



STARTING TODAY

The twelfth annual mold counting school will open its doors today to a registration of 36 "students", including two from Florida and three from Pennsylvania. The "faculty" will include H. R. Smith of the National Cannery Association in Washington and V. S. Troy of the Continental Can Company of Chicago, mentioned in last week's NEWS, and Dr. E. H. Ruyle of the American Can Company, Maywood, Ill., and Miss Lucy Witherow of the National Cannery Association. Instruction will be given on microscopic technics for the detection of molds in processed tomatoes. Doctor Carl Pederson is in charge of local arrangements and the "school" is conducted under the sponsorship of the National Cannery Association and the New York State Association.

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#### MRS. JAMES CLARK

A veil of sorrow hung over the Station last Thursday with the sudden death of Mrs. James Clark. She was visiting at the home of a friend when stricken with a heart attack, and death came before the ambulance arrived. We extend our deepest sympathy to Chemistry's Jim Clark and their five daughters. The couple would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in two more years.

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#### TRIPLE TROUBLE

Lightning struck and destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christensen last Monday morning in the third of a series of troubles which has visited their home in a few days. Last week's STATION NEWS reported the accident which gave third degree burns to Edna and will keep her hospitalized for a long time to come. Shortly after the accident, a field of wheat burned behind the home. We hope that Monday's fire marks the end of the family's misfortunes.

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#### VISITORS

This week's list of visitors is lengthy. Last Thursday, a group of twenty farmer-veterans from Naples spent the day visiting various projects at the Station. Among the speakers they heard were Curt Dearborn, Wayne Howe, George Butler, Karl Brase, Ben Clark, Cap Bigelow, Nelson Shaulis, and Otto Reinking. Today, similar groups from Canandaigua and Ovid will take the tour....A welcome sight last week was Esther Baumgartner of Harold Tukey's office in Michigan. Esther saw many of her former associates here and is spending the remainder of this month at her father's cottage on Seneca Lake....George M. Darrow, principal horticulturist at Beltsville stopped in Monday with his son, Mack. They visited George Slate's blackberry work... Also on Monday came J. F. Brown and George Dickson of the Vineland Experiment Station. Professor Wellington and Leo Klein showed them our tree fruit and blackberry projects....From Doctor Kertesz' notebook comes the name of Peter A. Pace, a recent graduate of Alfred University, who is now with the Brocton Preserving Company..... W. C. Pfaender of the Federal Seed Laboratory in Beltsville visited our Seed Division last Friday. Mr. Pfaender is concerned with the enforcement of the Federal Seed Act....Mr. Frederick J. Luthi of the J. R. Geigy Company in Switzerland was another recent guest. The Geigy Company was a pioneer in the development of DDT.... And last Wednesday, Mr. A. N. Duckham, Agricultural Attache at the British Embassy in Washington was here to confer with several of the Station specialists. Mr. Duckham is making a trip through the northeastern states on a study of fruit and vegetable breeding projects.

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#### IT NEVER RAINS.....

Word was received last week of the birth last Thursday of nine pounds of twins to Dr. and Mrs. George Oberle, formerly of this Station and now at Blacksburg, Virginia. The newcomers, a boy and a girl, have been named Charles Frederick and Mary Leonora.

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## HEADED FOR GOD'S COUNTRY

A camping party composed of the Gambrells, the Masons, Mrs. Glasgow, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Utter, and a niece of Mrs. Gambrell, has headed for the Indian Lake section of the Adirondacks for a few days. We tried to get the number of the nearest phone but wound up with a New York City number.

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## RICH UNCLE???

Willard Robinson tells us an interesting story about an uncle whom he saw for the first time last weekend at State College, Pa. The uncle, Doctor J. A. Bancroft, is head geologist for a gold mining firm in the Union of South Africa. Doctor Bancroft is an eminent authority in the field of geology and tells some detailed stories of the natives' attempts to smuggle precious minerals from the mines.

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## SMALL TALK

Court Hening has returned from a brief (?) sojourn in the middle west which started about a month ago. From all accounts, Court and the missus spent a very relaxing time fishing, golfing, and swimming in the land o' lakes. Someplace along the trail, Court took in a meeting of the Dairy Science Association in Minneapolis and visited the Food Container Institute at Chicago...Margaret Albury has returned from a two-week vacation in New Jersey...News from Trap is encouraging. He's able to sit up in bed now and expects to be able to get out of bed entirely for short periods before the week is out.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Word has reached us in a roundabout way regarding the promotion of three of our staff members. Now that the reports have been confirmed we're happy to announce the promotions of George Hervey and D. H. Palmiter to the rank of full Professor. And Jim Moyer has been upped a notch to the position of Associate Professor. The new titles are well-deserved and felicitations are in order.

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## EMPLOYEES' SUGGESTION PLAN

The New York State Department of Civil Service has announced a suggestion plan whereby New York State employees can cash in on ideas which will result in greater economy and/or efficiency in government agencies. Examples suggested are improvement in office methods and systems, elimination of waste, saving of time, materials, supplies, and equipment, improvement in tools and equipment, elimination of accident, fire, and work hazards, and extension of use of facilities. Rewards will be granted by a Merit Award Board and may take the form of cash, salary increments, medals, or certificates of merit. Here's a chance to use the old grey matter to correct some of the situations which have been irking us in the past. Let's hope that Station members will garner their share of those merit certificates. Full details of the plan are posted on the bulletin board in Jordan Hall.

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If your lot seems lowly  
And your rewards but few,  
Remember that the mighty oak  
Was once a nut like you!