

# STATION

# NEWS

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## FROM THE HUDSON VALLEY

A group of County Agents and Assistant County Agents in charge of fruit work in the Hudson Valley are expected to visit the Station today for a review of the season spray service activities. Other phases of the Station's work with fruit and with rootstocks are also to be inspected.

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## ALSO FROM THE VALLEY

Mr. Wellington and Mr. Collison returned the first of the week from an extended tour of the fruit regions in the Hudson Valley where the Station is conducting fertilizer and other experiments in commercial orchards as well as in the experimental plantings near Hudson.

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## AN INTERESTING TOUR

The New York State Horticultural Society, cooperating with the College of Agriculture and the Farm Bureaus in the fruit counties of the State, is planning a very interesting tour thru Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and Delaware, including a visit to the U. S. Horticultural Station at Beltsville, Md., for August 18 to 23. The tour will take the place of the usual summer meeting of the Society. Several members of the Station Staff are planning to make the trip.

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## RE-ELECTED AT AMBS

Mr. Munn was again named Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Association of Official Seed Analysts at the annual meeting of the group at Iowa State College recently. The office carries with it the duty of editing the proceedings of the Association.

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## INTERESTED IN BEANS

Dr. W. J. Zaunoyer, plant pathologist with the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture engaged in the study of diseases of peas and beans, visit the Station yesterday to inspect the work in progress here on the development of improved types of beans for canning.

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## MR. OAKES

We regret to note the death of Mr. William F. Oakes last week, following a brief illness at the age of 78. For several years prior to his retirement, Mr. Oakes was night watchman at the Station and previous to coming here had had a long period of service as a guard in one of the State's penal institutions. He was a familiar figure to those who worked the "night shift" at the Station and always had a good story on tap. We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Oakes and other members of the family.

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## FOR THE SUMMER

Summer workers in the Bacteriology Division include Lloyd Richardson, Fred Ferris, and Paul Fisher, all graduate students at Cornell.

## THE SCS PICNIC

About seventy-five persons, including the ladies, attended the picnic for scientific workers of the Soil Conservation Service in New York State held on the Station grounds on Saturday, July 19. The men spent most of the afternoon on the canning crops farm and on an inspection trip to the Station orchard erosion plots and the Station fruit plantings. According to our copy of the program, Mr. Boattic and Mr. DuBois entertained the ladies with demonstrations at the fruit juice laboratory and of the frozen food lockers. The ladies were also the guests of Mrs. Wellington at a tea later in the afternoon. Mr. Carleton made the arrangements for the affair.

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## REMINISCED

Mr. Burt E. Smalley of Ovid was among recent visitors to the Station. Mr. Smalley was a member of the Board of Control of the Station from 1912 to 1915, inclusive, and had many interesting observations to make on the days when Dr. Jordan was Director and the Station Staff was much smaller than it is today. One gained the impression from his conversation that "those were the days".

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## DR. BREW HERE

Dr. J. D. Brew, Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Tennessee, is spending two months in the Bacteriology Division on special studies. Dr. Brew was formerly a member of the Station Staff and of the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture.

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## A NEW JOB

Mr. Robert F. Brooks of the Bacteriology Division left the Station on July 14th for a position with the Curtice Brothers of Rochester where he is assisting Mr. C. P. Lathrop in production and laboratory work. The Division gave the Brooks's a suitable send off with a picnic at Cayuga Lake State Park on July 11th.

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## FERTILIZER PLACEMENT

Mr. Myron Hazen of the American Agricultural Chemical Company of New York City was here yesterday to see Mr. Sayre's work on fertilizer placement.

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## WORKING ON EXHIBITS

Mr. Harlan and Mr. Hartzoll have been at the State Fair grounds this week to confer with State Fair officials on details of the exhibits they will set up next month. The Fair opens on August 24 and closes on Labor Day.

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## SWEEPSTAKES

The College of Agriculture won the sweepstakes ribbon in the exhibits at the meeting of Agricultural College Editors at Kingston, R. I., recently. The Station received second place awards in Farm Research and on Bulletin No. 690 which was entered in the class for semi-technical publications. A total of 24 states and 26 institutions was represented in the different exhibit classes. The Association voted to hold its 1942 meeting in the Big Bend country of Texas.

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## "WANTED--NEW GERM PLASM"

Under the above caption, an editorial in the current issue of the Rural New-Yorker cites the permanent benefits to agriculture which have followed the discovery of new varieties of fruits and vegetables possessing outstanding merit and stresses the value of work such as that carried on in the breeding projects of institutions such as this.