



STATION NEWS

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A STEP NEARER

The Station building program moved a step nearer realization last week with the allocation by the trustees of the State University of \$1,299,170 for new construction here. The Albany release on the action mentioned the central heating plant, but full details on the disposition of the funds have not yet been received.

HOT WEATHER READING

Everyone concerned with the direction of a research project should read "The Agricultural Impasse" in Science for July 22. Parts of it will make you mad, but it is thought-provoking, too. The author is Director of the Plant Research Institute, University of Texas--W. G. Whaley.

GRAPE STUFF

The fourth annual tour of vineyards for growers in the Finger Lakes area will take place on Friday, sponsored by County Agents Nice and Malchoff. This year's tour will be held at the Rose vineyard in Bristol Springs and at Widmer's. John Tompkins will explain the experiments he is running at both places. They are concerned with spacing, training, and pruning. In addition, Doctor Braun will lead a discussion on grape diseases. Planning to attend in addition to these gentlemen are Professor Wellington, Doctor Reinking, and Doctor Shaulis.

BRYAN L. WADE

An acquaintance of many local staff members, Doctor Bryan Wade, Head of Horticulture at the University of Illinois, died recently of a heart ailment. Doctor Wade who was in his forties was a promising scientist who only last year took over his supervisory duties at Illinois.

APPEAL FOR BLOOD

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a visit to Geneva on Friday, August 12th. In order to maintain a stock of blood for emergency use, residents of Geneva are being asked to give a pint of blood and a few minutes of their time. For those whose work day schedule is rather tight, an appointment service has been set up to expedite their donations. Station members may make appointments through the Geneva Red Cross secretary or through Lucille Holtby. The blood unit will be operating from 9 A.M. to 12:30 noon, and from 1:30 P.M. to 4 P.M. That's a week from Friday.

COMING AND GOING

The good old summertime has brought the usual influx of visitors to the Station and last week was a particularly heavy schedule for our hawkers. On Tuesday, a group of home economics teachers from Geneva High School spent the afternoon with us. Wednesday we hit the jackpot with a young farmer group from Canandaigua, another from Seneca County, and a delegation from the Capuchin Fathers Order which included four students from Virginia. Thursday saw a score of vegetable growers from the environs of Ovid take a morning tour of the Station. A word of appreciation is due to the specialists who graciously interrupted their work several times to explain projects to the visitors. We'd like to mention in particular JoAnne Whitcomb, Karl Brase, Nelson Shaulis, Ben Clark, Cap Bigelow, Otto Reinking, Curt Dearborn, George Hervey, Larry Carruth and Wayne Howe....But the show isn't over yet. Today, Allan Donk, Assistant County Agent for Niagara County, will be here to arrange a field day for his Vegetable Growers Association. The date has been set for August 13th....Also coming today to make arrangements is County Agent J. B. Ketcham of Wyoming County. A group of his fruit growers is planning a visit to the Station sometime during the week of August 15th.

DRI VURSELF SERVICE

The acquisition of a new Station suburban Chevrolet has led to a good bit of research to determine how best to administer its use. For the edification of all concerned a short briefing is in order. The car may be requested when several Station members have business on the same trip. The official request sheet instructs as follows: This request is to be filled out and forwarded to the Director's Office. Upon approval, notice will be given by Mr. Luckett of the assignment of a car, together with a Trip Record Sheet covering the assignment. The car key is to be picked up from Miss Jessie Sperry, and the Trip Record Sheet and the key are to be returned to Miss Sperry as soon as possible after the trip is completed. A charge against State Travel Funds of $4\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a mile will be made for the use of this equipment. That's all there is to it! Or maybe you can fast-talk Jessie.

DETACHED SERVICE

George Butler left yesterday for a few weeks of work on Long Island. Object of the trip will be to carry out some experiments on the control of the corn ear worm.

ET CETERA

Last Friday, Doctor Ashley B. Gurney, USDA entomologist, stopped in for a brief chat with Doctors Chapman and Carruth. Doctor Gurney is at the United States National Museum....And scheduled to drop in today is Doctor Charles Mahoney of the National Canners Association. He's with the Raw Products Division and will confer with Doctors Carruth, Hand, and Sayre on residue studies....Our Bob Brooks has left the fold. He wound up his work here last week and will be heading westward sometime this month....Mary Curtiss has forsaken the Veg Crops Division to take up her new duties in the Seed Division....And Jim Moyer has returned from a weekend trip to Washington, D. C. Jim delivered his family to the home of Mrs. Moyer's parents where they will spend the next few weeks.

THE MAILBAG

From A. C. Dahlberg comes a letter postmarked "Yellowstone Park, Wyo." Says he, "Lenora and I are out in the west where there is some mountainous scenery. We have always liked nature and this park is a thrilling place for such people. When we are not resting or sleeping, we are looking at geysers, hot springs, canyons, or animals. In addition to the usual bears on the highways, we have seen bison, antelope, elk, deer, moose, trumpeter swans, etc. We did not bring our fish poles but the trout are surprisingly thick in these mountain streams."

POTATO FIELD DAY

At Lafayette, tomorrow, an annual State Potato Growers Field Day will be tramping the vines on the Amidon Brothers Farm. Over 5,000 visitors are expected, including Doctor Vittum, Raymond Sheldrake, George Johannessen and Max Patterson.

TODAY'S GEM

We don't ordinarily acknowledge unsigned letters (Independent, aren't we?) but this little saw came in on the leaf of a calendar pad, dated Friday, August 27. (Incidentally, Anonymous, you'd better swap that pad in for this year's calendar!). "By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day"--Frost.
