



# STATION NEWS

Vol. 58, No. 7

February 13, 1952

Geneva, N. Y.

## CANNERS SCHOOL IN FULL SWING

Cannery fieldmen turned out 250 strong for the opening of the 27th annual raw products conference at the Station yesterday. Besides hearing reports by Geneva, Ithaca, and commercial research workers, the group took time out yesterday afternoon to honor brilliant achievements by members of the younger generation. Fifteen-year-old Donald Britt of South Byron won the 4-H canning crops award for the second successive year, in projects which netted him \$2200 profit on 5 acres of tomatoes and not quite 6 acres of beets. This profit was exclusive of his own labor. President J. C. Hemingway of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association presented a wrist watch to the two-time winner, and also made awards to three members of the Future Farmers of America in canning crops production projects. Winning first prize was Chris Hansen of Geneva, in second place was Charles Winters of Perry, and the third highest award went to Ronald VanAcker of Williamson. The conference banquet was held at Canandaigua last evening and the canners have convened for their windup session today. This morning, Division heads will tell about some of the projects being conducted in each Division, and Dr. Robinson will report on his tomato color tests. This afternoon, Drs. Hervey, Davis, and Avens will take part in a panel discussion of insecticides.

## FOOD SCIENCE SEMINAR TOMORROW

Dr. Vittum will speak on "Fertilizer Experiments with Canning Crops" at tomorrow evening's FS&T seminar. The talk will be given at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of Jordan Hall.

## CORNELL SIGMA XI MEETING TOMORROW

At 8:15 P.M. tomorrow in Room M, Olin Hall, Dr. E. U. Condon will give a talk on the topic, "Science and Scientists in the Federal Service". The meeting is being sponsored by the Cornell Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi. Dr. Condon is Director of Research for the Corning Glass Works and was recently elected President of the AAAS. In tomorrow's lecture, he will discuss the loyalty hearings being conducted by the federal government.

## GENEVA SIGMA XI MEETS MONDAY

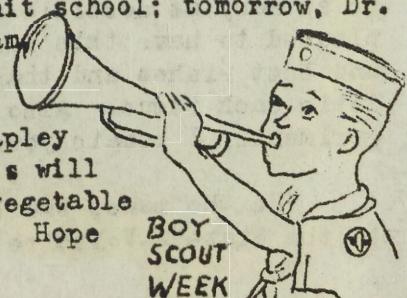
The fourth Geneva Sigma Xi lecture of the current season will feature Professor Ralph Bullard, head of the Chemistry Department at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, in a discussion of research in the U. S. Navy. Prof. Bullard has been at Hobart since 1918, except for a military leave during World War II, when he served as a technical aide in the Naval Research Laboratory at Anacostia, Md. He holds the rank of Commander in the Naval reserve. He will use short motion picture films in his talk on the development of a shark repellent and the work on the famed Viking Rocket. The general public is invited to the lecture which will be held in Coxe Hall at 8 P.M. on February 18th.

## LAZY CLUB TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

Participants in Tuesday's meeting of the Lazy Club will hear Dr. L. H. MacDaniels open a discussion of plans for the coming ASHS meetings, which are to be held at Cornell in September of this year. Inasmuch as the project will affect many of the Geneva and Ithaca personnel, they are invited to share in the planning. This will be a supper meeting, in the Plant Science Seminar Room at 6 P.M. on February 19th. Tickets are 75 cents. Reservations should be made with Miss Sperry by this Friday noon.

## LOCAL SPECIALISTS AT COUNTY MEETINGS

The annual winter farm bureau schools are in full swing and, consequently, many of the Station's research workers are on the road this week. On Monday, Drs. Curtis and Braun and Mr. Klein spoke at a small fruit school in Webster; yesterday and today, Drs. Glass and Smith addressed the Niagara County fruit school; tomorrow, Dr. Glass and Mr. Klein will appear on the Orleans County program. Mr. Tapley will speak at a meeting of vegetable growers in Sheridan, and Drs. Braun, Taschenberg and Shaulis will tell about their work in a school at Westfield; on Friday, Mr. Tapley will appear at Westfield, Drs. Braun, Taschenberg and Shaulis will speak at Sheridan, Dr. Vittum will be at the Monroe County vegetable meeting, and Drs. Smith and Lienk will be in Orleans County. Hope we've got that straight.



BOY  
SCOUT  
WEEK

## RED CROSS DRIVE SCHEDULED

Dr. Vittum will head the annual Red Cross fund drive at the Station this year and is in the process of choosing his team. The drive is scheduled for Feb. 29th through March 7th, and it's expected that the Station's goal will approximate last year's quota of \$475.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Hervey was taken to the Geneva General Hospital Sunday night and is undergoing treatment for a nose hemorrhage....Barbara Brase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brase, is expecting to leave the hospital after a rapid recuperation from an appendectomy performed last Wednesday....Also expecting to go home this week is Mrs. Hedrick who fractured her hip in a fall a short time ago....Mr. Middleton was released from Clifton Springs last Saturday, after treatment for a heart attack.

## MURMURINGS

Newly-appointed greenhouse man is Clifford B. Davis of Geneva RD #2. Mr. Davis began his work here on February 1st.....Max Patterson, we are happy to report, has completely recovered from last week's attack of measles and is back on the job... The Lutherans are in undisputed possession of first place in their bowling league, by virtue of a three-point win last week....Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holley write a plaintive letter from Florida. It's too warm for them down there....Undaunted, the Braun family will pack up and leave for a three-week sojourn in the land of sunshine this weekend. They'll establish a beachhead at Daytona.....On February 2nd, Loren Tukey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Tukey of East Lansing, was married to Miss Louise Arleyne Young of Easton, Penna. ....Eunice Haight appeared on the "Strike It Rich" program, originating at New York City, last Friday, and walked off with \$50 and assorted prizes, despite an acute attack of stage-fright.....The North Street Home and School Association is sponsoring a square dance Friday evening, with music by Walt Gardner's orchestra.. Tickets are 75 cents each and dancing will be from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M.

## TO ADDRESS ROCHESTER A.C.S.

Doctor Kertesz will be the guest speaker at next Monday evening's meeting of the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society. He'll speak on "Recent Developments in the Chemistry and Biochemistry of the Pectic Polyuronides", at 7:15 P.M. at the University of Rochester.

## KLASSIFIED

Frank Lee reports the loss of a grey leather work glove. It was last seen between Chemistry and Sturtevant one day last week, and its return would be appreciated. As a matter of fact, it doesn't necessarily have to be grey, as long as it fits Frank's good right hand.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Ordinarily, we don't like to resort to levity in these columns but occasionally we encounter a story which is too good to pass up. This one concerns Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hopkins, who spent a few days in Washington recently. They flew to the nation's capitol on the flight which, 24 hours later, claimed several lives in a crack-up at the Newark airport, including that of former Secretary of War Robert Patterson. The Hopkinesses were in Washington on the day of Mr. Patterson's funeral and passed through the throngs who were participating in the services. An innocent question from Vic, caused them to be directed through the lines of fixed bayonets and into the cathedral, where the rites were to be held. Upon the completion of that obstacle, they were immediately queried concerning their names. When Vic replied, "Hopkins", a high-ranking Army officer nodded knowingly and immediately escorted them to the front row, immediately in front of the bier. Only the ever-present body-guard separated the Hopkinesses from the President of the United States, who was seated in the same row at hardly more than arm's length. In actuality, Vic always had admired Mr. Patterson and welcomed the opportunity to participate in the ceremony. At its conclusion, the Geneva Hopkinesses were escorted back to the outside world, along with all of the other dignitaries. So, if our ordinarily-genial experimentalist seems a bit aloof these days, this is probably the explanation.

## LETTERS

From a gentleman in Ontario, Canada, comes this message: "For several years I have been on the mailing list for the quarterly issue of Farm Research and beg to advise you as follows: That each and every issue has contained articles of interest to me and I have found them very informative as well. You might be interested to hear that I loan the copies to several other agriculturists in this district and they too have enjoyed the bulletin very much. I feel that by so doing I have given to as many as possible access to your valuable bulletin and trust that you will be pleased to have this information sent to you. ....Wishing you kind personal regards and best wishes and thanking you for continuing to forward me the Farm Research bulletin each issue. Also wishing your Experiment Station every success in future experiments, I remain yours gratefully"--W. B. Sharen.

"He who makes two blades of grass grow in the place of one renders a service to the State"--Voltaire