



# STATION NEWS

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## STONE FRUIT VIRUS TOUR

The summer meeting and tour of the North-eastern Region Technical Committee on Stone Fruit Virus Research got underway yesterday. Committeemen from the USDA, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and Canada met at Jordan Hall for the first phase of their tour. The group motored to Sodus to view symptoms and cross-inoculations of X-disease on sour cherries, cherry ringspot, cherry yellows on prune, and prune mottle. From there they traveled to Albany where they are starting a Hudson Valley tour today. The affair will wind up in the home stamping grounds of J.G. Horsfall, Director of the Connecticut Experiment Station. He and Professor "Cy" Weaver, both former local plant pathologists, were here for the field trip. In addition to committeeman Karl Brase, Doctors Hamilton and K.G. Parker participated in the local tour.

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## MOLD SCHOOL

It's back-to-school today for more than thirty technicians from food processing plants in New York and Pennsylvania as the 13th Annual Mold Counting School gets underway in Jordan Hall. Veteran quality control specialists as well as newcomers will be put through the ropes of identifying and counting the various types of mold which may be found in processed tomatoes, tomato products, and frozen fruits. The mold counting school is sponsored by the Association of New York State Canners and the National Canners Association, with Doctor Pederson in charge of local arrangements. The faculty will be composed of Miss Lucy Witherow and H.R. Smith of the National Canners, V.S. Troy of Continental Can, and E.H. Ruyle of American Can. "Diplomas" will be awarded on August 4th.

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## FOR AULD LANG SYNE

We were happy to welcome back the Carruth family last week. They're enroute to a vacation in their home state, Massachusetts, and spent Thursday night as guests of the Bigelows. Larry left his local position in Entomology last fall to assume the headship of the department at the University of Arizona. He likes his work and, from all appearances, his work likes him.....On Friday, house guests of the Kokoskis were the Fred Haywards of Chattanooga. Doctor Hayward was a Station chemist for some years before accepting a position at the University of Chattanooga. The Haywards are also on a visit to their homes in Massachusetts.....Also reported in Geneva over the weekend were the Donald Tresslers of Westport, Connecticut. Doctor Tressler was head of the Station's Chemistry Division at the time of his resignation in 1943.

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## PARENT STOCK

It seems that the  $F_1$  generation is doing a little checking on its offspring at the Station. Here over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rice, parents of FS&T's Andrew, and Mr. M.B. Davis, father of Entomology's "Sandy". Mr. Rice worked at the Geneva Station in '38-39 and is now a Professor of Bacteriology at Bucknell. He, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Rice's father called on the Pedersons, the Breeds, the Huckers and Maud Hogan during their busy weekend...The Davis' house guest is spending a few days here visiting Station plantings and conferring with specialists. Professor Davis holds the position of Dominion Horticulturist at Ottawa.

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## OTHER GUESTS

Visitors seem to have made the lion's share of the news this week. In addition to those mentioned in the two preceding items, several others came on behalf of commercial concerns. To Entomology came R.O. Hartley of the Velsicol Corporation. He discussed seed treatment with Wayne Howe in conjunction with the latter's work on the seed corn maggot. The possibilities of soil treatment for the control of cabbage maggot were also taled over with Sandy Davis. Doctor Glass' visitor was Bruce Gleissner of American Cyanamid, while Doctor Walter Reed and Doctor Pechuman of the California Spray Chemical Company also came to discuss insecticide problems... Here yesterday was Ralph Hanna, Jr., of United Co-Operatives who is studying latest fungicidal and insecticidal recommendations.

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Maurice Neve, Station carpenter, spoke his vows with Miss Gladys Gosper of Canandaigua on Sunday. The bride and groom were married in the county capital and left for a two-weeks honeymoon to Niagara Falls and Canada. Our congratulations to the newlyweds.

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CIVIL SERVICE MEETING

A reminder that there'll be a meeting of the local chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association in Jordan Hall on August 1st at 8:00 P.M. The three items of business to be transacted include 1) To fill vacancies which exist on the official staff; 2) To prepare resolutions for submission at the annual meeting in October; and 3) To provide a delegate to the annual meeting.

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VACATION NOTES

A rash of vacations is deploying members of FS&T in several directions. The Moyers have departed for a two weeks trip to New England and the Holleys have hied themselves away to the Colorado country. Horton Durfee will also take off this weekend for a ten-day vacation into New England. Along the way, he'll stop off at the Tanglewood Music Festival.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Doctor Kertesz can't figure out whether he should be flattered or not by a request he received this week from India. Authorities at the University of Bombay have asked him to serve as an "external referee" on its committee which grants Ph D degrees. For serving in this capacity for the purpose of processing a thesis on "Poctins", he has been offered a reward of 100 rupees which is payable at the University's office in Bombay. While he may render assistance in appraising the paper, Zoltan figures that the 100 rupees (\$21) would hardly pay his travel expenses.....A clash of two eras took place down at the old poultry building last week when the Fruit Testing Association's horse came into its stall after a hard day's work. The horse stopped at the watering trough for a well-earned draught of water but didn't know that a shorted electrical circuit was raising hob with the plumbing facilities. When the water pipe bolted, a blue spark tickled old Dobbin's nose so that he bolted. The caretaker made a quick exit and the door was bolted. All was pandemonium until Ralph Stearman and Carl Paulsen tamed the mischievous short circuit. But since then, Dobbin's been on the wagon--strictly beer, and that ain't hay!.....Another not-so-ludicrous accident took place last Thursday in the court behind Hedrick Hall where painters are busy touching up the woodwork. Prompt action by Paul Nelson of the Veg Crops crew snuffed out a fire which started in the paint-soaked canvas being used by the painters. While the cause was not determined, it is pointed out that painting materials are very volatile and flammable and extra caution should be exercised while the operations are in progress.....The President recently decried the panicky buying sprees with which many people have become obsessed. We don't mean to cast aspersions but we can't see any reason for Keith Kimball to go around buying artificial legs. This sort of thing only leads to rationing.

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NOW THEY TELL US!

From the California Farmer comes the report of a survey conducted among successful farmers, by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. "Asking farmers where they get most of their ideas about farming, the answers expressed in percentages are; from farm papers 46%; county agents 18%; manufacturers and dealers 11%; soil conservation service 5%; farm meetings and neighbors 5%; bulletins 4%; agricultural colleges 2%; radio 2%; newspapers 2%; agricultural high schools 1%. We are not surprised at the poor showing of the bulletins. Usually they are dull and academic....(the bulletins) are being improved, but when 50 million government bulletins a year get a vote of only 4%, it indicates that there is plenty of room for progress." The California Farmer is, of course, a farm paper.

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ALL SET FOR THE PICNIC

Plans are complete for the annual Station Picnic to be held this Saturday at Cayuga State Park. Details remain essentially as they appeared in last week's NEWS. Employees were asked to notify divisional secretaries by last Monday of their intentions to attend. At that time, the count stood at 100 adults and 65 children. If you slipped up, you can still get counted by notifying your secretary today. Orders for provisions must go in tomorrow morning so if you want your share of the beverage and dessert, don't delay signing up. Chairman Betty Curtis sends out a reminder that each family is to furnish its own forks, spoons, buttered bread or rolls, and a menu dish for the community table. The dish should be completely prepared and a serving utensil should be included. We'd rather go home with half-filled dishes than half-filled stomachs so let's do it up brown. The buffet will be opened at 5:30. Softball, swimming, and horseshoes will precede the food so plan to arrive early for some fun in the sun.

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