

# STATION NEWS



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## FOOD PROCESSING CONFERENCE TAKES SHAPE

The fourth annual Food Processing Conference will be held at the Experiment Station on Wednesday, November 14th. Doctor Moyer is serving as chairman of this year's meeting, Doctor Robinson is in charge of the program, and Mr. LaBelle is handling the arrangements. Key speakers will be Doctor E.M. Nelson, chief of the Division of Nutrition of the Food and Drug Administration, and Doctor Donald Tressler, one-time head of the Station's Chemistry Department, and now Director of Research for the Food Container Institute of the Quartermaster Corps. Doctor Nelson will explain how the federal food and drug act operates to affect the nutritive value of processed foods and Doctor Tressler will discuss the food requirements of the armed forces. Another "guest" speaker will be Doctor Carl Pederson who is currently working at the Quartermaster's Food Container Laboratory in Chicago. Geneva scientists will report on their work aimed at improving quality and yield of processed foods, most of which was accomplished in projects in the Pilot Plant. Further details will appear in a subsequent issue of the NEWS.

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## TO SPEAK AT INSECTICIDE-FUNGICIDE CONFERENCE

The thirteenth annual New York State Insecticide and Fungicide Conference, and the Pesticide Application Equipment Conference, are scheduled for Ithaca, November 7, 8, and 9. Station entomologists and plant pathologists are prominent on the program. Scheduled to give talks on their various specialties are Doctors Glass, Lienk, Hervey, Braun, Chapman, Smith, Taschenberg, Dean, Hamilton, Palmiter, Gambrell, Schroeder, and Davis. The meeting will be held in GLF's Bibbins Hall.

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## S. A. B. SCHEDULES ROCHESTER MEET

The Central New York Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists will hold its 61st semi-annual meeting at the Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester on Saturday. Several of the Station staff are planning to attend.

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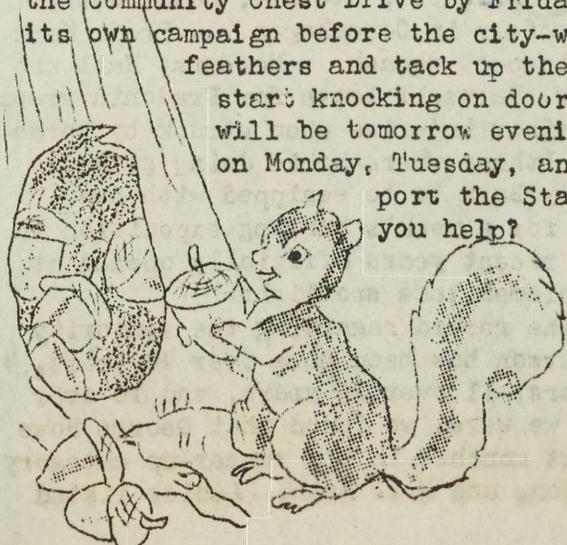
## SEEDSMEN MEET, TOO

Ithaca served as the site for the meeting of the New York State Seed Association on Monday and Tuesday. Professor Munn, Professor Clark, and Mr. Heit took in the Monday session and Professor Clark stayed over for the corn and forage field day yesterday, and the meeting of the New York State Foundation Seed Corporation last night. Yesterday, many of the seedsmen stopped in at the Station to visit the laboratories and the field trials.

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## LAST CALL

Here is another reminder that the Station would like to wind up its share of the Community Chest Drive by Friday of this week. This group customarily holds its own campaign before the city-wide drive in order that employees can wear their feathers and tack up their stickers before the residential solicitors start knocking on doors. The dinner which opens the campaign in town will be tomorrow evening, with report luncheons at the Masonic Temple on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The committee would like to report the Station's goal achieved at the first luncheon. Will you help?



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## HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Mary Traphagen, who only recently accepted work with the Biological Stain Commission, had to give up her work last week in order to have an operation at Clifton Springs. She's recuperating nicely and will return to her Seneca Castle home this weekend.

#### FOURTH ESTATE CONFAB

The Station's editorial staff will go to Rochester tomorrow to participate in a Newspaper Forum being sponsored by the Times-Union and the Democrat and Chronicle. Professor Luckett and Bob Wesselmann will hear the talks on what makes good news copy, to be given by managing editors and city editors of both papers. After the forum, all of the guests will be escorted through the printing plant of the Rochester papers.

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#### CALL ME MISTER

Peter DeMaria, who left the Station a year ago upon recall to active duty with the Marine Corps, has been discharged from the service and will report back to his greenhouse duties on November 1st. Upon returning home, Pete got his first glimpse at his baby daughter who was born a few weeks ago. Welcome back, Pete.

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#### PRAYERS ANSWERED

The end of the tomato season has arrived and the people who have been operating the Pilot Plant have breathed a mass sigh of relief. The machinery has ground to a stop and the boys are already at work making ready for the processing of apples. Between harvests, though, many of the Sturtevant workers are taking advantage of the good weather to take a respite from the long job just completed. On vacation at present are Herb Reitmann, Vigo Jensen, Leon Tyler, Willard Robinson, and Jim Moyer.

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#### JOTTINGS

The annual rage of virus is taking its toll of Station workers early this season. Several of our number are having their ups and downs with the elusive bug which is prone to revisit its victims. John Einset found that the cure is worse than the sickness when penicillin shots gave a reaction which has him floored for a few days....Lucile Holtby and Florence Updike are absent from work, too, but they're enjoying themselves. A week's motor trip to Virginia with a stop at Fredericksburg is on their agenda....Joe Pettrone has finished the interior decorating job at Jordan Hall and has moved on to a similar job in Sturtevant.

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#### LETTERS

"On behalf of the Niagara Frontier Section of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, I wish to thank you and your staff for an enlightening trip through the Experiment Station. We were pleasantly surprised to find how progressive you were in your methods and outlook of this vital work. We were amazed to learn of the large number of varieties of plants handled and developed. The courtesies of you and your staff were appreciated in taking the time to make our visit worthwhile. We wish we could in some way reciprocate this and hope that, if and when you are in Buffalo, you will stop and see us"—B. Robert Segmen, Chairman.

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#### THE NEWS OF 25 YEARS AGO

October 1926--Staff committees appointed for the year. Committeemen include Munn, Hartzell, Shriner, Howe, Marquardt, Luckett, Breed, Dahlberg, Sweeney, Gambrell, Slate, Gloyer, Collison, Carpenter, Sayre, Prickett, Stewart, Hall, Conn, Wheeler, and Hopkins (Miss)....Huckers arrive safely in Copenhagen....Prof. Work of Ithaca brings vegetable class to Station to inspect squash. Messers. Hall and Hawthorn conducted the tour....Mr. Slate and Mr. Hartzell leave for Fredonia grape harvest....John Parrott suffers uncomfortable minor injuries when struck by horseless carriage....Mr. and Mrs. Hening return to Ithaca where he is doing graduate work....Seed Laboratory gets telephone....Dairy Barn to be equipped with new stanchions....Doctors Glasgow and Harman leave for a week's hunting expedition in the mountains....Most elaborate flower show in recent years officially opened at the Station greenhouse. Chrysanthemums and cyclamen take spotlight.

And just for curiosity's sake, we checked the record regarding the seniority of the Station staff today, and find that one person has been here over 40 years, 4 have been here more than 35 years, 4 over 30 years, 11 over 25 years, and 16 over 20 years. And in case you're as inquisitive as we were, we found that George Howe tops the list with 41 years of service as of next month. In the runner-up category are Jessie Sperry, Maude Hogan, Richard Wellington, and M.T. Munn. (Ladies listed first, out of courtesy).