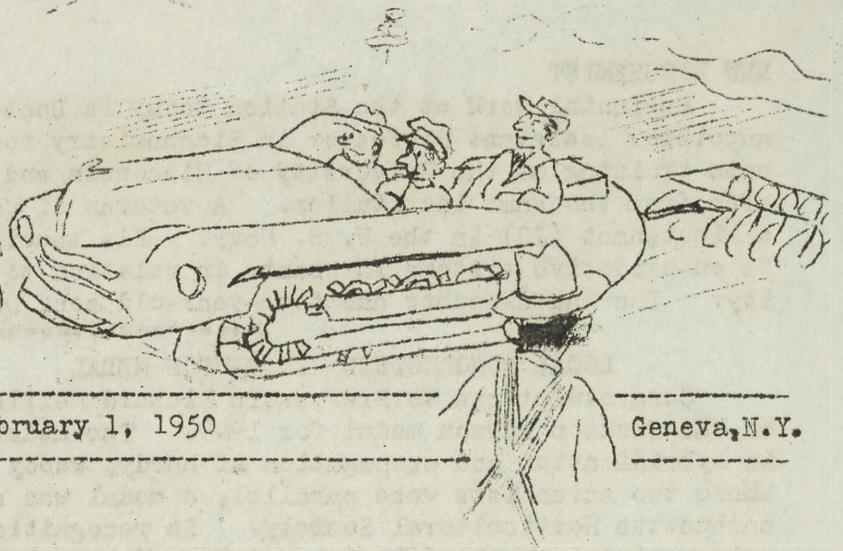


# STATION NEWS



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## REINKING TO LEAVE

Announcement is made of the resignation of Doctor Otto A. Reinking, head of the Experiment Station's Plant Pathology Division. Doctor Reinking has headed the division since coming to Geneva in July of 1936 and plans to leave the end of March. He and Mrs. Reinking flew to Washington last week-end to be briefed on his new position which will take them to the Philippine Islands in the service of the government's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. His new title of Counselor in Plant Industry and Plant Pathology involves the development of research in the Western Pacific area and is in line with President Truman's four-point policy of aiding backward nations. Doctor Reinking carries with him an enviable record and a wide range of experience. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1912 and received his master's degree in 1915. He started his teaching career at Colorado Agricultural College in the same year and continued it in the Philippines the following year. Beginning as an assistant professor, he soon became a full professor and organized the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture in Los Banos. Upon his return to this country in 1921, he completed the requirements for a doctor's degree at his alma mater and again headed for foreign climes in the service of the United Fruit Company in the Caribbean area. He advanced from the position of Pathologist to that of Director of Tropical Research in his ten years with the fruit company. From 1933 to 1935 he studied at the Biologische Reichsanstalt at Berlin and while there published his book, Die Fusarien with H.W. Wollenweber. From the time of his return until his arrival at the Experiment Station, Reinking tackled the Cercospora Blight problem on bananas in Central America for the United Fruit Company. His call to Geneva led to extensive studies on pea root rot, soil troubles, and cabbage yellows. In all, Doctor Reinking is the author of 95 publications and turned over an extensive collection of Philippine fungi to the USDA. Late last summer, he was called to the Philippines and Borneo to diagnose and advise on a disease of the abaca, a tropical plant from which manila hemp is derived. Regretfully, we bid farewell to Doctor and Mrs. Reinking but we heartily wish them good fortune and happiness in their overseas venture.

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## MONROE IN DEMAND

There was no mistaking the interest in the new Monroe apple on the part of eastern New York fruit growers. As soon as the Station car drove into the Armory at Kingston and before the exhibit could be unloaded, there were several inquiries as to whether the Monroe was aboard. And everybody and his brother wanted to taste the new apple. Professor Wellington had so many orders for trees that the Fruit Testing Association will doubtless have to resort to rationing to spread the limited stock now available as far as possible. Among the many visitors to the Station exhibits were Professor Ellsworth Wheeler formerly with the Entomology Division here who is now Extension Entomologist at the University of Massachusetts and Dr. E.V. Shear who served as Station plant pathologist in the Hudson Valley from July 1923 to March 1929. Doctor Shear has now "retired" to a fruit farm near Ravina and is engaged in sales promotion for a fruit packaging concern on the side.

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## A CONSUMER TEST

What will amount to an excellent consumer acceptance test of Professor Hening's new apple ice cream is now underway in a local ice cream plant. Margrove's on North Street is featuring the new flavor, and many favorable reports have already been received.

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## "E. GRACE COOMBS: ARTIST"

The above heading is the title of a book which has recently received wide notice in the Canadian press and radio, and holds interest to Station folks because E. Grace Coombs in private life is the wife of Dr. James S. Lawson who produced most of the exhibits in the Station museum. Doctor and Mrs. Lawson have been occasional visitors to Geneva and the Station since their marriage. The book contains 66 full-page plates of Miss Coombs' work which, according to the author, Lorne Pierce, has been reproduced more than that of any other Canadian artist. The Lawsons make their home in Toronto where Doctor Lawson is Librarian of Emmanuel College of the University of Toronto.

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## NEW BIOCHEMIST

Beginning work at the Station today is Doctor Austin C. Wagenknecht who has been appointed Assistant Professor in Biochemistry for FS&T. He received his undergraduate training at the University of Wisconsin and recently received his doctor's degree from the same institution. A veteran of World War II, Doctor Wagenknecht was a lieutenant (JG) in the U. S. Navy. His specific field of investigation here will be on oxidative systems in plants in relation to processing methods and keeping quality. The Wagenknechts and four-year-old son, Don, are living at 372 Castle Street.

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## LOCAL POMOLOGISTS WIN DAWSON MEDAL

Congratulations to Professors Richard Wellington and George Slate, recipients of the Jackson Dawson medal for 1949. The medal is awarded once each year for skill in hybridization and propagation of hardy, woody plants but since the programs of these two scientists were parallel, a medal was awarded to each of them by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. In recognition of the honor, members of the Pomology Division will fete Mr. and Mrs. Wellington and Mr. and Mrs. Slate at a dinner at the Armitage in Seneca Falls next Monday evening. Once before the medal was awarded to a Geneva pomologist when Doctor Harold Tukey was given the honor in 1947.

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## VEGETABLE SCHOOL TOMORROW

Jordan Hall will be the scene of a tri-county school for canning crops growers tomorrow. Assistant County Agent for Ontario County "Doc" Malchoff has arranged a program for growers from the counties of Ontario, Wayne, and Seneca. Included on the program are M.T. Vittum on "Fertilizing Canning Crops", C.H. Dearborn on "Chemical Wooding", C.B. Sayre whose topic will be "The Relation of Tenderometer Grades to Yields of Peas", and George Hervey on "Control of Bean and Cabbage Insects". A panel discussion on irrigation will include Doctor Vittum, Agricultural Engineer Gerald Henderson and two growers. Speakers from Ithaca will be C.B. Raymond and M.C. Bond.

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## MEET MRS. MIDDLETON

The accountant's desk in Mr. Bowen's office is now being occupied by Mrs. Alice Middleton of Geneva. A native of Niagara Falls, the new accountant has been a resident of Geneva for ten years. She, husband Harold, and daughter Jean reside at 32 Elmwood Avenue.

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## BLOOD DONORS

The overwhelming success with which yesterday's Red Cross blood drive met was due in some measure to the excellent response obtained from Station people. While this list may not be complete, the following persons were reported at the unit: Bud Campbell, M.T. Vittum, Max Patterson, Vic Hopkins, Mildred Wharton, Ralph Clark, Ed Glass, Walt Clark, Roy Bergstresser, Claude Heit, Ben Clark, Bob Lamb and Ralph Stearman. The donors are to be commended for their generosity and public spirit.

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## ET CETERA

Entomology's Mr. Mason is spending his second week in bed coaxing down his blood pressure. We hope to see him back with us next week....The chemists turned out 52 strong for the division's party last week. All comments regarding the affair were very favorable and a hand is extended to Willard Robinson and his committee....Paul Chapman wasn't the only Geneva scientist at the National Canners Conference in Atlantic City last weekend. Zoltan Kertesz and Jim Moyer were the FS&T representatives at the confab....Al Avens is taking off on a three-week vacation next week. If he gets his own kitchen painted in that time, he may be available for other odd jobs.....And Sturtevant's Nick Varno spent last week in New York City. If you saw him in Geneva, it must have been someone else....Mabel Sperry went to Erie, Pa., last Friday and spent the weekend at the dedication ceremonies for the city's new First Presbyterian Church. Mabel taught Sunday School at the church before coming to Geneva....Bob Larsen's son, Dick, will receive the highest award which a DeMolay can achieve. He is to become a Representative DeMolay according to an announcement made last week. Only four other Genevans hold this rank....Doctor Dearborn thinks he lost a Shaeffer lifetime pen. If he did, it's a green and yellow streaked job and if no one reports it within a week, he threatens to look through his desk for it!

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## TOO MANY CHIEFS, NOT ENOUGH INDIANS

As one of our readers commented, this place has so many chiefs it's more like a police station than an experiment station. The remark was evoked by another magazine article which used the now-outdated titles once used here to designate professional rank. A story in Chemunications on his Australian trip, designates Z.I. Kertesz as "Chief of Research" at Geneva. Even though it sounds good, the title became obsolete several years ago, along with the titles of Associate in Research and Assistant in Research, in favor of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, respectively.

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