

STATION NEWS



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MECCA

Horticultural interests were served in many ways at the Station during the past few days. Classified as extra-curricular was the gladiolus seedling show held here on Saturday. Over 150 spikes were entered by hybridizers from many parts of Central and Western New York. The top award went to Marion Rich of Marion, N. Y., while second place was won by the Station's own glad enthusiast, Leo Klein. His light lavender creation is being named "Little Lady". Mr. Klein also took three commendation awards and seven initial awards for his spikes. Other winners were Clark Pickell of Rochester, Leon Baker of Batavia, and Merton Clemons of Elmira. We note, also, that Mr. Klein has been selected to serve as a judge in the gladiolus competition at the State Fair next month.

Yesterday, the State Horticultural Society and the State Canners Association held meetings at the Experiment Station. The Hort Society members came to the Station as part of their summer field day which started at Ithaca in the morning. Members of the Canners' Agricultural Committee looked at vegetable research while some of the fieldmen were here to take a very short course in judging soil for best use. All of the field trips were somewhat curtailed by threatening skies.

TO SABBATIC IN COSTA RICA

A request for a six-month's sabbatic leave in Costa Rica has been approved for Dr. J. C. Cain of Pomology, beginning September 15th. He will spend most of the time at the Inter-American Institute for Agricultural Science at Turrialba, studying nutritional problems of the coffee and cocoa plants. Dr. Cain will be accompanied by Mrs. Cain and son James, and enroute they'll take son John, Jr., to the University of Florida where he has enrolled for his freshman year.

NEW FRUITS IN COLOR

Station Bulletins No. 762, 763, and 764 are now arriving from the printer. They deal respectively with the Station's most recent introductions of strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries, and carry color plates of Empire, Erie, Essex, and Eden strawberries; September, Milton, and Amber raspberries; and Bailey and Hedrick blackberries. Prof. Slate is the author and copies are available from the Bulletin Room.

The Bailey blackberry plate also adorns the cover of the new Fruit Testing Association catalog which is available from Mr. Bennett's office.

POINTING UP

Dr. Clark is meeting in Albany, today, with Prof. Johnson of the College and Mr. George Edsinger of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, to put the finishing touches on proposed revisions in the State Seed Law, for presentation to the next session of the Legislature.

OLD HOME WEEK

Calling in town over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Max Patterson and daughter of Lafayette, Ind. Max left the Station's Veg Crops Department about a year ago to engage in studies and research at Purdue....Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Becker and family also came from Purdue to visit old friends here. Maurice earned his master's degree from Cornell while on an appointment as graduate assistant to Dr. Pederson. He left Geneva four years ago and suffered a severe polio attack soon afterward. After many long months of pluck he is able to maneuver on crutches and only last week made a singular achievement—the successful completion of his Ph D work at Purdue. Our hearty congratulations to Maurice and our best wishes for good fortune in the future. He has accepted a position dealing with virology studies at the Maryland State Department of Health....And today, a former grad student in Entomology, Dr. Elton Clark, is calling on his former associates in his business capacity as representative for the American Cyanamide Co. His headquarters are at Stamford, Connecticut.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Durham has returned to her home following two days of observation at Clifton Springs....And Mrs. Coe reported to the hospital yesterday for a checkup.

August 1st marked the retirement date for Alfred Povero, field assistant in Pomology. He was a familiar figure at the Rootstock Farm and lives on the Fort Hill Road. Our wishes for many years of relaxation go to Alfred.

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VACATION TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Braun and their three children are breaking in their new blue Olds on a trip which will carry them through many of the southern states and out to Colorado where the plant pathologist will attend the meeting of the American Phytopathological Society August 24-27. Their first stop is at his home in Daytona Beach, Fla., for a family reunion. From thence they'll travel along the Gulf Coast stopping at New Orleans. They hope to make the return trip from Colorado by September 1st.

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PLANT INTRODUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Technical Committee for the Northeast Regional Plant Introduction Station will meet here next Tuesday and Wednesday for a business meeting and inspection of the project. The tour will include stops at the Hedrick Hall Office, new cold frames and greenhouse, and plant plots adjacent to the greenhouse and at the Schroeder farm.

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MISS RYAN BEREAVED

We extend sincere sympathy to Agnes Ryan whose brother passed away at the Geneva Hospital on Monday, following a heart attack. William T. Ryan had made his home at 225 Genesee Street since his retirement from a New York position. Besides his sister, he is survived by three sons, several nieces and nephews. Services will be held tomorrow morning.

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MISS JENNINGS BEREAVED

Death struck in the families of Jordan Hall for the third time in nine days when a heart attack led to the death of Mrs. Catherine Bowman in the Geneva Hospital on Monday night. The deceased lived with her nieces, the Misses Pauline and Mildred Jennings at 220 Washington Street. She was 65 years of age. Our sympathy goes to Miss Jennings and the entire family.

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CHIT CHAT

Irv Lessell won the championship in the Geneva Country Club's 1954 golf tourney the other day. He is an assistant to Dr. Breed..... Congratulations, too, to Ann Glass who garnered herself some honors in the 4-H baking contest at the Ontario County Fair last week. Ann's cookies and muffins took top honors while her biscuits rated a third place ribbon..... The Ben Clarks have moved into their newly-built house at 75 Highland Avenue. They vacated their Jefferson Street home on Monday..... Mr. A. M. Pederson of Tomah, Wisconsin, stopped in at the home of his brother, Dr. Carl Pederson, last week. He's recently returned from a trip to Norway and was enroute back to Wisconsin..... Another overseas trip was completed last week when Mrs. Overholser returned from a visit to Japan and Hawaii. In Japan, she visited her son, Major Earl Overholser, and on the way back stopped at Oahu to visit Dr. Heinicke's nephew, Dr. Ralph Heinicke, and the sabbaticking Stationite, Dr. Frank Boyle..... Visiting at the Wellingtons is their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Crandall of Cincinnati..... And visiting in the Hudson Valley and Long Island area is Dr. A. C. Davis who is inspecting some of the corn insect control plots..... Last Wednesday's Entomology picnic began on schedule inasmuch as Old Sol grinned all day on the east side of the lake. But once the picnickers had their activities underway, Old Jupe Pluve just laughed right in their faces and sent them scrambling to their cars. There wasn't even enough time for Teddy Glass to model the latest in swimming attire for young men. But 'twas just as well for even the great Dior would have raised an eyebrow at the blossom-bedecked headpiece..... By way of introduction, the newcomer to the Hand household is a cocker spaniel who is mighty proud of her pedigree. The name of "Polly" is rather uncouth, since the full length name is Poly Oxy Ethyl Lens Mona Stewart (which doesn't even come close to 'stearate')..... Mrs. H. Lienk of Chicago returned to the windy city earlier this week after spending some time at the home of her son, Dr. S. E. Lienk and family..... The Roger Ways have moved from Clifton Springs to their newly-acquired spacious home in Stanley. They took over the four-acre homestead about a week ago.

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THRUWAY TRAVEL

Further to recent information concerning travel on New York State Thruways, Station employees are advised that reimbursement for toll charges will not be made for trips between Geneva and Rochester or in-between points. If the destination lies beyond Rochester, reimbursement of toll charges is allowable.

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