

# STATION NEWS

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## STAFF MEETING

The February Staff meeting will be held at 3:30 next Monday afternoon, February 7th, with Director L. R. Simons of the Extension Service as the speaker.

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## NEW DEAN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees of Cornell University, at their meeting last week, named Dr. G. Watts Cunningham, Professor of Philosophy, as Dean of the Graduate School to succeed Prof. G. H. Sabine, now Vice President of the University. Professor Cunningham has been at Cornell since 1927.

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## DEAN MOORE HONORED

Doctor Day also announced at the Board meeting the establishment of the Veranus A. Moore Research Fund thru an anonymous gift to honor the memory of the former Dean of the State Veterinary College. The income from the fund will be used for research in clinical and preventive medicine. Dean Moore was well known here at the Station. The appointment of Dr. Philip A. Munz of Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., as Professor of Botany and Horticulture in the Bailey Hortorium was also announced by President Day.

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## TO FOLLOW TRADITION

Commencement exercises at Cornell on Sunday, February 27th, for about 300 seniors and 50 advanced students will follow traditional procedures, according to Doctor Day, at least with respect to the academic costume to be worn by candidates for degrees. This will be Cornell's seventh wartime commencement and a military ruling will permit those in Army and Navy programs to wear caps and gowns over their uniforms.

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## PENICILLIN RESEARCH

Captain A. B. Hatch of the Drugs Unit, Chemical Section, Materials Branch of the Production Division, with headquarters in Washington, spent most of Monday at the Station surveying facilities for certain phases of penicillin research with which he is concerned. Captain Hatch is visiting a number of institutions in a search for suitable laboratory facilities for testing new strains of the organism from which penicillin is derived on the theory that more potent strains may be available than those now in use. No decision was reached regarding any part the Station might play in the program.

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## DISCUSSED STANDARD METHODS

Dr. A. H. Robertson, Director of the Food Laboratory of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets in Albany, was here yesterday to confer with Doctor Breed on certain phases of the standard methods for milk analysis. Doctor Robertson was formerly a member of the Bacteriology Division and prior to that served as bacteriologist for the Geneva Board of Health.

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## ALBANY CONFERENCES

Mr. Clark will be in Albany tomorrow and Mr. Munn on Friday to confer with C. R. Plumb and inspectors of the Department of Agriculture and Markets charged with the enforcement of the provisions regarding the labeling of fertilizers, feeding stuffs, insecticides and fungicides, and seeds.

## ASSISTING IN SEED LAB

Mrs. Charles Cass of 14 Spring Street, Geneva, began work yesterday as an assistant in the Seed Testing Laboratory in anticipation of a rising tide of seed samples.

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## REVIEWED BREEDING PROGRAM

Doctor Henry M. Munger, assistant professor of plant breeding and vegetable crops at Cornell, conferred yesterday with Mr. Sayre and other members of the Vegetable Crops Division on the vegetable breeding program underway here and at Ithaca. Doctor Munger is serving as coordinator of the vegetable breeding programs at the two institutions.

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## NEW CHEMIST APPOINTED

Doctor Frederick G. Smith, Jr., research associate in biochemistry and plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed an investigator in the Chemistry Division and will take up his new duties April 1st. His work here will deal chiefly with chemical aspects of plant diseases. Doctor Smith took his undergraduate work at the University of Chicago and received the M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He is married and Mrs. Smith, who is now a candidate for a degree at the University of Wisconsin, will join him here later in the spring.

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## TO SERVE AS TECHNICIAN

Mrs. Thelma Dapeer of 39 Genesee Street, Geneva, has been appointed a technician in the Chemistry Division and entered upon her new duties yesterday.

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## ENTOMOLOGISTS CONFER

With a new growing season in the offing, conferences on field activities are almost a daily occurrence now. Yesterday Doctor Charles Palm, head of the Department of Entomology at the College, accompanied by Dr. F. H. Butt and Dr. H. H. Schwardt, conferred with members of the Division of Entomology here on plans for the 1944 season.

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## IN SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Word from Syracuse conveys the information that Richard Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walsh, has entered Syracuse University.

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## MISS GILLOTTE'S NEW JOB

According to the Geneva Daily Times, Miss Raphael Gillette has been appointed technician for the City Board of Health to work under Doctor Breed's direction as City Bacteriologist, a post he has held now for more than twenty years, a graduate of William Smith College, Miss Gillette has been employed as a technician on the paper container project since 1937.

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## THE SISTER ACT AGAIN

When Mrs. Walter Davis, formerly Miss Marion Cass, and Mrs. James Watson, formerly Miss Doris Cass, made the headlines with the birth of sons only a day apart, they set some sort of record, but now we have Mrs. Milford Elling of Penn Yan, formerly Miss Virginia Porter, and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Eggertsville, formerly Miss Pauline Porter, better known as Polly to her former associates here at the Station, giving birth to daughters within four minutes of each other on January 23rd. The Stewart baby has been named Paula Elizabeth.

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## IN PLANT PATHOLOGY

Miss Harriet Weller has been appointed a technician in the Division of Plant Pathology and began her new duties Monday.

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## NEW BOOKS

We are indebted to Miss Jennings for the following list of new books recently added to the Library:

- Van Dersal, The American land, its history and its uses.
- Millar and Turk, Fundamentals of soil science.
- Bloor, Biochemistry of the fatty acids and their compounds, the lipids.
- Massachusetts Forest and Park Assoc., Important tree pests of the Northeast.
- Winton and Winton, The structure and composition of foods. Vol. 4.