

# STATION NEWS

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## THE APPLE INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of the International Apple Association which is now in progress in Buffalo with several members of the Station Staff in attendance has developed into quite a meeting. The fruit juice "specialists" proposed to the officials of the Association that the Station might supply some of its apple-raspberry juice by way of an appetizer for the banquet tomorrow night, assuming that there might be as many as 200 persons present. To their amazement they were informed that there would probably be a thousand or more at the banquet.

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## CONFERRED ON FRUIT UTILIZATION

Dr. H. H. Mottern of the Federal Regional Laboratory at Philadelphia spent Monday at the Station discussing various aspects of the investigations in progress here on fruit utilization. Dr. Mottern was on his way to the meeting of the International Apple Association where he is to supervise an exhibit from the Regional Laboratory and participate in the program on fruit utilization which is to be led by Dr. Tressler tomorrow afternoon.

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## A FORMER STUDENT

Dr. Edmund Secrest, Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, spent Monday at the Station. Dr. Secrest was a student in entomology under Director Parrott at Kansas State College back in the gay nineties.

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## DEHYDRATION

Dr. Hucker, Dr. Tressler, and Dr. Moyer were in Rochester Monday for a conference with certain food processing interest concerning dehydration of fruits and vegetables.

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## RUSSIAN RELIEF

Have you bought your tickets for the movie "Our Russian Front"? It is highly regarded by all who have seen it--and the funds realized from the sale of tickets goes to Russian War Relief. As we understand it, this relief is largely in the form of medical supplies. The film is to be shown at the Geneva Theater on Wednesday and Thursday of next week--at no increase in price. Tickets may be purchased from Miss Carson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ansley, Miss Hilt, Miss Updike and Mr. Hartzell. Dr. Hucker is heading up the promotion of the picture for the City.

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## SEED MEETING PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

The annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts, held at the Kentucky Experiment Station at Lexington, Ky., last week, was a marked success according to reports of the four members of the Division of Seed Investigations who attended. Mr. Clark, Dr. Crosier, Mr. Patrick, and Mr. Munn made the trip by auto and enroute visited the Fredonia laboratory, the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster, and three large seed cleaning plants. The formal program included papers and reports presented from the Station seed laboratory by those who attended and for members of the Staff who did not attend this year. Mr. Munn was reappointed as Editor of the Proceedings of the Association and Dr. Crosier was returned to the important committee on seed-borne diseases. All further meetings of the Association were cancelled for the duration, but plans were made for carrying on the work of the Association during the coming months when seed stocks are so important and are placed at the top of the list of farm essentials.

THAT DATE AGAIN

Just a reminder that on the evening of Thursday, August 20th, the Station Staff is giving an informal reception to Director Parrott from 8:00 to 10:00.

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#### "MOLD COUNTING SCHOOL"

The fifth annual Mold Counting School got under way in the bacteriology laboratories on Monday, with the largest attendance on record, something over 30 "students". The purpose of the school is to instruct technicians from canning factories in the latest technics for counting molds in tomato products as a procedure for controlling quality. Mrs. Gertrude Kissell of the National Canners Association Laboratory in Washington is in charge and is being assisted by Mr. Marion Hoy of the American Can Company and Mr. Virgil Troy of the Continental Can Company. While most of the technicians come from New York State canning factories, there are two representatives on hand from Pennsylvania plants and one from a Michigan factory. The school will run for a week.

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#### WHAT A LIFE!

A letter from Stephan Valerio reports that he is in the Air Corps ground school and quartered in a swank hotel at Atlantic City. He says that everything is pretty strict and "on the double", but apparently the worst thing is "that from early morn the board walks are filled with beautiful girls in bathing suits and shorts. "So you see it is really hard on the eyes. I believe we'll all be cross-eyed when we leave here".

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#### "ECHOES" REECHOES

Scarcely had we released our obituary notice regarding Extension Echoes last week when, much to our delight, the July 31st number bobbed up in the mail very much alive. We think we detect the subtle touch of George Butts, better known as "Tim", behind the editorial pen. At any rate we are happy to note that Echoes will continue to resound thru the College and Station halls.

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#### "NOT THE PLACE TO PRUNE"

Under the above caption, Ben Hibbs, former Editor of the Country Gentleman and now Editor of the Saturday Evening Post, makes an interesting point concerning the curtailment of nonwar expenditures at the expense of appropriations for agricultural research. "Most of us are familiar in a general way with industrial research," reads an editorial in the current issue of the Post. "The results in terms of better automobiles, better refrigerators, better houses, and a host of other things are before our eyes every day. But most city dwellers will be surprised to learn that there has been a parallel and equally fruitful upsurge of new things in farming during the past twenty years. The arrival of hybrid corn, the breeding of disease-resistant varieties of wheat, the introduction of new forage crops--these developments certainly are as important to the world as the invention of the radio and the electric refrigerator. Industrial research has been carried on largely with private funds, a fact which has been made possible by the centralization of manufacturing in large units. Agriculture, on the other hand, is largely a family enterprise, and the farmer does not have the resources for scientific investigation. Consequently, the Federal Government and the states have stepped into the breach, and through the oldtime bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, the extension service, the state agricultural colleges, and the experiment stations, they are doing a fine job. The current move by some of our more conscientious congressmen and senators to curtail nonwar expenditures obviously is a move in the right direction. But for the sake of a hungry world it is hoped that the knife will not be used on the already relatively small appropriations for agricultural research. Scientific investigation is not an activity that can be turned off and on like a water spigot. If a project which takes ten years to complete--and many of them do--is discontinued 'for the duration', years of effort may be wasted. If Federal expenditures for agriculture are to be pruned, it would be far less damaging to reduce AAA subsidies than to take it out of the research budget."