

# Rotarians honor one of their own

By MARK EMMONS

The Geneva Rotary Club yesterday honored Neil Marvin, one of its members, for outstanding service to the organization.

Marvin, director of development at Geneva General Hospital, received the Paul Harris Fellow Award during the club's weekly luncheon at the Lionstone restaurant.

Marvin is only the third member of the Geneva club to receive the award that is named after the founder of the national Rotary organization. Dr. George Hucker and Lawery Gracey are the two previous recipients.

Hucker, a past Rotary president and district governor, made the presentation after detailing some of Marvin's accomplishments.

A former chief petty officer in the

Navy, Marvin joined the club in 1948 and became president in 1955. In that same year, he organized the Rotary Camp Onseyawa.

Onseyawa is the annual two-week camp for handicapped children held at a Boy Scout camp, Babcock-Hovey. Hucker estimated that 3,000 children have attended Onseyawa, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

When he became district governor for the organization in 1962, he designed three more of these camps for handicapped children.

He has also been affiliated with the Boy Scouts over the years. He is a former district commissioner and a former scoutmaster of a Geneva troop.

In 1954, Marvin received the "Silver



Neil Marvin  
...organized Camp Onseyawa

Beaver," which is the highest award a Boy Scout leader can receive.

Marvin described himself as a person who spends most of his free time working with area youths.

"I'm sure I get a lot more out of it than I put into it," he said.

# Two station scientists retire

Two scientists retired June 30 from Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva.

Retiring were Dr. Benjamin E. Clark, professor of seed and vegetable sciences, and Dr. Otis F. Curtis Jr., associate professor of pomology.

Clark has been at the station for 33 years, beginning in 1940 as a foreman in the former Department of Seed Investigations.

Following a period of military service beginning in 1942, Clark went to graduate school and was awarded his master's degree from Cornell University in 1946 and his doctorate from Michigan State University in 1949.

He returned to the station in September of 1948 as an assistant professor. Clark was promoted to associate professor in 1952 and to full professor in 1956.

In 1952, Clark was appointed head of the Department of Seed Investigations, a position he held until 1968 when he was appointed assistant director of the station. He remained assistant director until 1977 when he relinquished his administrative duties to return to research in the seed laboratories and field.

During his career, Clark authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific papers, was chairman of the New York Seed Law Revision Committee, and, for many years, co-authored a seed inspection report which listed the quality and labeling of seeds sold within New York the preceding year.

Clark has been a member of the Association of Official Seed Analysts. In 1968, he received the association's Award of Merit.



Benjamin E. Clark



Otis F. Curtis Jr.

He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the American Society for Horticultural Science and Sigma Xi.

Cornell University awarded him the title of professor emeritus of seed investigations.

Also retiring from the station was Dr. Otis F. Curtis Jr., associate professor of pomology. Curtis was employed at the Experiment Station for 34 years and specialized in conducting research on controlling weeds in fruit plantings.

He authored more than 50 papers on herbicides and other methods of controlling weeds. In 1973, Curtis received the Certificate of Merit from the Northeastern Weed Science Soci-

ety for his outstanding contributions in weed control research.

A native of Ithaca, Curtis received his bachelor's in botany from Oberlin College in 1936 and his doctorate in plant physiology from Cornell University in 1940.

He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, the American Society of Plant Physiologists and the American Society for Horticultural Science.

As a Cornell faculty member, Curtis served on the Faculty Council of Representatives and on the University Senate.

In recognition of his contributions to Cornell, he was appointed professor of pomology, emeritus, by the board of trustees.

# Station staff changes announced

Dr. Robert M. Pool has been promoted to associate professor of viticulture with tenure and Dr. Bruce I. Reisch has been appointed assistant professor of viticulture at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva.

Pool came to the Station in 1974 as an assistant professor of viticulture with responsibility for the grape breeding program. Since then, he has conducted research to produce grape varieties with improved quality for New York growers.

His research was directed at improving varieties of wine and dessert grapes. He released two new seedless table grapes in 1977, 'Glenora' and 'Canadice.'

Pool is an authority on viticulture in the United States and serves as an associate editor for viticulture for the American Society for Horticultural Science. He also serves on the technical advisory board of the Eastern Grape Grower Magazine.

Pool received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California at Davis in enology and his doctorate degree from Cornell University in pomology and viticulture. He served as staff research associate in the Viticulture and Enology Department at Davis for nine years.

Reisch is assuming Pool's former responsibilities for research on genetics and breeding of grape



Robert M. Pool



Bruce I. Reisch

varieties for New York's grape industry.

Reisch is a native of New York and received his bachelor's degree in plant breeding from Cornell University and his master's and doctorate degrees in plant breeding and genetics from the

University of Wisconsin.

He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Alpha Xi, the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America.

### Reunion meeting due

The final committee meeting for the 25th reunion of the Geneva High School Class of 1955 will be Monday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sally Millard Tomion, 307 William St.

The reunion will take place at 8 p.m. July 26 at Club 86.

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