

STATION NEWS

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WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
July 31	82	54	.17 in. of Rain
August 1	80	56	Trace of Rain
August 2	81	52	Fair
August 3	88	63	Fair
August 4	84	65	.23 in. of Rain
August 5	88	65	.08 in. of Rain
August 6	91	68	Cloudy
August 7	82	65	.71 in. of Rain
August 8	73	58	Cloudy
August 9	67	57	Trace of Rain
August 10	64	53	.40 in. of Rain
August 11	75	52	.03 in. of Rain
August 12	78	59	Fair
August 13	76	60	Trace of Rain

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JAHN RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS SERVICE

Members of the Experiment Station paid tribute to Hermann O. Jahn at a retirement party on Monday. Dr. D. W. Barton, Director, presented him with a gold watch honoring him for his 33 years of service to the Station. Jahn came to the Station in 1929 at the invitation of former director Dr. U. P. Hendrick.

Jahn started as an apprentice gardner in Gleissen, Germany in 1912. In 1915, he received his certificate as Assistant Gardher and that same year was appointed as interior decorator in the castle of Crown Prince Wilhelm, Marmor Palais, and later at Cecilienhof, Potsdam. Following a tour of duty in the military he went to the famous state park Sanssouci in 1923.

For the last 17 years, Jahn has served as Greenhouse Superintendent and as the offical State weather observer. Jahn's wife, Paula, is presently employed at the Hobart College Library, a position she has held since 1946. The couple has two sons, Gunter and Harrison, and five grandchildren. Their new address is 148 White Springs Road, Geneva.

SNAP BEAN FIELD DAY

Station scientists held a Snap Bean Field Day for growers, processors, and seedsmen on Friday. Although the weather was less than ideal, the interest of the visitors was not dampened. Purpose of the field day, according to Dr. J. D. Atkin, Vegetable Crops, was to allow the participants an opportunity to meet the researchers who are conducting experiments with beans, and also to give them a chance to see the results of some of the more progressive research. Many of the growers and processors commented favorably about the concentrated bean research program that is being carried out at the Station.

DIRECTOR RETURNS FROM MEETINGS

Director D. W. Barton returned this week from attending the Northeast Directors Meetings held at Orono, Maine. Director Barton is serving as Secretary of this distinguished group and is also a member of the Executive Committee.

PAULINE JENNINGS RETURNS

Miss H. Pauline Jennings, Associate Librarian, has returned to her familiar post in the Station's Library following a year's leave of absence. Miss Jennings spent the year in Washington, D. C. attending Catholic University's Graduate School of Library Science. She also worked part-time for the Rockefeller Foundation as a librarian. Miss Jennings stayed with her brother while in the Nation's Capital.

HEIT ATTENDS FOREST TREE CONFERENCE

C. E. Heit, Seed Investigations, participated in the Northeast Tree Improvement Conference, Durham, New Hampshire on 8-9 August. While at the conference he presented a report of the Tree Seed Improvement Committee, of which he is Chairman. As a result of the report, members of the conference went on record as favoring some way of devising a better method for the control of both foreign and domestic tree seed sales and distribution.

GAMBRELL AND EINSET IN EUROPE

Dr. F. L. Gambrell, Entomology, left for Europe on 11 August. He and his wife, Lydia, are making a "Grand Tour" of the Continent and will return to the United States on 7 November. Gambrell will spend from 31 August to 10 September in Brussels attending the XVI International Horticultural Congress. Other stops on the tour will include England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Austria, Italy, France, and Switzerland. Dr. John Einset, Head, Department of Pomology, is also to attend these meetings and left for Europe on 4 August.

AIBS MEETINGS DRAW STATION CROWD

A delegation of Station scientists will attend the AIBS meetings in Corvallis, Oregon on 26-31 August. Drs. R. D. Way, A. J. Braun, W. T. Schroeder, and R. M. Gilmer have already left. Drs. N. J. Shaulis, G. L. Slate, M. T. Vittum, and Miss Charlotte S. Pratt are to leave this week.

SEED LAB HAS VISITOR

Dr. Wendell Ditmer, Head, Pennsylvania State Seed Laboratory visited the Station's Seed Laboratory on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Ditmer was particularly interested in studying the embryo excision method for testing dormant tree seed.

BOURNE'S HAVE DAUGHTER

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Bourne, Food Science and Technology, are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Virginia Margaret. The girl was born on 6 August at 11:45 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. Both mother and daughter are home now and reported to be doing fine.

DR. MATTICK RETURNS FROM CAMP

Dr. L. R. Mattick, Food Science and Technology, returned to his office last Wednesday after spending the better part of a week at Camp Babcock-Hovey, located on Seneca Lake. Mattick took 30-40 local Boy Scouts to the camp for training exercises.

TUKEY'S MOVE

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tukey, a former member of the Station's Department of Pomology and now retired Head, Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, notified the Station that they have a new address: The Maples, Woodland, Michigan.

LEO GODFREY KLEIN

21 October 1911 - 26 August 1962

It was with great sadness that the Station learned of Leo G. Klein's sudden passing on Sunday morning, 26 August. Leo Klein was not only well liked as an individual throughout the Station family, but was deeply respected and admired as a scientist.

Born in Guelph, Ontario, he obtained his B.S. degree in Pomology at the Ontario Agricultural College in 1936. While at the College he undertook as diversified a program as possible and graduated with a sound knowledge in plant pathology, plant physiology, soil chemistry, and plant genetics, besides his major field of pomology. From 1941 to 1943 he served as manager of a large fruit farm in Ontario, and it was here that he learned of many of the problems confronting commercial growers. It was perhaps because of this varied and disciplined background that Leo Klein was able to contribute so much to the Station's apple breeding and variety evaluation program.

Growers respected him for his ability to understand their problems, scientists admired him for his achievements in the field of pomology, and the community gained much through his limitless activities in civic affairs. Leo Klein was a sportsman, besides his many other outstanding attributes. He was a better than average golfer, a superb fisherman, and a hunter. He always organized a baseball game at the annual Station picnic and served as Director^{of} the Adult Education Badminton classes held annually at the High School. His wit was an outstanding virtue which many people had occasion to enjoy. A dynamic individual, he had an almost endless limit of energy.

Leo Klein joined the Station staff in March, 1949, as a Research Associate in the Department of Pomology. In 1956 he obtained a leave of absence to complete work on his Master's degree in Pomology at Cornell

University. In 1960, he was advanced to Fruit Technologist and only five months later was named a Research Specialist.

Since joining the Station, Leo Klein assumed much of the responsibility for revamping the apple variety evaluation program so that new, promising varieties could be put on commercial trial several years before they had been in the past. It was in this phase of his work that he got full cooperation from commercial concerns. Leo Klein also developed the unique ability of being able to recognize the bulk of the more than 800 apple varieties by sight. His many scientific and popular articles on apple breeding and variety evaluation brought him national respect from his colleagues.

Besides his love for apple breeding work, Leo Klein devoted much of his spare time to the breeding and raising of gladioli. He was often called on to judge gladioli contests and became so respected in this field that he was elected President of the Empire State Gladiolus Society. He also served as program chairman of this organization for many years. He belonged to several scientific societies among which were the American Society of Horticultural Science and the New York State Horticultural Society.

The passing of Leo Klein is a tremendous loss to his wife, Marie Barry Klein, and his seven children. The loss to the Experiment Station, the community, and to the scientific world is almost equally as great. Members of the Station extend to Mrs. Klein and her lovely family their deepest sympathy and share, along with them, the grief that comes with the passing of a loved one.