

# STATION NEWS

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## FRUIT MEETING AFTERMATH

Reports of another year's experiences in the breeding and culture of new fruits were heard by more than a hundred members of the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative in Jordan Hall last Thursday at the Association's 32nd annual meeting. Over 250 specimen displays of seedlings and new varieties were on exhibit--including blueberries, plums, pears, apples, peaches, grapes, elderberries, nectarines, fall-bearing raspberries, everbearing strawberries, and even a plate of figs which were grown in Geneva. Besides the large display which was collected at the Station, specimens were sent in from Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Canada. Local and out-of-state speakers were included on the formal program and a guest speaker was Doctor M.B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist at Ottawa and father of "Sandy" Davis of Entomology. Announcement was made of the naming of several new small fruits, namely, Essex, Erie, and Empire strawberries; Amber raspberry; and Bailey and Hedrick blackberries; all developed at the Geneva Station. The latter two fruits were named in honor of Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey of Cornell fame, and Doctor U.P. Hedrick, Director emeritus of this Station. Doctor Hedrick was also renamed a director of the Fruit Testing Association and was chosen Vice-President.

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The September issue of "Frontiers of Plant Science" features the 75th anniversary celebration of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the oldest institution of its kind in the country. On the cover of the issue is pictured Doctor James G. Horsfall, Director of the Experiment Station who was at one time a plant pathologist here. The two-day celebration will begin tomorrow and schedules talks by several of the nation's top scientists. Our congratulations and wishes for continued progress to our Connecticut cousin.

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## FROM BRITAIN

A horticulturist from England, Mr. C.D. Darlington, Director of the John Innes Horticultural Institution near London, was our guest on Monday. He came from Ithaca in the company of Professor L.F. Randolph of the College and spent the afternoon seeing some of the fruit breeding work.

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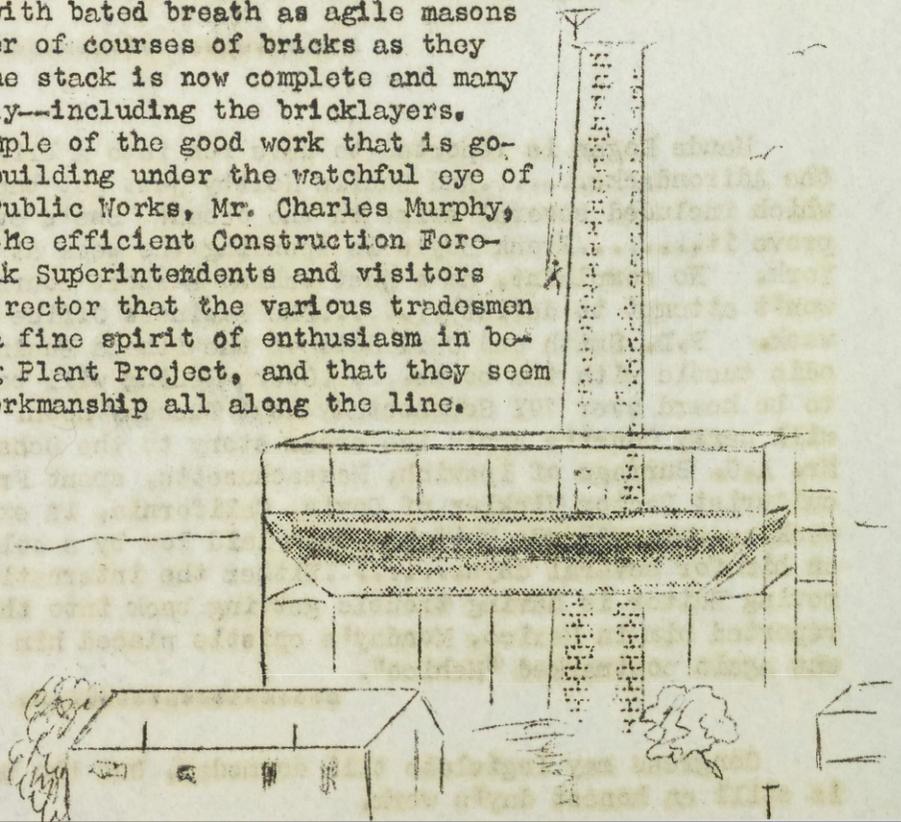
## MEN GARDENERS

About 75 representatives of men's garden clubs of Buffalo, Binghamton, Syracuse, and Watertown held a meeting at the Station on Sunday. Professor Slate served as host to the group and gave the members an informal tour of the grounds. Considerable interest was expressed in fall-bearing raspberries and in the fruit exhibit which was held over from the fruit testers meeting.

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## OUT OF THIS WORLD, ALMOST

Geneva has a new landmark in the 140 foot chimney for the Central Heating Plant. We've been watching with bated breath as agile masons laid a seemingly endless number of courses of bricks as they worked their way skyward. The stack is now complete and many of us are breathing more easily--including the bricklayers. It stands as an excellent example of the good work that is going into every detail of the building under the watchful eye of the local State Inspector of Public Works, Mr. Charles Murphy, and the close supervision of the efficient Construction Foreman, Mr. Art Jacobs. Sidewalk Superintendents and visitors alike have commented to the Director that the various tradesmen and laborers on the job show a fine spirit of enthusiasm in being connected with the Heating Plant Project, and that they seem to take pride in high grade workmanship all along the line.



The Army's announcement of the promotion of Lt. Col. Derrill M. Daniel to the rank of full colonel carries a good deal of interest among his former associates at the Experiment Station. Colonel Daniel served in the Entomology Division from 1923 to 1941 when he left to join the armed forces. His subsequent prowess in the invasions of Africa, Sicily, and Normandy, and the battles of Aachen and the Bulge won him many decorations and commendations from the United States and foreign governments. Tactics which he used in advancing his battalion during the vicious European struggle met with such success that they became standard operating procedures in ensuing frays. Colonel Daniel holds the D.S.C., six Silver Stars, 3 Bronze Stars, and several foreign decorations. He is certainly to be congratulated on his achievements and recent promotion. He is now attending the Command and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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#### CSEA ELECTION

All members of the Civil Service Employees Association are urged to vote in the election of officers for the coming year. Ballots must be in Albany in time for the annual convention on October 3rd. If any ballots have been lost or misplaced, duplicates can be obtained from the local chapter officials.

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#### BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

Winter squash are now being harvested from the seed control plots and may be purchased at the fruit and vegetable counter in the Dairy Barn. Varieties now available include Buttercup, Butternut, and Table Queen. The Hubbard and Delicious varieties will be harvested later.

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#### YOUR COMMUNITY CHEST

In three weeks, the annual drive to replenish the coffers of community organizations will fire the starting gun. That gives us two more paydays on which we can set aside individual contributions. The drive supports twelve local organizations, each one of which would have to sponsor its own drive were it not for the consolidated Community Chest campaign. Captain of the drive at the Experiment Station is Dave Hand who tells us that increased individual quotas will be necessary in order to meet the \$900 goal. Best way to figure out your donation, says the Captain, is to add up the contributions you would make to each of the twelve member organizations if they were to approach you individually. Let's bear this in mind and make it easier on ourselves by setting aside half of our share on October 1st and again on October 16th.

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#### FORMULATING PLANS

Doctors Chapman, Hervey, Smith, and Braun went to Ithaca on Monday for a meeting to set the wheels rolling toward the annual Insecticide and Fungicide Conference. The affair will come off at Ithaca in November.

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#### OTHER DOIN'S

Maude Hogan is reported to have run into a blizzard on a weekend drive through the Adirondacks.....And Lucile Holtby just got back from a sojourn at Cape Cod which included several swims in the ocean! She's even got a sunburned nose to prove it.....Frank Boyle is spending the week at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. No complaint, he's just taking a short course in electrophoresis (which we won't attempt to define).....The Business Office had visitors for a change this week. P.D. Smith and Carl Getz of the Ithaca Business Office came up on a periodic tussle with the books.....Court Henning will be the guest speaker on a program to be heard over WGY Schenectady next Tuesday noon. A direct wire from Ithaca will carry Court's apple ice cream story to the Schenectady listeners.....Mr. A.C. Burrage of Ipswich, Massachusetts, spent Friday at the Station and Viti-culturist Doctor Winkler of Davis, California, is expected to stop in sometime this week.....Claude Heit has been laid low by a cold which has been creeping up on him for several days.....Either the international mails are fouled up or our roving Editor is having trouble getting back into this country. Last week's mail reported him in Mexico, Monday's epistle placed him in Texas, and yesterday's note was again postmarked "Mehico".

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Congress may legislate till doomsday, but the basis of our national economy is still an honest day's work.