

# STATION NEWS

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## NURSERY PROBLEMS

Officers and members of the New York State Nurserymen's Association met with Dean Ladd, Doctor Guterman, Professor MacDaniels of the Department of Horticulture at the College of Agriculture, and several members of the Station Staff Monday afternoon in Jordan Hall to discuss projects related to the nursery industry. Considerable interest was manifested in the development of dwarfing rootstocks to meet the increasing demand for dwarf fruit trees. The fruit breeding program was also reviewed in some detail.

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## QUININE

An Associated Press story from San Jose, Costa Rica, appeared in newspapers last week describing the cooperative project between the governments of Costa Rica and the United States to establish a long-range quinine-producing program in Central America. This is the enterprise which took Doctor Reinking to Costa Rica recently. The project is being sponsored by Vice President Wallace's Board of Economic Warfare and looks to the development of a permanent source of supply of quinine for the Western Hemisphere.

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## AMONG THE "HIGHLIGHTS"

Listed among the "Program Highlights" at a conference of national leaders on home food conservation in New York City yesterday and today are Doctor Pederson along with former Governor Herbert E. Lehman, M. L. Wilson of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, James M. Landis of the Office of Civilian Defense, and Doctor Donald Tressler. The conference is being held under the auspices of the National Victory Garden Institute of which Paul Stark, well-known nurseryman, is president. Doctor Pederson's address had to do with "Brining and Krauting", while Doctor Tressler spoke on "Home Freezing of Fruits and Vegetables". Doctor W. I. Myers of Cornell discussed "Why We Have a Food Problem" and Miss Marion Pfund of the College of Home Economics at Ithaca spoke on "Practical Home Canning". The aim of the Victory Garden Institute is to have 20,000,000 Victory Gardens and 25,000,000 home canners. Unfortunately, Doctor Pederson was taken ill Monday and his paper had to be given by proxy, but then, too, so was the address by former Governor Lehman on "Feeding the Liberated Nations".

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## ON FOOD COMMISSION

Doctor Kertesz has been placed on the Governor's Wartime Food Commission to advise on matters pertaining to pectin and pectin making.

## FOR LOCAL CANNERS

Doctor Pederson and Mr. Beattie staged a demonstration at the Geneva High School last night on the making of pickles and kraut before the class in home canning sponsored by the Geneva Victory Garden Council. Next week they will feature fruit juices before the same group.

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## VIEWING THE SCENE

Doctor and Mrs. Stotz spent a couple of days in Geneva last week making plans for their new home at the Station. They expect to move about the first of August.

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## BACK HOME

Doctor Hedrick has returned home from the Clifton Springs Sanitarium and is reported to be steadily gaining in health.

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## HERE FROM POUGHKEEPSIE

Dr. D. H. Palmiter, better known as "Bud", plant pathologist at the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations Laboratory at Poughkeepsie, has been spending several days at the Station.

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## VICTORY GARDENS AGAIN

Coming back to the topic of Victory Gardens, Extension Echoes reports that Professor Pratt of the College of Agriculture says that there are now 200,000 acres of land in Victory Gardens in New York State in more than 1,500,000 different family plots. "This places home gardeners ahead of commercial growers of vegetables for the first time since the last World War, in volume of production," says the professor, who continues, "As a practical estimate of food produced on an acre of garden land, 10 tons is fair. So on a tonnage basis, New York Victory gardens will produce as much food as 2,000,000 soldiers would eat in a year."

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## FARM LABOR

A number of farm labor camps are opening in July, according to Extension Echoes, including camps in Seneca and Yates counties. Two camps in Madison County will house workers from the Bahamas, it is said, while about 1,500 Jamaicans are already working on New York farms. The Station has solved its labor problems very largely thru the employment of high school boys. We don't know the exact count and it varies from day to day as the demand for help rises and falls with the different farm operations, but the boys are giving a good account of themselves and are helping meet a real emergency. Then, too, some of the old-timers are still able to set a pretty fast pace for the youngsters. For proof of this just watch "Doc" Conneley operate a tractor, or Bert Runge wield a mattock, or Martin Hoy handle a plow or a cultivator. It all adds up to getting the job done well and on time.