

# STATION NEWS

Vol. XXXII, No. 13.

March 29, 1939.

Geneva, N. Y.

## CHEMISTS GOING TO BALTIMORE

The spring meeting of the American Chemical Society will convene at Johns Hopkins University next Monday and several Station chemists plan to attend various sectional meetings. Among those on the Station Staff who will present papers are the following:

Katherine Wheeler, D. K. Tressler, and C. G. King, "The Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) Content of Broccoli, Cauliflower, Endive, Cantaloupe, Parsnips, Lettuce, and Kale."

L. B. Norton, "The Distribution of Nicotine Between Water and Petroleum Oils."

Z. I. Kertesz, "Effect of Added Calcium on Canned Tomatoes"; and "Pectic Enzymes: IV. Structural Considerations in Connection with the Enzymic Hydrolysis of Pectins."

\*\*\*\*\*

## CONFERRED IN ROCHESTER

Mr. Parrott, Dr. Tressler, Dr. Pederson, and Mr. Beavens attended a conference with representatives of the State Horticultural Society at the Powers Hotel in Rochester yesterday on the fruit by-product work under way at the Station.

\*\*\*\*\*

## GOING TO NEW YORK

Dr. Dahlberg will be in New York City tomorrow for a meeting of the Research Committee of the International Association of Milk Dealers at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The chief topic to be discussed will be Dr. Dahlberg's studies on milk losses in milk plants, a report of which has been published as a Bulletin of the Association. The work is also briefly summarized in the April number of FARM RESEARCH. Incidentally, Dr. Dahlberg has long been a member of this committee and is the only person to hold membership outside of the Association itself.

\*\*\*\*\*

## MR. STURROCK

The NEWS extends sympathy to Mrs. Barrett on the death of her father, Mr. James Sturrock, at his home in Interlaken last Sunday.

\*\*\*\*\*

## CERTIFIED SEED

Mr. Munn was in Ithaca on Monday to meet the Directors of the New York Seed Improvement Association regarding standards to be used for certifying seed stocks produced in this State. The rapid development of new strains of hybrid corns and new varieties of cabbage, onions, and tomatoes has made the matter of seed certification assume considerable importance.

\*\*\*\*\*

## FARM BUREAU COMMITTEEMEN

Dr. Hucker spoke in Romulus the other evening before a large group of Seneca County Farm Bureau committeemen. Another one of his recent speaking assignments was the Buffalo Rotary Club on last Thursday. This is one of the largest Rotary Clubs in the world and marks a high-light in Dr. Hucker's numerous speaking engagements during the past several months.

\*\*\*\*\*

## IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dr. Conn paid a brief visit to relatives in New Hampshire over the week-end.

\*\*\*\*\*

DR. MacLEOD HERE

Dr. G. F. MacLeod, formerly a member of the Entomology Division here and now Extension Entomologist at Cornell, spoke at an entomological seminar here last Monday on the subject of insect control in California.

\*\*\*\*\*

AT DAYTONA

Word comes back to Geneva that the Henings are enjoying the sunshine and the bathing at Daytona Beach.

\*\*\*\*\*

BLUEBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES

Mr. Collison and Mr. Slate visited Oswego and vicinity on Monday looking over likely sites for fertilizer experiments on strawberries this season and to collect blueberry cuttings. They also report an abundance of snow and some cold weather in that region.

\*\*\*\*\*

WELL PATRONIZED

The Station exhibit in the Merchants and Industrial Exposition staged in the State Armory last week under the auspices of the local Kiwanis Club received its fair share of patronage from the estimated 10,000 who visited the Exposition. Many local residents expressed surprise and interest in the wide variety of activities under way at the Station, with most of which they were entirely unfamiliar. The Exposition proved an excellent medium for a bit of local publicity on the Station.

\*\*\*\*\*

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The April number of FARM RESEARCH is now available and is going into the mail. Contributors to this early spring number include Mr. Sayre, Dr. Willits, Mr. Howe, Mr. Collison, Dr. Hervey and Dr. Carruth, Dr. Reinking and Mr. Gloyer, Dr. Dahlberg, Dr. Yale, and Miss Woodbridge. More than 15,000 farmers are now receiving this publication.

\*\*\*\*\*

SIGNS OF SPRING

Despite the chilly blasts of the past couple of days there are several unmistakable signs of spring in and around the Station.....

For example, on Saturday, the Director summoned the entire personnel of Jordan Hall to view the first of the robins to come out into the open on the lawns around the building.....Then Dr. Willits and Charlie Tressler are boiling "sap", following a rather slow opening of the season.....And Fred Hartzell and Vic Hopkins and others in the Entomology Division are already hard at it putting on the early sprays in test orchards scattered over five or six counties.....And last, but by no means least, comes the first call for a meeting at Syracuse today to discuss 1939 State Fair exhibits. What a life!

\*\*\*\*\*

MR. WHEELER IN HOSPITAL

Mr. W. P. Wheeler who retired from the Station Staff in 1929 and has since made his home in Geneva, was operated upon at the Geneva General Hospital the first of the week. Yesterday he was reported as doing as well as could be expected.

\*\*\*\*\*

A TEA PARTY

tea was given in Jordan Hall yesterday afternoon by the girls at the Station for Miss Mary Frances Reeves who is leaving the Station for a short time for a rest. Miss Reeves assists Mr. Slater in the Soil Conservation Department.

\*\*\*\*\*