



# STATION NEWS



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## THE 1951 COMMUNITY CHEST

Our congratulations to Doctor Hucker upon the success of the Geneva Community Chest campaign which came to such a triumphant conclusion last Thursday evening. Many long hours of planning and honest-to-goodness hard work went into its organization and promotion, as the results impressively show. Such things don't "just happen". At the Experiment Station, one hundred and fifty contributors gave \$931.65, or 93% of the division quota, and the Station chairman extends sincere thanks to all who worked and all who gave.

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## CANNERS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The members of the agricultural research committee of the Association of New York State Canners will convene at the Station on Friday, with staff members of the Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture. The group will discuss use limitations of plant spray and dust materials.

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## FERTILIZER CONFERENCE

Professors Sayre and Vittum will be in Ithaca on Thursday and Friday to attend the annual New York Fertilizer Conference. The meeting will involve members of the horticultural departments at the College, as well as representatives from the fertilizer industry. Mr. Sayre will speak on "Sources of Nitrogen, Potash, and Phosphorus for Ginning Crops".

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## TO SPEAK AT SEMINAR

Doctor Donald Barton will be the speaker at the Plant Breeding Seminar at Ithaca on Friday. His topic will be "Cytological Studies on the Tomato".

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## TURF SPECIALISTS HOLD GENEVA MEETING

Doctor C.H. Hadley of the Japanese Beetle Laboratory in Moorestown, N. J., met with Doctor Gambrell and Mr. Breitfeld of Geneva at the Experiment Station last Thursday and Friday. Object of their conference was the increasing menace of the European Chafer.

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## VISITORS

Our guest book this week includes the names of two out-of-staters. On Monday, Mr. Bruce Caldwell of the Seed Act Division of the Production and Marketing Administration visited the Seed Laboratory and inspected the forage crops field trials.... Yesterday, Mr. Jesse Huggington, crops consultant for Continental Can, stopped in for a chat with Veg Crops specialists.

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## CALIFORNIA SPECIALIST DIES

Word has reached Geneva of the death of Doctor Donald Bliss, plant pathologist, at California's Citrus Experiment Station. Doctor Bliss was known by several Station people and was a guest at last summer's Station Club Picnic. Our sympathy goes to his survivors, Mrs. Bliss and their three children.

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## NEW STENOGRAPHER

Replacing Mrs. Kathleen Gallagher as stenographer for Plant Path and Veg Crops is Mrs. Alberta Mackey of Geneva. Mrs. Mackey is a native Genevan and makes her home on John Street. She has an eight-month-old son.

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## THE STATION CLUB DINNER

Last evening's annual Station Club Dinner went over with a literal "bang" as a wayward owl bit the dust and about one hundred and fifty members of the organization enjoyed the festivities at the Seneca Castle Grange dining hall. An excellently-prepared meal consisting of baked ham, escalloped potatoes, beets, and home-bureau-salad, followed by cake, ice cream, and coffee, started the evening rolling. Group singing was led by Austin Wagenknecht until the gang at Table #5 took over. The secretary's report was given by Anne McCullough and David Rodney read an anticlimactical treasurer's report. After their approval, Harry King and M.T. Munn, as the auditing committee, presented a commendation on the work of the outgoing treasurer. While the auditors delved into ancient history to pay tribute to he-who-calls-himself-David, they tactfully ended the citation before Bathsheba entered the story. After the introduction of new employees, the nominating committee presented its panel of officers for the coming year. Railroaded through with super-sonic dispatch by Director Heinicke were the following: President--Willard Robinson; Vice-president--M.T. Vittum; Secretary--Anne Holley; Treasurer--Siegfried Lienk. Retiring President Vic Hopkins expressed appreciation to his staff and committee-members who had rendered complete cooperation throughout the year to facilitate his administration. He then called on Director Heinicke and former Director Parrott for what amounted to "valedictory" and "salutatory" remarks, respectively. Besides Doctor Parrott, honorary guests included Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mrs. A.W. Clark, Miss Anna Brooks, Mr. W.O. Gloyer, Doctor Conn, and Professor Hartzell. Also singled out were Doctor and Mrs. Carl Pederson who made the trip from Chicago for the dinner. Another guest was not introduced to the assemblage. He was a persistent nimrod whose mission to exterminate a certain chicken-stealing varmint was not deterred by the fact that 150 people were holding an annual dinner meeting. For the part which he very ably carried out, we extend thanks to Mr. Platt Soper of Seneca Castle and his equally capable "bloodhound". A large decorative basket of fruit was won by Ed Glass as the remainder of the evening was turned over to dancing and card-playing. The thanks of the entire Station Club go to the Dinner Committee, composed of: Mr. and Mrs. Wagenknecht--Chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer--Decorations; Mr. and Mrs. Smith--Punch; Mr. and Mrs. Wisnietzky--Game-room; Miss Jeanne Smith--Music; and Mr. Rodney--Reservations. And at this time we'd also like to pay tribute to the outgoing officers: Vic Hopkins, Willard Robinson, Anne McCullough, and David Rodney. It was a job well-done, a season well-organized, by effort which was unselfishly given.

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### SMALL TALK

The second floor of Entomology is undergoing some more revamping. Doctor Smith's office is being partitioned to make an office for Knud Swenson....Lester Atkinson has returned from his customary fall hunting expedition with his customary results....Alumni of the University of Massachusetts who reside in western and central New York held their annual get-together at the Armitage in Seneca Falls on Saturday evening. Stationites who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. George Slate, Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Vittum, Mr. John Watson, and Mr. John Natti....Some improvement has been noted in the condition of Mrs. Breed at the Geneva General Hospital. She is now able to take food and enjoy it....Mrs. Mary-lizabeh Crandall of Cincinnati has returned to her home after being stricken with polio several weeks ago. Her condition is considerably improved and she was able to phone her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wellington, over the weekend....Director Heinicke will be a guest of Radio Station W & Y Schenectady on Friday when the station celebrates the 25th anniversary of its farm program...."Bull" Durham is selling tickets for a baked ham supper being put on by the Seneca Castle Presbyterian Church, November 6th. There'll be two servings, at 5:30 and at 7 P.M. and the ducats are priced at \$1.25 each.

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### MRS. HEBE LAMB

We wish to express our condolences to Mrs. Florence Van Eseltine of Geneva on the death of her mother, Mrs. Hebe Lamb, last week. Mrs. Van Eseltine is the widow of Mr. Glenn Van Eseltine, former Station pomologist. Their son, Dr. William Van Eseltine, now at Clemson, is also a former Station worker.

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### HORT SOCIETY SETS MEETING DATES

The programs for the winter meetings of the New York State Horticultural Society are now being organized. The Western New York meeting will be held at Rochester on January 16, 17, and 18 and will be followed by the Kingston meeting on January 23, 24, and 25.

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### APPLY EXPRESSED!

Excerpted from the October issue of the Horticultural Society's News Letter are the following remarks: "At the May 25th Meeting of the Society directors at Syracuse it was unanimously voted to request the construction of the new food processing building at Geneva..." The request is backed up in another column with these words: "The work of the Geneva Experiment Station research staff as shown in the exhibits (at August Field Day) was most interesting and informative--especially work on scab and insect control on apples, peach insects and cherry disease control. New York is certainly at the top on its research program. A new plant is obviously badly needed for investigation of processing fruits and vegetables. The station now has plenty of heat but no place to put it".