

# STATION NEWS



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## RESEARCH PLANNING

Plans for the future are being discussed in a meeting which is taking place in Jordan Hall today. The Research Committee of the Association of New York State Canners is meeting with members of the various Divisions in a discussion of research findings in the past and needs for the future. In addition to the canners and local specialists, several members of the Ithaca staff are in attendance.

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## BACTERIOLOGISTS CELEBRATE JUBILEE

Last week's meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists in Baltimore, was especially significant since it marked the golden jubilee of the society. Doctors Conn and Breed were both honored as two of the sixteen living ex-presidents of the organization. From the handful of about forty charter members the bacteriologists have increased their ranks tremendously, over 1800 attending this year's meeting. Mementos of progress were presented to the former presidents in the form of booklets containing the history, early programs, and photos of the society's presidents. Of interest is the fact that one of the organizers early presidents was H.W. Conn, father of Doctor H.J. Conn--the only father-son combination in the list. Doctor Pederson's work as head of the Placement Bureau was also praised in the report. The first program lists two talks by H.A. Harding of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station. Last week's meeting appointed Doctor Breed as a delegate to the Fifth International Microbiological Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro in August. Doctor Breed served in the same capacity at the previous congress in Copenhagen in 1947.

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## ARTHUR C. MASON, 1891-1950

Station people were saddened last week by the death of Arthur C. Mason, USDA entomologist who was stationed at Geneva. Mr. Mason had been ill for several months. Besides serving for 16 years in the Hawaiian Islands, he conducted insect studies in Florida, California, and New Jersey. At Geneva, he was concerned with work on the European chafer. His wife, and son, Harold, survive. Funeral services were held in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church last Thursday. Bearers were C.H. Hadley of the U.S.D.A., Howard Utter, Foster Gambrell, Wayne Howe, W.T. Schroeder, and Walter Clark.

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## UP THE LADDER

Professor Sayre was in Ithaca Monday for the oral examinations given to George Johannesen and Ray Sheldrake. The grad students passed the tests and have now earned the doctor's and master's degrees respectively. Congratulations, George and Ray. Doctor Johannesen has accepted a position with the Veg Crops Division at Ithaca and will work on marketing problems while Master Sheldrake will continue studying. We're still sweating out word on the arrival of the Sheldrake youngster.

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## WAR ON FRUIT VIRUS

As a member of the Technical Committee on Stone Fruit Viruses, Karl Brase is attending a regional meeting at the Fruit Research Laboratory in Arendtsville, Penna.

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## IN THE MISSIONARY SERVICE

Miss Mary Curtiss, Assistant in Seed Investigations, will leave the Station on June 15th to become a missionary "somewhere in Latin America". Mary, a graduate of Keuka College in 1949, will ply her skills in the field of secondary education for a three-year term. She'll attend a training school in Hartford, Connecticut, until August 7th, after which she leaves for her foreign assignment. She's a native of Penn Yan and will serve under the Methodist foreign mission board.

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## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Having arrived in Manila on May 2nd, the Reinkings are acclimatizing themselves to temperatures of 96° and 50% humidity while waiting for the annual rainy season to cool things off.... "I have been very busy contacting officials in the Philippine Government along plant industry lines. This fact, along with the heat, will keep us from writing in detail for a number of weeks. We are enjoying the Philippines very much and expect to leave for Davao in the Southern Island of Mindanao in about two weeks. I shall give more details regarding living conditions here a little later. Extend our best to all of our friends in Geneva."--Otto A. Reinking. His address is now: The American Embassy, APO 736, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.....

From our dear friend, Bob Foster, comes this scuttlebutt: "Here's a buck contribution to the Jordan Hall Beer Bust Fund....I'd like to see a copy of the Station Dope Sheet (and you can take that any way you like). Hope you have been busy for a change. We found a nice house in Tempe (no more farm!) but haven't been in it long enough to find out where all the doors lead. Margaret and the kids are still in Calif. and will stay there until school is over in June. I've been chasing all over Arizona and California to become acquainted with problems of the region and to lay out experiments. As ever"....R.E. Foster, 126 East 15th Street, Tempe, Arizona. (Sorry we couldn't comply with all of your requests, Bob)

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## CERES CIRCLE

A reminder that the final meeting of the Ceres Circle for this season will be held next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Heinicke. This is guest night and the program will feature "Pictures in Flower Arrangements".

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## VISITORS

Yesterday seemed to be visitor's day at the Station with three reports listed. In the morning, seven students from the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute at Farmingdale with their instructor, Mr. Homer Neville, visited the museum, the Seed Laboratory, Feed and Fertilizer Lab, and the rootstock farm. Disseminating the information were Professor Munn, Cap Bigelow, Doctor Mattson, and Leo Klein... From Harpenden, England, came Doctor J.T. Martin, a chemist for the Ministry of Agriculture. Doctor Martin is interested in pest and disease control recommendations and is spending two days here in conjunction with an E.C.A. tour.....Also yesterday, W.P. terHorst of the Mathieson Chemical Corporation at Niagara Falls, and R. Johnson and J. Hayes, gathered information here on new insecticides....George Slate's guests last week were S.L. Ensweller and R.M. Stewart of the Plant Industry Station at Beltsville, and Robert Rappalee of the University of Maryland. The three gentlemen and Professor Slate later drove to Buffalo for a meeting of a committee to organize a Lily Field Day in July.

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## A BOUQUET

It is with pleasure that we publish a letter written by H.E. Babcock to Professor Munn: "This morning there came to my desk an attractive bulletin reporting on the quality of seeds on sale in New York in '49. What made the bulletin of especial interest to me, however, were the two names on the title page--M.T. Munn and A.B. Buchholz. This letter is to salute you both as great public servants--men who have devoted their lives to the agriculture of New York State and of the Nation. I surely hope this finds you both well and I wish our paths might cross more often. My sincere regards and best wishes." This is a tribute, well-deserved.

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## THE GRAPEVINE

George Butler is in Kingston this week, conferring with county agents of Nassau, Ulster, and Suffolk Counties on corn earworm work,.....Jim Hamilton is still recuperating at Clifton Springs but expects to be released sometime this week..... Got-well wishes go to Mrs. Louis Eames who is confined at her Waterloo home,..... A. Wagenknecht, A. Mattson, and two Holleys attended the Rochester meeting of ACS on Monday evening.....Visitors beware! Miss Laura Ross of Toronto and Ottawa decided some time ago to visit her Geneva friends, Doctor and Mrs. Sandy Davis. No sooner did she stick her head through the door of Entomology than someone tossed a typewriter in her lap and put her to work. At any rate, she's giving Lucile Holtby a hand with her stenographic duties.....Tomorrow will undoubtedly bring back happy memories of the good old days to some of the older members of the staff for the place is apt to be overrun with chickens. The occasion is some kind of a bronchitis immunization clinic to be held down in the barnyard. Bring your own chicken... And speaking of chickens, Joanne Whitcomb flew the coop for a week's vacation at her parents' home in Rochester....We slipped up on this story some time ago and beg to report it belatedly. Recently elected to membership in the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi were A.W. Atens, James Moyer, George Butler, A.C. Davis, Charles Rutschky, John Tomkins, and Jack Shiner. Jack worked in George Pearce's lab a couple of years ago.....Professor Luckett spent Monday in New York at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Auburn Theological Seminary.

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The hard rain falleth on the just  
And on the unjust fellah....  
But mostly on the just, because  
The unjust steals the justs' umbrella.