss with his daughter Lois and sons Charles and Lawrence, we only hope that they may find some small comfort in the fact that he was spared prolonged suffering or a long-drawn-out disabling illness that would have been doubly hard for him to bear with his energetic nature.

Services will be held at the Seneca Castle Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at an hour to be announced later. The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Memorial Fund of the Methodist Church. An opportunity will be given everyone to participate in a contribution to this fund from Leon's Station friends.

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Leon came to the Station on March 6, 1950, following service as civilian director of housing at Sampson Air Force Base. He also was employed for many years by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation and by two or three local business houses. Thus he was exceptionally well equipped to handle the numerous details incidental to the Station's Business Office.

But to those of us who were closely associated with Leon in everyday life he will be remembered best for his genial, gracious manner and as a very nice person to know and work with. He was a man of many hobbies--and enthusiastic about them all. Until recent years he was a bowler of much more than ordinary ability, and he always an ardent fisherman. He was a prime mover in the Station's bridge club and we believe he might very well have also been the original "Do-it-yourself" hobbier. He certainly possessed many skills which he had developed to almost a professional degree. He could and did build anything from a doll house to a modern home with all the accessories, fixtures, and decoration.

It will be exceedingly difficult to fill his position as Administrative Assistant. But no one will be able to fill his place in the memory and affection of his host of friends.

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