

# STATION NEWS

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## TO AID WARTIME FOOD COMMISSION

At the request of Dean Ladd, Dr. Yale and Mr. Marquardt attended a dairy food conference in Ithaca on Monday. As a result, both men will participate in a dairy food development program under the Governor's wartime Food Commission. Their first task is to assist the cheese industry in the State in developing procedures for the manufacture of cheddar cheese which will meet the requirements set up by the government in its cheese-buying operations. The program is designed to continue for the duration, and the College, the Station, and the State Department of Agriculture and Markets will work together on future developments. This "drafting" of Dr. Yale and Mr. Marquardt by the Food Commission is in line with the announcement by the Governor that trained personnel in State institutions would be called upon to further the work of the Commission and is doubtless only a beginning so far as Station personnel is concerned.

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## MR. ENZIE LEAVES

This is Walt Enzie's last week at the Station. Walt has a few days leave coming to him and will close up his work in the Vegetable Crops Division this week and take over his new duties with the Snider Packing Corporation in Albion the last of next week. Best wishes and good luck, Walt!

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## THE HUDSON VALLEY FRUIT PROJECTS

Mr. L. C. Anderson, who makes his headquarters at Claverack and who supervises the Station's fruit investigations in the Hudson Valley, discussed his projects before the members of the Pomology Division Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, Andy and Mr. Collison left for the Valley to lay out orchard fertilizer experiments for the coming season.

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## IN THE SERVICE

Anthony F. Corcoran, better known as "Bud" and who at one time was employed in the Entomology Division, is now taking basic training at the Sampson Naval Training Station. Sammy Morocco, who formerly worked in the milkroom, is now in the Army.

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## "CASHING IN ON RESEARCH"

Under the above title, an editorial in the April number of the Country Gentleman cites the gains that have been made thru agricultural research between World War I and the present crisis. "This country is now cashing in on our investment in farm research," reads the editorial, which continues, "The returns, at a time when we badly need them, are in the form of increases in crop and livestock production over World War I times. A look back across the period between the two wars will show how greatly research has changed and strengthened both crop varieties and farm practices." Then reviewing a number of the outstanding accomplishments of the past two decades, the editorial concludes as follows: "There is a danger that other war concerns may lead to a neglect of farm research. A break in its work, because of a lack of financial support, would be costly to agriculture. Our past investment in it is paying off now. So will a further investment in it pay-off in the future."

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## RECENT VISITORS

Paul Stark of Stark Brothers Nursery at Louisiana, Mo., called at the Station last week to look over Dr. Tukey's dwarf fruit trees and obtain first-hand information on dwarfing rootstocks. Dr. Leslie Sandholzer and Dr. Stoltzoff of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior were recent callers in the Bacteriology Division where they discussed agar substitutes developed from seaweed gathered on the Atlantic Coast. The Nips had a virtual monopoly on agar, hence the interest in substitutes or new sources of supply.

Dr. Carpenter will present a paper prepared jointly by Dr. Lovelace and himself before the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society in Detroit next week on the subject of protein-aldehyde plastics. The program is to be devoted chiefly to the application of chemistry to the war, including papers on plastics for war uses, war gases, the protection of food from war gases, and other related topics.

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GOING TO CONNECTICUT

Dr. Douglas E. Greenwood of the Entomology Division, who has been engaged in fruit insect investigations at the Hudson Valley Laboratory at Poughkeepsie, has accepted a position with the Connecticut Tobacco Substation at Windsor, Conn., effective May 1st. Here's wishing him the best of luck in his new job!

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MRS. MERRILL RECUPERATING

We are glad to note from a communication from T. A. Merrill of the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia that Mrs. Merrill is making a satisfactory recovery from a recent operation.

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JOHN CULLEN HEARD FROM

Dr. Glasgow is in receipt of an interesting letter from John Cullen somewhere in North Africa. After commenting on the weather which had been mostly rain and mud with some snow up to the time he wrote, John says, "I really hope that Geneva hasn't changed too darn much since I last saw it. In my opinion that city and people are tops--next to Palmyra, of course!....It's strange how the names of places that I'd never heard of six months ago are now as familiar as Rochester! It's quite an experience and I hope a profitable one. I notice that Smitty (Ed Smith) is a captain now! He's getting up there, isn't he? Believe he'll be a good one, too. You did your best with him, Doc, so he's bound to be. All he's got to do is sound off with some of those big names of Dow' chemicals and he'll amaze everyone."

John was a product of NYA and worked here at the Station, first with Mr. Hef-feron and then with Dr. Glasgow. Readers of the NEWS may recall an interesting letter from him from Ireland last fall.

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HIS USUAL FORM

Extension Echoes has had a good deal to say recently about a more or less mythical gardening enterprise near Ithaca known as the "Backacre Oakies" of which our friend Tim Butts is reputed to be the "President". To quote from Echoes, "Monday after work at the office, Tim Butts, president of the Backacre Oakies, was trying to deserve the name, chopping down a tree in the garden-to-be. Within an hour's time he said, seven passersby came along and offered verbal help, lots of it, but merely delayed the tree chopping. By Wednesday night, however, Tim had got his fertile brain to work and was again observed out in the garden plot, this time smoking a cigarette. He was not leaning on a shovel handle, but only because he had two women hard at work wielding the shovels. We take it that they weren't even both Oakies. How do you do it, Tim?"

All of which brings to mind the way Tim seemed to have with the ladies when we have been with him on State Fair and other exhibits. No matter where--Syracuse, Rochester, Utica, Buffalo, Kingston, Tim would turn up not with just one, but with two or three attractive ladies! But then we must remember that at heart Tim is a sailor!

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RIDES A JEEP

Recent letters from Dr. Dahlberg convey many interesting sidelights on his experiences in Costa Rica where he makes his trips to the outlying districts in an Army jeep that has been assigned to him. Among other things, he tells of meeting Vice President Wallace when the latter was in San Jose recently. Dr. Dahlberg's itinerary for the next few weeks is as follows: April 21 to May 16, Panama City, Republic of Panama; May 17 to June 5, Managua, Nicaragua; June 6 to June 20, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. At each point communications may be addressed to him in care of the United States embassy.

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