



# STATION NEWS

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AS YE SOW....

Several specialists from the Experiment Station took part in the Seed School held at the College of Agriculture on Monday and Tuesday--some as teachers, some as students. Among those participating were Professors Clark, Dolan, Tapley, Crozier, and Mittler, and Mr. Carruth and Mr. Herink. Some of the other participants visited the Geneva Station after the school. Among them were Dr. David Beard, head of the USDA's Forage Crops Trials Section, and Mr. Frank Parsons, General Manager of the California Crop Improvement Association.

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#### OUT-OF-STATE TALKS

Prof. Brase is in Wooster, Ohio, where he is taking part in the Ohio Fruit School. The local pomologist spoke yesterday and today....Next Monday, Dr. Glass will be a guest speaker at a meeting of the New Jersey Horticultural Society in Atlantic City....And Prof. Wellington is slated to speak at a meeting of the Connecticut Pomological Society at Hartford, a week from today.

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#### ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS MEET

The officers of the New York State Fruit Testing Association are meeting with Manager Henry Bennett in an all-day confab in Jordan Hall today. Business operations in 1953 and 1954 will be discussed.

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#### HAVE YOU JOINED?

Early returns from the members of the Station Club Membership Drive Committee indicate that the Club roster will be extended this year. As previously reported, the annual dues have been reduced to \$1 per adult and an additional ante will be solicited next year from those who intend to take in the fall banquet. While the formal membership drive is scheduled to terminate today, the committee points out that membership can actually be taken out at any time during the year. Everyone at the Station is invited to join and if your solicitor has slipped up on you, pick him out of this list and give him a bawling out (plus one dollar for your Station Club dues). The workers are Mr. Stearman, Mr. Hey, Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Lienk, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lockett, Mr. Szkolnik, Mr. Barton, Mr. Heit, and Mr. Wishnetsky.

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#### TO ATTEND CHICAGO MEET

Dr. Barton will leave tonight for the windy city where he'll take part in the two-day National Sweetcorn Breeders Conference.

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#### MOHAWK VALLEY MEETING

The Mohawk Valley Branch of the Institute of Food Technologists met in Canajoharie yesterday and heard Dr. Kertesz give an account of his Ceylon interlude. While in Canajoharie, the Station scientist visited the Beech Nut Company plant.

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#### CERES CIRCLE MEETING

The followers of the goddess Ceres will give Santa a hand at their meeting on Monday evening, December 7th. The group will wrap gifts for the children's Christmas Party and each member is also asked to bring a gift for the use of the Salvation Army. Meeting time is 8:00 P.M. at the Heinicke home.

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#### MORE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

In next week's issue of the NEWS there will appear a list of names and addresses of former Station people who have moved to other parts of the country and world. Readers who have new addresses of old alumni or addresses of new alumni are asked to send them to the STATION NEWS so that they may be included in next week's list--in time for Christmas card mailing.

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#### FACE-LIFTING

Work was begun on Monday to remove the large evergreen planting behind the Director's house. Several species were represented in the grove which was set out some twenty years ago in a study of insect pests and toxicity to spray materials.

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Bill Mookhoek, who has become a familiar figure among the landscaping for several years, has been assigned to the Regional Plant Introduction Project. His new title of "garden foreman" will take effect on December 16th.

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VACATION TOPICS

The Szkolniks have returned from a week's vacation in their native land of New Jersey. The plant pathologist took advantage of the trip to visit workers at Rutgers....Prof. Slate is spending the week in his native Massachusetts....And Prof. and Mrs. Tapley will leave Geneva tomorrow night for a month's vacation in Florida. They'll spend much of the time at the home of their daughter in Miami.

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STATISTICS ON THE INSECTI-FUNGI-PESTI-APPLI CONFAB

The continued growth of interest in the annual Insecticide, Fungicide, and Pesticide Application Equipment Conference is evidenced in some statistics released after the Ithaca meeting. Total registration for the three-day meet came to 402. Representatives were present from 91 industries and 7 universities of the United States. Representatives from 20 Canadian industries and institutions numbered 51. In all, 18 states plus Canada and Hawaii were represented. Plant Path and Entomology at Ithaca and Geneva, and Ag Engineering at the College sponsor the annual meeting. (We'd like to suggest that the conference be given a simpler title, such as IFFAC, to save wear and tear on our poor overworked editors).

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BADMINTON DEMONSTRATION

At tonight's meeting of the badminton group in the North Street School, Ken Davidson, former national champion, will give a demonstration of some of the finer points in the art of badmintonerie. Anyone interested is invited to attend and the doors will open at 7:30. The local group will try out some of the new tricks on Friday evening when they meet a recreation group at Kodak Park.

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CONCENTRATE SPRAYER DISCUSSED

Dr. Schroeder was in Ithaca on Monday for a meeting with members of the Canners Association and the Ithaca Departments of Ag Engineering and Entomology. The group discussed the results of experiments during the past season in which comparisons were made between the conventional hydraulic sprayer and the Cornell Mist Concentrate Sprayer.

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SMALL TALK

Dr. Braun is undergoing treatment in the Geneva Hospital. He reports a recurrence of an old stomach complaint....The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church are having a combination lunch-bazaar-dinner next Monday. It's a chance to do part of your Christmas shopping and enjoy some good food at the same time....The magazine section of last Sunday's New York Times contained an article about psychological warfare practices during war maneuvers down South. Included was a replica of a safe-conduct pass dropped on the "enemy" troops by the 504th Airborne Infantry Regiment. The pass card carried the signature of the Commander of the 504th, one General Derrill Daniel.

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YOUNGSTERS TO VISIT

Two groups of future taxpayers will make an inspection of the Experiment Station today and tomorrow. This afternoon about a dozen girl scouts under the leadership of Mrs. Elmer Tornow will stop in for a tour. Tomorrow morning, 25 sixth-graders from the Cortland Street School will pay a similar visit. They'll see the Museum, Seed Labs, Pilot Plant, Greenhouses, and Insect-rearing Lab.

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FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

Apparently the Station photographer has passed up a photogenic bet for a good many years. The September-October issue of New Jersey Agriculture quickly "mugged" Dr. Frank Lee who is spending a sabbatic at Rutgers. Frank not only appears beside some imposing apparatus on the cover but is again shown inside the booklet in the act of dehydrating some corn.

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LETTERS

The Bulletin Room is in receipt of a bulletin request from Czechoslovakia. It reads thusly: "Gentleman: I please You, if You are so like and may me send following Yours Publications for which I have interest...(bulletins listed)...I worked in Central Controll and Testing Institute of Agriculture of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Agriculture and so I may provided this requisted Publications in my work. Yours faithfully..."

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For what it's worth, we present a household hint which was passed out by the Sugar Research Foundation in the December issue of its magazine: Placing your Christmas tree in a solution of 1 cup of sugar in 2/3 of a pail of water will "freshen up the foliage and delay that bothersome time when the needles start dropping off".

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An old negro got up at revival meeting and said: "Brudders and sisters, you knows an' Ah knows dat I ain't been what I oughter been. I'se bobbed henroosts and stole hogs, and tole lies and got drunk, an' slashed folks wid my razor and shot craps, and cussed and swore; but Ah thank de Lord dey's one thing Ah ain't nebber done; Ah ain't nebber lost mah religion."