

STATION NEWS

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RUSSIAN DANDELIONS

Dr. F. L. Wellman of the U. S. Department of Agriculture spent last Saturday at the Station inspecting the planting of Russian dandelions on the Canning Crops farm and discussing the continuation of the project. Despite the fact that the seed arrived too late last spring for best results, the Station planting is regarded as a promising indication of what might be expected from the crop in this region. Dr. Wellman stated that the Russians depended heavily on this crop as a source of crude rubber with immense acreages planted to it. One of the important advantages of the Russian dandelion is that it produces a crop in one season, whereas all other important rubber-producing plants require a number of years to reach full production. A quantity of seed has been harvested from the Station planting for use next season and later on the roots will be dug for test extractions of the latex.

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OFFICIALLY REQUESTED

A telegram has been received by the Director from the Hon. Sumner Welles on behalf of the State Department and the Board of Economic Warfare requesting the release of Dr. Reinking for a special mission to Central America. Dr. Reinking expects to leave Geneva in about ten days to be gone two to three months, according to present plans.

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REGIONAL MEETING

The Central New York Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists will meet at the Station on Saturday, October 31st. Prof. I. C. Gunsalus of the Dairy Department of the College of Agriculture is Chairman of the Branch.

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CORNELL STUDENTS

A group of about thirty students from the Department of Vegetable Crops of the College of Agriculture who are especially concerned with the grading and marketing studies visited the Station last week under the direction of Prof. Paul Work. They were particularly interested in the work on dehydration of vegetables and on freezing preservation and the vegetable crop utilization projects under way here.

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"VAN" BACK HOME

Mr. van Alstyne has returned to his home following an operation in the Clifton Springs Sanitarium last week.

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AMONG VISITORS

Recent visitors to the Station included Mr. Frank B. Doyle, Director of Research of the Ingersoll, Rand Company of Phillipsburg, N. J., who was especially interested in the work on dehydrated vegetables; and Mr. H. F. Judkins, Vice President and General Manager of the Sealtest Laboratories in New York City and Mr. Tardiff of the Briar's Ice Cream Company of Philadelphia who called on the Dairy and Chemistry Divisions.

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CRANBERRY JUICE

Miss Phoebe Clark of Waterloo has been engaged to carry on studies on the use of cranberry juice in blends with fruit juices, particularly apple juice, under the auspices of an investigatorship established by Cranberry Cannery, Inc.

Miss Jane Pederson's picture embellishes the cover page of the October 1st number of Better Farms. Jane is shown helping in the "Pre-Halloween Harvest" of pumpkins, according to the caption. In the same issue, an article on the recent meeting of the Fruit Testing Association is illustrated with pictures of Miss Dorothy Carson, Miss Carrie Nelson, Miss Betty Cullinan, and Miss Agnes Ryan enthusing over choice specimens of new fruits on display at the meeting.

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MR. GLOYER IN WASHINGTON

We extend sincere sympathy to Walter Gloyer who was called to Washington Saturday upon the death of his sister in that city.

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ON THE WAY UP

Dr. Dahlberg has just been elected Vice President of the American Dairy Science Association for 1943, the vote being by mail ballot of the membership of the Association. The election carries with it automatic election to the Presidency in 1944. Congratulations!

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A GOOD START

The Entomology Division was the only group to complete its YMCA canvas in time to make a report at the opening meeting of the campaign yesterday. The Division turned in a nice increase over last year, and the remainder of the Station report will doubtless be in line with this excellent beginning.

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THE CERES CIRCLE

The first meeting of Ceres Circle will be held at the Director's residence next Wednesday afternoon, October 21, at 3:30. Mrs. Hayward is in charge of the program and Mrs. Kokoski will have charge of the table. One of the chief items of business will be the election of officers for 1942-43. The present officers are Mrs. Hervey, President; Mrs. Brundage, Vice President; Beatrice Cass, Secretary-Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is comprised of Mrs. Hening and Mrs. Van Eseltine.

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A GOOD SPORT ABOUT IT

It could happen here--in fact it did. A package and a letter came in for Plant Pathology, but the package went to Pomology and the letter to Pathology and never the twain did meet. Thereby hangs a tail. The letter read, "For a dozen years I've nursed a Yellow Egg plum tree--sprayed it with the wrong thing and probably at the wrong time--and every fall watched them rot on the tree just before getting ripe. I'm curious to know what they would taste like if I could nurse them over their annual illness--maybe it's hay fever. At any rate I'm sending you a crumbly looking mess under separate cover--would you be so kind as to give them the once over, and let me know if sulphanylmidide would help or should the tree be used for fire wood, and buy the plums I need."

Receiving the plums in a decidedly "crumbly mess" which got messier as they waited for the letter, Pomology finally wrote to the sender that they assumed the plums were sent in for identification and advised him that they were Yellow Egg plums and that they were badly infected with brown rot. In the meantime, Plant Pathology, having waited as long as they thought advisable for the samples to arrive, also wrote that the trouble was doubtless brown rot and advised a course of treatment.

Good naturedly, the correspondent wrote back, "I knew those plums were sick, but that's the hell of plums. You never know which kind of a specialist to call in. If my wife or one of the children look ill, I can guess between an obstetrician, a pediatrician, or maybe the copper for protection. Thanks, however, for your double diagnosis. As long as Pathology and Pomology agree its Brown Rot, there's no sense to running up a bill for X-rays. Will try a sulfur diet and keep a fever chart next season."

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brase on the arrival of Barbara Ann on October 11th.

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MARY STUART, TOO

Word has also been received of the birth on October 5th of Mary Almeda to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuart of Eggertsville, N. Y. Mrs. Stuart was formerly Miss Polly Porter of the Plant Pathology Division.