

## STATION

## NEWS

## WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
Feb. 11	18	2	-----
Feb. 12	20	1	-----
Feb. 13	18	6	-----
Feb. 14	22	-1	.2 in. snow
Feb. 15	21	-0	.3 in. snow
Feb. 16	12	-2	4.2 in. snow
Feb. 17	1	-4	1.3 in. snow

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## ATTENDS PENNSYLVANIA MEETING

Claude Heit left today for a meeting of Pennsylvania nurserymen being held in State College, Pa. Claude will be on the Thursday morning program, will give an illustrated talk on "Some Practical Aspects of Laboratory and Field Testing of Coniferous Tree Seeds".

## HEADED FOR ROCHESTER

Doctors Clark, Crosier, Steinkraus, and Hanson plan to leave for Rochester today to attend a meeting of the research men of the Wilmot Castle Company. The group will discuss the Ethylene Oxide sterilization of seed and its effect on germination.

## LIBRARIANS LIKE RED SPY

A few weeks ago Leo Klein had a letter from the Public Documents Library in Washington, telling about a group of girls in the Library who had adopted the "Apple Break" idea that had its origin in the Pomology Department. The girls complained, however, of the difficulty of finding high-quality apples to their liking on the Washington market. This posed a challenge to Leo who immediately shipped off samples of some of New York's best (something that the girls in Jordan Hall have sought in vain). Among the lots sent to the Washington "Apple Breakers" were Red Spy, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, and Monroe. Comments from Mary, Ruby, Vincent, Mae, Margaret, Helen, Amelia, Irene, and Lilian gave Red Spy almost unanimous first choice with Monroe a strong second. In his acknowledgement, Leo says next fall he might send them some of "our better fall varieties" (local "librarians" please note).

## BACK FROM PHILADELPHIA

Drs. Chapman and McEwen spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Philadelphia discussing new commercial materials for vegetable insect control with officials of the Rohm and Haas Company.

## MEETINGS POSTPONED

The snow storm has forced postponement or cancellation of most of the meetings and scientists' speaking engagements scheduled this week in New York State. Among the meetings postponed indefinitely is the important Vegetable Advisory Meeting scheduled for Tuesday in Ithaca.

## INTERPRETER NEEDED

Dr. Pederson has just received two reprints from overseas. One, in Korean, by Chang-Sik Kim is on "Kimchi" a Korean fermented food, the other is in Japanese and is written by a Japanese Food and Nutrition Study Team which spent 4 months in the U.S. last year. The authors of both articles were visitors at the Station.



## STUDENTS VISIT STATION

John Salisbury brought five students from the Phelps High School to the Station on Monday. The students are starting a nematode project for the Science Fair in March and spent some time with Al Braun and Joe Keplinger getting some first hand information and a look at live nematodes.

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## MAIL BAG

Heard from recently is Dr. Tukey out at Michigan State. He reminisces at length on sporting exploits at the Station while he was here, mentions the skiing prowess of Zoltan Kertesz, and the slamming of quoits in the basement of Jordan Hall, suggests that someone should work out some sort of "alumni association" for those who matriculated at NYSAES. From all his talk of athletic exploits here, it sounds as if he's volunteering to be "Athletic Director" of such an organization! .....A card from L. A. Carruth at the University of Arizona at Tucson: "Things are going nicely here, including our work in Entomology. We now have 4 Geneva "Alumni" here, including Rodney, Pew, and Foster. We now have snow on the mountains and swimming on the level".....A letter from Mrs. Traphagen: "It's hard to think you have been having snow and cold weather or that there is any anywhere. It's been so nice here ever since I came. Have been employed as House-mother at Devereux Schools since November 1st and am liking it a lot. There is news from the Traphagen family. Son Robert was married to a Fort Worth girl, Barbara Darwin, on Dec. 28th at Fort Worth. Son James and wife have a daughter born on Jan. 20th, Kathy Ann. And daughter Bernice--Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pettit have a son born on Feb. 8th, Mark Donald." The Pettits have twin sons also.

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## STORK ARRIVES

Congratulations to Jack and Leetta Henecke on the birth, February 11th, of a daughter, Pamela Jean. The little lady weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 3/4 ozs. Mother and daughter arrived home on Sunday and outside of being snowed in are doing fine.

It's a boy for the McEwen's. Craig Steven was born at 2:04 Sunday afternoon, weight 8 lbs. 10 ozs. Mother and son doing fine. Congratulations.

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## ARTICLE IN "RHODE ISLAND AGRICULTURE"

A new tomato variety, Rhode Island Early, has just been released by the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station. It resulted from a breeding program started in 1947 and carried on for seven years by Dr. Desmond Dolan. Final selection work was done by W. L. Ogle who took over the breeding program when Des left. The new tomato has performed well in 'All America Variety Trials' in many northern states and Canada. Des says it ripens in 58 days in New York State, has good color, shape, and bears over a long period.

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## SOCIAL NOTES

The Bravermans went to Pennsylvania for a weekend visit with Sandra's parents and are now snowbound. (41 inches of snow)

The Herveys left Saturday for Florida. They and the Snowstorm most likely met somewhere in Virginia. We await with interest to hear how they made out.

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## WHY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH?

In recent years the total amount of money spent annually for agricultural research in the country is estimated at around \$375 million, with \$190 million of this amount being spent by the Federal and State governments. This is approximately one-half of 1 per cent of the annual sales of farm products. In comparison, from 3 to 7 per cent of the gross sales of industry are spent for research. Always the question is raised, why agricultural research when we are already plagued by surpluses? There are several answers. Research discovers cheaper ways of producing, develops new products, and promotes progress. Rather than reduce agricultural research at this time, farmers and their organizations could well see appropriations become more nearly comparable with the amounts spent by industry. Such action would not solve farm troubles, but it would help.--Editorial in Feb. 15th American Agriculturist.