

# STATION NEWS

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## THE NEW COMMISSIONER

Mr. C. Chester DuMond, named by Governor Dewey Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets to succeed Holton V. Noyes, is well known here at the Station as a successful Ulster County fruit grower. Mr. DuMond is also President of the New York State Farm Bureau, Chairman of the New York State Conference Board of Farm Organizations, and Chairman of the Agriculture War Committee of the State War Council. He attended New York University and later studied engineering. He was also at one time assistant general manager of the Davey Tree Expert Company. He is a Master Farmer, a past master of the Ulster Park Grange, a member of the State Horticultural Society, and has long been active in Farm Bureau affairs. In accepting the appointment, Mr. DuMond said that he considered it, "a great opportunity to do a lot for the farmers of New York State and to coordinate farm economy with consumer interests".

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## FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

The annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists is to be held in St. Louis next week. Dr. C. S. Pederson is listed on the program with a paper on "Some New Problems in Sauerkraut Manufacture". Dr. G. J. Hucker is Secretary-Treasurer of the organization and several members of the Staff are directly interested in the activities of the Institute.

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## MAROONED

Mr. V. L. Hurlbert of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering of the U. S. Department of Agriculture arrived in Geneva the other day with his truck loaded with the equipment required to carry on the cooperative fertilizer placement experiments that have been in progress on the Canning Crops Farm for the past few years. Not being equipped with an amphibian tractor, however, Mr. Hurlbert has had to while away the time enjoying the scenery and entertainment of downtown Geneva until the rainy season lets up enough for him to get out in the field. He was able to make a start on Monday, but that was about all.

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## THIS IS NEW

Bulletin No. 704 entitled, "The Yellow-red Virosis of Peach: Its Identification and Control", has just been received from the printer. Dr. D. H. Palmiter of the Hudson River Fruit Laboratory at Poughkeepsie and Dr. E. M. Hildebrand of the College of Agriculture are joint authors. The bulletin is illustrated with a four-color process plate to aid in the identification of the symptoms of what is commonly known as the "X" disease of peaches.

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## MORE ABOUT PACKAGING

Dr. Hucker is in Washington this week for a conference on packages for dehydrated foods. The group to which he will report will include representatives from the Army and Navy, the WPB, Lend-Lease, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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## PROFESSOR EVERETT RETIRES

Professor George Everett of the department of extension teaching in the College of Agriculture and noted for his success in training students in debate and public speaking, will retire on June 30th, according to a note in Extension ECHOES. At a farewell dinner given by his associates on the teaching staff he was presented with a complete fly-fishing outfit for use at his summer camp. He expects to spend his winters in Ithaca.

MILK ROOM CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 31--DECORATION DAY



## SPEAKING OF PEACHES

Extension ECHOES, in referring to the item in last week's NEWS about peach blossoms and the search for hardy varieties in western New York, states that, "The investigation may not have to go so far. Stan Warren (Farm Management) has some trees with profuse blossoms, probably Carman, Oriole, and Greensboro varieties. Hans Platenius (Vegetable Crops) has already contracted for the crop, and is beginning to worry about a crew for picking and baskets for the crop. He may be worried later about transportation if the gasoline situation doesn't get easier. George Raleigh (Vegetable Crops) also has some peach trees in bloom."

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## RUSSIAN DANDELIONS

Dr. Nuttonzon of the Rubber Plant Section of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been assigned to the Station to carry on an expanded study of the Russian dandelion as a possible source of latex. In addition to plantings on the Station grounds, Dr. Nuttonzon and his assistants will have plantings on muck soil and on other types of soil in this vicinity. The U. S. Forest Service also has about 60 acres in Russian dandelions at various points in this locality, although the two projects are distinct. The scientists are interested in the possibilities of this plant as a source of latex because it is an annual. They hope also through intensive cultural and fertilizer practices to stimulate heavy production.

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## A SONG RECITAL

Mr. Stuart Gracey of New York will present a program in the Geneva High School Auditorium next Wednesday evening, June 2, for the benefit of the Geneva Historical Museum. Mr. Gracey, a native of Geneva, has won high acclaim from the critics in his two appearances in Town Hall. Tickets are \$1.10 and are available in the Editor's office.

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## IN THE AIR CORPS

Dr. Tukey has just had word from his son Ronald that the latter has been assigned to a tail gunners school in the Air Force at Miami Beach, Fla.

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## LOIS TUKEY HONORED

Miss Lois Tukey, a junior in the Buffalo State Teachers College, has been elected to the Senior Honorary Society. Lois is heading for a career as an art teacher and will complete her work in the Albright School of Fine Arts on June 3rd, with one more year at Teachers College.

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## MAYBE IT'S THE WEATHER

College of Agriculture authorities were puzzled by a recent request for information on how to quick freeze in a pressure cooker. We suspect that the inquiry came from a Victory Gardener who has gone slightly off the beam trying to get the garden plowed, fitted, and planted before frost.

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## A GOOD THOUGHT

The College of Agriculture sends out each week to the weekly newspapers a sheet of short paragraphs on timely topics and often containing bits of homely philosophy under the heading of "Homespun Yarn". Being a weekly (or is it "weakly"), the NEWS quotes from this week's release the following thought for the day: "Good personal relationships are the product of an abundance of good will, serenity, and confidence".

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## HOPE FOR THE POTBELLIES

To no less an authority than the late Dr. Raymond Pearl, noted geneticist, is attributed the observation that while a potbelly in those past forty may not be in harmony with the human form divine, it does not necessarily mean an early death for its possessor, as many would believe. Coming across a quotation from one of Dr. Pearl's addresses to the National Academy of Science, we find the following: "Examination of 2,332 white men revealed that the pot-bellied had, on the average, less pneumonia and cancer and no more diabetics than the willowy and sylphlike. This does not apply, of course, to extremes. Among those examined the enormous tended to die early, as did the cadaverous; but a modestly aldermanic girth is quite consistent with long life". For a long life, however, it is still regarded as a good idea to pick long-lived grandmothers and grandfathers and to keep an eye on the green light when crossing the street!