

STATION NEWS

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FARM RESEARCH OUT

The April number of Farm Research is now going into the mail, hence this abbreviated issue of the NEWS. The new number has much material of a seasonal nature and an effort is being made to get it out to farmer readers as quickly as possible. From the College are articles on the farm machinery situation, magnesium deficiency in apples, meeting the protein shortage on dairy farms, the white grub problem, and emergency hay crops for 1943. Station contributions include articles on fertilizers for vegetable canning crops in 1943, pea inoculation, hop growing, pea aphid control, spinach seed treatment, certified seed potato tests, and "Fermate", a new fungicide.

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THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Professor E. S. Phillips, best known as the genial announcer for WHCU, spent some time at the Station last week in his capacity as official staff photographer when he made a number of color photographs of Mr. Sayre's greenhouse experiments with tomatoes for use of the Extension specialists. He was accompanied by Professor C. B. Raymond, Extension Specialist in Canning Crops.

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"STARTER" SOLUTIONS

Mr. Sayre's experiments attracted two other visitors recently, namely, Dr. T. R. Moyer of the Cooperative Fertilizer Research Bureau of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. L. M. Oliver of the GLF Soil Building Service of Ithaca. Both men were interested in seeing the tests with "starter" solution for tomatoes concocted from wartime fertilizer mixtures. The starter solutions originally devised by Mr. Sayre called for the use of fertilizer chemicals no longer available. Very encouraging results are being obtained with substitute materials, however.

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SERVICE MEN

Grover Smith who has been working in the greenhouse for the past few weeks will enter the Army next week. Karl Oswald, formerly truck and tractor driver in Mr. Traphagen's gang visited the Station the other day while home on a three-day leave. Karl is now acting supply sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Meade, Md. A recent communication from LeRoy Everson gives his present address as Ensign LeRoy Everson, Bldg. No. 5, Room 45A, Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts.

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MILK DISTRIBUTION

As a further means of conserving labor, the distribution of milk will be limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, with cream available on the two latter days, until further notice. The same quantity of milk will be available as heretofore.

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RELEASED FROM RATIONING

The Fruit Juice Laboratory is now able to resume its bottled apple juice business with the release of that commodity from the point rationing system. Mr. Beattie announces that he has a good supply of first-rate apple juice in 12-ounce bottles for \$1.00 a dozen as long as the supply lasts.

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A NEW DIRECTOR BUT NO FAIR

Newspaper accounts state that Governor Dewey has named Mr. Bligh A. Dodds of Gouverneur, N. Y., as Director of the New York State Fair to succeed Paul A. Smith. The State Fair has been suspended for the duration and the grounds and buildings are being used by the Army.

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THE FOOD COMMISSION

Governor Dewey's 11-man emergency wartime food commission is to be headed by Mr. H. E. Babcock of Ithaca with Dean Ladd as executive director. Other Cornell men on the Commission include Director Simons of the Extension Service and Dr. L. A. Maynard of the Nutrition Laboratory.

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A GOOD SLOGAN

Extension ECHOES carries an item concerning a Victory Garden theme suggested by a nine-year-old, namely, "Join the Victory Garden and See the Earth". Not bad! Mr. Sayre must have had something like that in mind the other day when he planted a number of "cool weather" crops in his garden to get the jump on most local Victory gardeners, except Doc and Mrs. Glasgow who have had their "cool weather" crops in the ground for two weeks or more. They should have bumper crops if it's cool weather that's needed to make them thrive!

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TREE SEED COLLECTION DAMAGED

Last Saturday grass fire did serious damage to Dr. Heit's planting of pine and spruce tree seed which represented world sources of these seeds and illustrated desirable and undesirable tree types for this region according to the origin of the seed stock. All Norway spruce seed, for example, will not necessarily produce trees adapted to New York conditions. The testing of tree seeds has assumed increasing importance with the rapid expansion of conservation activities.

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