



# STATION NEWS

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## STRAWBERRY FIELD DAYS

On Thursday and Friday of next week, Station specialists will play host to fruit research men from other areas. Although it has been designated as a strawberry conference and field meeting, the visitors will have opportunities to see work being done on other fruits, namely sweet cherries, blueberries, and grapes. Thursday, June 24, will be spent at Geneva and the group will leave toward the end of the day for Fredonia. The following day will be spent at plantings in Chautauqua and Erie Counties. Professors Slate and Braun are making the arrangements for the event.

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## FLOWER TRIALS IN BLOOM

Mr. Heit informs us that the next two weeks will be the ideal time for viewing the field trials on pansies and delphiniums. All of the rows are labeled and include several named varieties of pansies and many of the Pacific giant hybrid delphiniums. The plots are located behind the greenhouse.

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## THE LIFE OF AN APPLE

The audience had a firm grasp of the topic last Wednesday when Director Heinicke presented some interesting sidelights on apple production to the members of the Ithaca Rotary Club. McIntosh apples were passed out to the listeners so that they could better appreciate the subject.

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## VISITORS

Last Thursday and Friday, Mr. Leonardus de Vos of Surinam (Dutch Guiana) was a guest at the Station. He is an agricultural technologist stationed at Paramaribo and discussed the handling and processing of fruits and vegetables with Station specialists....On Sunday, the Hands had as their guest Mr. J. Heng Liu of Taipei, Formosa. Mr. Liu is president of the Chinese Red Cross and is visiting at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, the latter being a member of the Hobart faculty....Mr. Bob Graves, a Virginia fruit grower, visited the Station during the early part of the week. He is a trustee of Virginia Polytechnic Institute....From Minneapolis came Dr. Joe Moore on Monday. He was a graduate assistant in the local Entomology Department from 1934 to 1939 and is now vice-president of an insecticide firm....Prof. William Clark of Penn State visited Prof. Brase last week to discuss rootstock work....Mr. Jose Araujo of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, stopped in yesterday to look at the Station's irrigation work.

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## FORMER WORKER WINS PROMOTION

Dr. R. W. Bledsoe, who worked at the Station as an agronomist in 1946 and 1947, has been named Assistant Director at the Florida Experiment Station. Dr. Bledsoe joined the Florida staff upon leaving Geneva. In 1950, he was a co-recipient of the Oakridge Science Award for outstanding research studies with radioactive isotopes.

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## HOUSECLEANING DUE

The pomologists advise us that the 32<sup>o</sup> storage room in the basement of Hedrick Hall will undergo a thorough house-cleaning on the next rainy day. All persons who have material to be saved in this room are asked to label it so that it will not be discarded.

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## THE SICK LIST

We're sorry to learn that Mabel Sperry, who retired only a few weeks ago, is confined to the Clifton Springs Sanitarium and will submit to a serious operation today. She and sister Jessie have been forced to cancel plans for a European trip this summer because of this turn of events....And Joe Pettrone, who was incapacitated by a fall last week, came back on Monday.

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Leslie Whitton, graduate assistant in Pomology, has returned to the fold for the summer.....Mrs. LeEtta Henicke, wife of Everett Henicke of the Spray Crew, is helping out in Plant Pathology for the summer.....Miss Alice O'Dell of Geneva will assist Dr. Gilmer during the vacation months.....Cornell graduate student Irwin Lessel is again working with Dr. Breed.....Joan Metzger, a Cornell senior, has been assigned to Dr. Steinkraus' lab. She hails from New Jersey.....And David Levy came all the way from Amarillo, Texas, to work with Prof. Tapley during his summer vacation from Texas Tech.

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## PHENOLOGICAL DATA

Spinach harvesting began Monday in a project being conducted by Veg Crops at Marion.....First pickings on early varieties of strawberries began also on Monday. The pomologists expect the main crops to mature next week.

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## CHIT CHAT

Dr. Breed was in Amherst, Massachusetts, last week, to celebrate the 55th reunion of his college graduating class.....And Dr. Hamilton motored to Guelph, Ontario, for the weekend to meet with members of his class in an OAC reunion.....Mr. L. H. Lawrence of St. Paul, Minnesota, arrived on Friday to spend the summer on Seneca Lake. He's visiting at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Lawrence on the east side of the lake.....Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barry of Guelph visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leo Klein, over the weekend. ....Word comes from Palmer, Alaska, that Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bula are celebrating another blessed event--another boy. William John arrived on June 5 and weighed 6½ lbs. Ray was a member of the Seed Department a couple of years ago.....Mr. and Mrs. Slate spent a long weekend at Middlebury, Vermont, where they saw daughter Barbara graduated magna cum laude in ceremonies on Monday morning. She majored in Russian. Back in Geneva, she has accepted a position at the National Bank.....Out at Alfred, N. Y., James Traphagen graduated on Saturday from the Agricultural and Technical Institute.....And the Einsets were in Ithaca on Monday to participate in the wedding of his brother, Eystein, to Miss Betty McKay. The bride was awarded her master's degree in the morning, and a husband in the afternoon. The groom is working toward his doctor's degree at Cornell.....The latest card from the Bigelows places them in the northwest corner of the country in Washington and Oregon.....Dr. Szkolnik has been reelected president of the Brick Home and School Club for the coming year.

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## WED 65 YEARS

Each anniversary of the first 25 years of married life has a particular designation. It seems strange that after a man and wife have weathered 50 years, the occasion has no further significance until the 75th has been reached. Perhaps the world expects a partnership of 50 years to continue without incident for another quarter century. If so, these expectations are materializing in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Jr., of Lafayette, Indiana. For a good many years, the Williamses have spent their summers in Geneva at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Luckett. Friends have seen the celebration of the golden wedding, and the 60th, and last Saturday marked the 65th anniversary of the couple's nuptials. Both bride and groom boast good health and surprising agility. To them we express sincere felicitations and wishes for many more years of continued usefulness.

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## PICNIC NEXT WEEK

All persons planning to attend the Station Club Picnic at Cayuga Lake Park a week from Saturday must make their reservations with the committee by Friday of this week. That's the word from Mr. and Mrs. Robinson who are steering the affair. One person has been appointed for each Department to record the number of adults and children who expect to join in the fun. Here's the list: Sturtevant--Bob LaBelle; Pomology--Celia DeWall; Plant Path and Veg Crops--Eleanor Warren; Seeds--Claude Heit; Entomology--Sig Lienk; Chemistry--Sherril Gibbs; Jordan Hall--Pauline Jennings; Outside crew--Jack Shannon. Remember, Friday afternoon is the deadline for reservations.

The chief change in the picnic plans this year concerns the food. Each family will again be expected to bring a generous preparation of some sort of picnic item. The quantity should be enough to feed the particular family if that were the only item on the menu. Sliced ham will be provided by the Club, as will milk, coffee, and ice cream. Don't forget your eating utensils and the serving fork or spoon for the food item you bring. You may want bread or rolls, too.

Saturday, June 26th is the date--Cayuga Lake State Park is the place--The softball game will get underway at 4 P.M. and should leave time for a quick dip in the lake before the eats are served at 5:30. There's a good time waiting for the kids and grownups, too. All Station employees and their families and guests may attend.

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My nephew Bill says that since he has been reading so many articles on the dangers of smoking, he has about decided to give up reading.--Farm Journal