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#### ITHACA BOUND

The Campus of the College of Agriculture is the center of interest for New York farmers and homemakers this week with the fortieth annual Farm and Home Week program in full swing. Station participation in this event began with the second period on the opening day when Professor Sayre and Doctor Vittum led a discussion on canning crop production. This morning, Karl Brase is giving a talk on "Dwarf Fruit Trees for Home Plantings", and this afternoon Professor Slate will speak on "Success with Blueberries". Last Friday Professor Hening was in Ithaca setting up exhibits from the Food Science Division in Savage Hall. The entomologists also contributed some material for exhibits in Comstock Hall. Several members of the Staff are attending lectures and demonstrations in connection with the program. Incidentally, a Station car will be going to Ithaca tomorrow morning. Check with Mr. Luckett if you want a ride.

#### \*\*\*\*\* NEW FRUITS

Professor Wellington will speak on "New Varieties of Fruit" at the New Hampshire Farm and Home Day program at Durham, N. H., next Tuesday.

#### \*\*\*\*\* COCOANUT MILK

About fifty members of Ceres Circle and Sigma Xi and their friends were completely captivated Monday evening by a delightful address on a profound subject of fundamental research as presented by Dr. F.C. Steward, Professor of Botany at Cornell. Doctor Steward announced that he was going to talk about "Random Multiplication of Cells". He then described investigations in which were revealed a heretofore unsuspected and still unknown growth-promoting substance present in cocoanut milk, and probably other plant extracts including corn. He traced the studies of this substance as it affects the growth of carrots which he used in his experiments. Almost of equal interest was his account of the development of technics and "gadgets" in the course of the investigations. He cautioned his audience against going out and buying up cocoanuts in a big way, however, despite the almost phenomenal growth-promoting substance which they contain and which he and his associates are attempting to identify. Doctor M.T. Vittum presided and Doctor Otis Curtis introduced the speaker. The talk was followed by a social hour arranged by the ladies of Ceres Circle, with Mrs. W.L. Schroeder as hostess. Assisting her were Mrs. A.C. Wagenknecht, Mrs. Leo Klein, Mrs. George Hervey, Mrs. David B. Hand, Mrs. James Moyer, Mrs. E.H. Glass, and Mrs. M.T. Vittum. Mrs. Foster Gambrell and Mrs. Vittum poured. Mrs. Victor Hopkins was in charge of program for Ceres Circle.

#### \*\*\*\*\* MRS. HORTON

The death of Mrs. Lucy M. Horton at her home on Cherry Street last Thursday afternoon at the age of 94 severed another link with the early days of the Station. Mrs. Horton was the widow of Adin H. Horton, who served as the first mailing clerk at the Station from 1890 until his death in 1915. She is survived, among others, by Mrs. Lorraine Wheeler, a niece, who served for several years as secretary to what was then the Horticultural Division, and by Roy Smith, a nephew, of the Division of Food Science and Technology.

#### \*\*\*\*\* WILLIAM H. WHITE

William H. White of Hyattsville, Md., an entomologist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was stricken last Wednesday while on his way to work. Mr. White was in charge of truck crop and garden insect investigations for the Bureau of Entomology and was well known here at the Station for his work in connection with processed foods.

#### \*\*\*\*\* SPEAKING IN WATERLOO

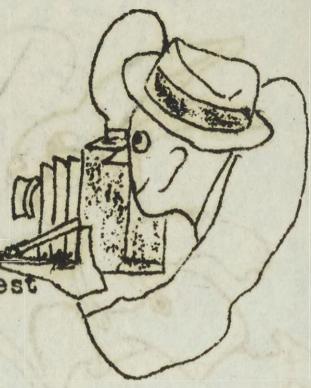
Leo Klein has been tapped to be guest speaker before the Waterloo Garden Club next Tuesday evening.



1951 MODEL

Yes, that's Bob Wesselmann (in the righthand corner) expressing proper parental glee over the arrival of a baby

girl Monday morning in the Geneva General Hospital, all 8 pounds 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces of her. Congratulations to Mother and Dad and the rest of the family on the happy event!



EASTER IN FLORIDA

Miss Doris Traphagen of the Seed Division left Saturday for Orlando, Fla., where she will spend Easter with her mother and brother.

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IN THE MAILBAG

GROC ADAMS

Harry Young, formerly of Plant Pathology, writes apropos of their new home in Stillwater, Okla., "We are now firmly established on the inside looking out."..... Willard Crosier writes from Raleigh, N. C., where he has been spending most of his sabbatic leave, "Highlights of my stay at Raleigh are: The satisfaction of having presented a well-accepted seminar for the Department of Plant Pathology, talking with Gov. Scott without realizing the score, discussing needs of the seed laboratory with the agricultural budget committee after the chairman asked, 'Where's that damned Yankee?' and spending several evenings with Dr. H.T. Scofield (at one time a neighbor of Doctor Heinicke), now head of the Botany Department." Willard hopes to visit other seed laboratories and the DuPont Semesan Laboratory at Wilmington, Del., on his way back to Geneva where he is due the first of the month.....Then, there was a letter from a Sacramento, Calif., food processing company which read in part as follows: "We wish to complement the work of your Station. It is outstanding in the degree of excellence and practical application of the projects when compared with the work of other stations in the United States.".....Miss Helen Maney, chairman of the In-Service Teacher Community Study Project of the Geneva Public Schools, writes of a recent tour of the Station by thirty-five teachers, "Our tour was well planned, giving us the general overall picture we desired as teachers. Mr. Robert Wesselmann guided us most effectively and graciously, with no concern for his own convenience or time. And very instructive, indeed, were the summaries and demonstrations presented by Professor Munn, Doctor Moyer, and Doctor Smith. As the first in our projected series of community field excursions, this visit established a very high standard."

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CHEMICALS IN FOODS

Doctor Hand was in Washington last week for a meeting of a committee of the National Research Council on food protection. The committee is working closely with the Food and Drug Administration and a Congressional committee on the formulation of principles governing the use of emulsifying agents, coloring substances, preservatives, and so on, in foods.

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IT'S THE GRIPES THAT COUNT!

The trouble with "science" is that it is always debunking our favorite illusions. Now the University of Michigan comes out with a report from its Institute of Social Research that the man who whistles on the job doesn't produce as much as the fellow who gripes. "While this type will often spend his lunch hour denouncing his job," says the report, "the driving urge to succeed will send this same subject back to work fired with more productive energy...Whether an employe likes his company or not makes little difference in his production; in most cases, the man with the gripe produces better."

"There is no love sincerer than the love of food."--G.B. Shaw. (Page the food scientists.)