

# Station News

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## DR. OBERLE APPOINTED TO STAFF

Dr. George Oberle has been named an Associate in Research in the Pomology Division, effective today, and has been assigned to a project which carries the imposing title of "Production of Varieties Resistant to Diseases, Insects, and other Adverse Agencies by Breeding." Specifically, he

will continue the work on squash breeding begun by Mr. Van Eseltine, will assist in cooperative experiments now in progress with the College of Agriculture on breeding pears resistant to blight, and will engage in other fruit and vegetable breeding work looking to the development of new varieties resistant to diseases and insect attack. Dr. Oberle took his undergraduate work at Kansas State College where he received his B.S. degree in 1931. From 1931 to 1935 he managed the home farms in Kansas. In the fall of 1935 he returned to the Kansas State College where he received his M.S. degree in 1936. He entered the Graduate School at Cornell in the fall of 1936 and was granted his Ph.D. degree by that institution in 1938. George carried on his thesis work here at the Station under the joint supervision of Dr. Emerson and Mr. Wellington and a summary of his studies, dealing with the inheritance of sex in grapes, was published as a technical bulletin of this Station last fall. Congratulations, George, and best wishes!

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## BACK ON THE JOB

Mr. Walsh has returned to his duties in the Chemistry Division following a long siege with a broken arm.

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## MISS BARNES RETURNS

Miss Barnes has returned to her duties in the museum and will be devoting all of her time for the next several weeks to completing models which are to go into the Station's World's Fair exhibit.

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## "HARD" WATER

An interesting letter from Mr. Stewart brings his wanderings up to date since we last heard from him in December. Among other points visited was Bradenton where, Mr. Stewart writes, "The water is so hard it rattles when thrown on the ground. A prohibitionist can't be perfectly happy where the drinking water is as 'hard' as it is at Bradenton." The local authorities have promised Mr. Stewart that they will remedy that situation before next winter. Mr. Stewart tells, too, of a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Breed in St. Petersburg. The Breeds were enroute home from Tennessee via Florida. Mr. Stewart expects to have a call from Dr. and Mrs. Cunningham on their way back to Long Island from California where Dr. Cunningham has been spending a sabbatic leave. "No matter where they are, they return home via Florida," writes Mr. Stewart. A great thing, geography!

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## DR. DONALD VAN SLYKE HONORED

According to newspaper accounts, the 1939 Willard Gibbs medal of the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society has been awarded to Dr. D. D. Van Slyke of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York City. Dr. Van Slyke is a son of the late Dr. L. L. Van Slyke, for many years head of the Chemistry Division here, and has been a frequent visitor to Geneva. The award was made in recognition of Dr. Van Slyke's studies on blood chemistry with special reference to diabetic com

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## FARM WEEK AT FARMINGDALE

The School of Agriculture at Farmingdale is holding a "Farm and Home Week" of its own, beginning today, and Dr. Carpenter, at the request of Director Knapp, has shipped to the School, his exhibit on casein plastics.

## IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Prof. F. L. Fairbanks of the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Prof. Don J. Bushey of the Department of Ornamental Horticulture of the College of Agriculture were injured in an auto accident on the Cherry Valley route last Sunday, their car being forced off the road and catching fire. Professor Fairbanks is in a Syracuse hospital, while Bushey, who is better known here at the Station, is at the Ithaca Memorial Hospital.

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## TO TALK TO INSPECTORS

Dr. Tressler is in New York City today for a meeting of federal food and drug inspectors from the northeastern section of the U. S., before whom he will discuss the frozen food industry.

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## CONFERRING IN CLEVELAND

Dr. Horsfall will be in Cleveland tomorrow for a conference with representatives of the Sherwin-Williams Company and of the Crop Protection Institute on a new fungicidal material.

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## WILL ADDRESS GRADUATE STUDENTS

Mr. Hartzell is scheduled to speak before graduate students in entomology at Cornell today and next Wednesday. His topics will be "Application of Statistics to Field Experiments" and "Ecological Surveying in Relation to Entomology".

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## GOAT BREEDERS

Mr. Marquardt will address Chautauqua County goat breeders at a meeting arranged by the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau in Janestown tomorrow.

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## MRS. NYCE RETIRING

Mrs. Nyce resigned her position with the Biological Stain Commission, effective yesterday. Her successor has not yet been selected.

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## DOING SPLENDIDLY

Word comes from the Geneva General Hospital, in fact by telephone from the patient herself, that Mrs. "Bill" Harman is doing nicely, thank you, following a serious operation last week.

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## TALKED ON PECTINS

Dr. Kertesz was in Montreal last week where he spoke on the therapeutic uses of pectin at McGill University and at the St. Justine Children's Hospital. Over the week-end Zoltan also indulged in some skiing.

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## HEADED EAST

Dr. Hamilton is due in Albany and Rensselaer counties tomorrow and Friday for a series of Farm Bureau fruit meetings.

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## MET PAPER MANUFACTURERS

Dr. Sanborn was in New York City last week to attend a meeting of the International Association of Paper Manufacturers where he discussed progress in his work on paper food containers.

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