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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 13 - 9:45 a.m. - Tour - Science Students, Twelve Corners Middle School,  
Rochester
- 14 - 7:30 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - N.Y. State Farm Bureau
- 20 - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium, Jordan Hall - Geneva Coin Club
- 20 - 7:30 p.m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - N.Y. State Farm Bureau

## STATION BAR-B-Q JULY 29

Whatever you do, don't forget the Station Club sponsored Chicken Bar-B-Q at Seneca Lake State Park Wednesday, July 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes half a chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, relishes, rolls, potato chips, watermelon, soft drinks, and suds. Cost to Station Club members is \$1.50 and for children of Station Club members 90¢. If you have a large family, you might wish to take advantage of the family plan at \$6. Non-members will pay \$2.25 with children paying \$1.25. According to Rocco Marafioti, chairman of the barbecue, tickets are available from departmental secretaries, and you should get them as early as possible. Oh yes, there will be live entertainment.



#### WILLARD CROSIER RETIRES AFTER 43 YEARS

Dr. Willard Crosier, one of the world's leading seed pathologists, retired July 1 following 43 years of service at Cornell.

During his career at the Geneva Station which began in 1932, Dr. Crosier concentrated on problems of detecting and controlling pathogenes carried on or in seed and on protecting seed from soil pathogenes. He was the pathologist in the Department of Seed Investigations.

Author or co-author of 250 scientific articles, he has made contributions in the fields of chemistry, entomology, mycology, plant pathology, and seed technology. Dr. Crosier has become well known throughout the world for his imaginative work in the field of seed pathology. He attended the organizational meeting of the International Seed Pathology Congress in England in 1958, the First International Plant Pathology Congress in 1966, and the Tenth Congress of the International Seed Testing Association in Ireland.

Dr. Crosier has helped advance knowledge of seed pathology and seed technology by serving as chairman of the Research Committee of the Association of Official Seed Analysts from 1947 to 1949. He has served continuously since 1939 as a member or chairman of the Pathological Committee of the Association of Official Seed Analysts. He is the current editor of the Proceedings of Official Seed Analysts.

In addition, Dr. Crosier has served as chairman or co-chairman of the Committee on Detection of Seed Borne Diseases and Pests of the International Seed Testing Association since 1937.

He received his A.B. degree from Kansas State University in 1927 and his Ph.D. degree from Cornell University in 1932. Before coming to the Geneva Station in 1932, Dr. Crosier spent 5 years as an Instructor in Plant Pathology on the Ithaca campus of Cornell University.

#### SEED MICROBIOLOGIST APPOINTED

Dr. Gary E. Harman, a recent recipient of the Ph.D. degree, has been appointed to an assistant professorship in the Department of Seed Investigations. The appointment became effective July 1.

Dr. Harman received his Ph.D. degree in plant pathology from Oregon State University in October 1969. His assignment at the Geneva Station is to study the relationship between seeds and microorganisms including fungi, bacteria, and viruses.

Prior to coming to the Station, he worked at North Carolina State University as a postdoctoral research associate studying chemical changes on flue-cured tobacco resulting from infection with tobacco mosaic virus.

A native of La Junta, Colorado, Dr. Harman received his undergraduate training at Otero Junior College in La Junta where he was conferred an Associate of Arts degree and, in 1966, was granted the B.S. degree in Botany from Colorado State University, Fort Collins.

He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the American Phytopathological Society.

Dr. Harman is married to the former Barbara Jean Wilkinson and has two sons, Douglas and Jeffrey.

#### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Clarence Kunz has been appointed Administrative Assistant--Business effective July 1. Clarence is responsible for business policy, procedures, and instruction of Geneva personnel on matters relating to Station business. Additional duties include responsibility for checking requisitions, vouchers, NPT's, voucher payrolls, distribution of salary and travel checks, rental of Station houses, income fund deposits, vehicle records, registrations, insurance, office forms, sources of supply and prices, maintaining Station utility accounts, and Fleet vehicle purchases and scheduling. Clarence is



also responsible for the personnel, equipment, supplies, and accounting for the Custodial, Greenhouse and Grounds, Farm Services, and Mail Service operations of the Station. We welcome Clarence to his new position and wish him well on his assignment.

Charles Brodel is a new graduate student in Entomology who started work this week. He has a Cornell fellowship.

Frances VanKirk has been appointed stenographer in Vegetable Crops effective July 1. She replaces Kathleen O'Hara who recently retired from that position.

Miss Catherine H. Hren, a Cornell graduate, has been appointed research assistant in Plant Pathology. She will be assisting Jerry Uyemoto on a special NIH grant recently received.

Another appointment in Plant Pathology is Marco V. Principio who is working for Al Braun as a field assistant effective May 4.

John Kenny has been appointed to serve as research technician in Food Science. He will be working in Joanne Whitcombe's laboratory.

Working with Bob LaBelle is Bob Kime who is a newly hired research technician.

Finally in Food Science, Don Queale has been appointed to an experimentalist position and will be the supervisor of the pilot plant in the new Raw Products Building.

Gary F. Carroll has been appointed a field assistant with the Farm Crew.

John H. Coffin is the new night watchman for the Station and will be responsible for the safety of the Station grounds after working hours.

#### MEETINGS

Sandy Davis and Chuck Eckenrode were in the Hudson Valley July 8 and 9 to attend the Organic Soil Horticultural Workshop in Middletown.

Ed Glass attended the National Working Conference on Pesticide Disposal June 30 and July 1 in Beltsville. This conference was sponsored by the President's Cabinet Committee on Environment and by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Scheduled for August 4 and 5 on our campus is the annual meeting of the Regional Committee NE 9, which is that dealing with Plant Introduction. Representatives from each of the 14 Northeast Agricultural Experiment Stations will be here.

Ben Clark and Claude Heit attended the annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts held in Jefferson City, Missouri June 21-26. Claude presented two papers at the meeting, and Ben is a member of the executive board and involved in various committee activities.

Geza Hrazdina, Len Mattick, and Gil Stoewsand presented papers at the American Society of Enologists meeting in Coronado, California June 25-27.

Ross Hackler and Terry Acree attended the American Society of Cereal Chemists meeting in Excelsior Springs, Missouri June 22-23, and Terry read a paper.

Bob Shallenberger just returned from rather lengthy trips, the first of which was from June 14-21 in Geneva, Switzerland where he attended the International Symposium on Gustation and Olfaction. He then went to the University of Illinois where he attended the Starch Round Table meeting June 28-July 3.



#### NOTES OF INTEREST

The Experiment Station has been presented a Community Chest Achievement Award for obtaining 102 per cent of its quota in the recent United Fund-Red Cross Campaign. Once again, a special commendation must be given to Don Downing who chaired the Station drive this year and to all his coworkers on this campaign.

Mahtab Shaikh, a former employee in Entomology, has accepted a position at Onondaga Community College beginning this fall.

Gertrude Catlin, Entomology, who recently underwent an operation at Geneva General Hospital, is home and recovering satisfactorily.

Dr. Yosiho Tamaki visited several members of the Entomology Department July 2. He was particularly interested in discussing Wendell Roelof's sex pheromone research since this will be one of his prime responsibilities upon returning to Japan this year.

Ralph Dean has returned to his home in Poughkeepsie, New York after spending a month in Hawaii. Ralph and his wife recently retired from Entomology at the Hudson Valley Laboratory, and the couple may make a permanent home in Hawaii.

Paul Gamper is a graduate student working for the next 4 months for Jim Moyer in Food Science. Paul is from Switzerland.

David Lineen is spending the next few months working with Otis Curtis in Pomology. David is from Ireland.

Friends and colleagues of Dr. Leo Boulanger, University of Maine, will be saddened to learn of his untimely death, July 2, resulting from a massive coronary. A Leo Boulanger Library Memorial Fund has been established for those who wish to contribute (care of Dr. Geddes Simpson, Department of Entomology, University of Maine, Orono, Maine).

#### PERSONNEL NEWS

New legislation permits eligible veterans of World War II to purchase retirement credit for their military service. Any employees who are veterans of World War II, who do not have credit for military service during World War II under other provisions of the Retirement and Social Security Law, should complete form RS 5168 and submit it along with a photocopy of their discharge or separation from service. A statement as to the cost of obtaining this credit will be furnished to them.

It is important to note that a member must make the payment for this service, or begin installment payments, on or before March 31, 1971. If he fails to do so, the member may not obtain this service credit after that date. A new employee who has been hired after April 1, 1970 will have one year, from date of employment or until March 31, 1972, to start payment for this service.

For forms and further information see Kay Schurstedt, Personnel Office.

#### SOFTBALL RESULTS

Latest Station softball results show that Team 2 defeated Team 1 June 11 by a score of 23-19. Stan Comstock and Rocco Marafioti each had 5 for 5 at the plate. Denny Coggins and Lincoln Adams scored 4 baggers in the game. Then, the following week, Team 2 again outscored Team 1, this time 17-16. Clay Stevens came across the plate with a tie breaking run in the bottom of the 7th inning. Otis Curtis and Denny Coggins each had 6 for 6 at the plate in that game.

#### SUMMER HELP

Food Science - Jeanine Gingras, John Farnsworth, Susan Moran, and Jim Richmond.

Plant Pathology - Irene Dadson, Richard Graham, Linda Sheradin, Donald R. Blowers, Donald D. Cook, Wendy S. Tashiro, and Austin S. Cox.



WEATHER

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Rain</u>
June 13	75	51	
14	68	43	
15	77	57	
16	69	56	tr.
17	77	63	
18	86	66	.99
19	80	64	.05
20	72	45	
21	62	46	
22	65	53	.60
23	73	51	
24	79	59	
25	83	54	tr.
26	68	45	.01
27	72	53	.33
28	66	50	tr.
29	72	54	tr.
30	75	59	.05
July 1	76	60	
2	83	60	.23
3	71	59	
4	85	66	.13
5	78	57	.09
6	73	59	
7	78	52	
8	83	59	
9	85	66	
10	81	47	.09

HOLES IN THE WALL

The cover this issue shows the nests of a colony of Bank swallows. Mrs. Walsh, Paris, Dorothy, and Pepper Trail have been banding at this site and have banded about 240 swallows so far. Paris says that they also caught and banded a small falcon (Kestrel) who was attempting to snatch a young swallow from one of the nests.