

# STATION NEWS

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## THE STAFF MEETING

Forty-eight members of the Staff were present Monday afternoon when the Director called the group to order to consider a recommendation from the advisory committee on Staff Meetings that regular monthly meetings be held to consider matters of interest to the staff as a whole. Unanimous approval was given to this proposal and it was further agreed that the first Monday of the month at 3:30 should be the date and time for these meetings. Doctor Heinicke introduced Doctor Stotz to the Staff. Following a suggestion from the Staff Meetings Committee that the first meeting be given over to a discussion of Station matters by the Director. Doctor Heinicke outlined briefly the readjustments made necessary by the transfer of the dairy work to Ithaca and the plans for the expansion of other lines of work here. He also described the steps in the development of the Station budget. The special order of business for the meeting on October 4th will be announced in the NEWS in due time.

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## WAR WORK

Mr. Hening has been appointed as a civilian research worker in the dairy division of the subsistence research laboratory of the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army in Chicago, effective October 1. This should prove an interesting and worthwhile war effort, and our congratulations to Court on his selection for the post! In a recent issue of The Canning Trade, the Public Relations Office of the Quartermaster Depot in Chicago states that, "Probably nowhere in the war effort is the cooperation of government and industry more effective than in the complicated program of supplying the Army's food. In this program, the Quartermaster Corps and the food industry comprise a great partnership which has produced the world's best-fed Army. The exigencies of war have made the Quartermaster Corps the nation's largest buyer and distributor of food. Coincidentally, it has been necessary for the Corps also to become the greatest developer of new foods, new packaging processes, and new uses for old foods." It is in connection with problems related to these new developments that Mr. Hening will be engaged. Mrs. Hening plans to join him in Chicago at a later date.

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## MR. STEARMAN'S MOTHER

We regret to note the death Sunday night of Ralph Stearman's mother in the Geneva General Hospital following an illness of several weeks duration. We extend our sincere sympathy to Ralph in his loss.

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## CUM LAUDE

Immediately upon graduation with honors from Hobart College last week, Gunther Jahn took up the duties of an assistant instructor in mathematics in the army training unit at Cornell.

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## RECUPERATING

Word has been received in the Pomology Division from Carl Holt of Jamestown, who was employed here during the past summer, that he has recovered from an operation and expects soon to get back into farming.

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## MISS DEAN

Announcements have been received of the arrival of Genevieve Catherine Dean on September 10th. Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Dean! Doctor Dean is entomologist at the Hudson Valley Laboratory at Poughkeepsie.

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## FRUIT TESTERS TOMORROW

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association will get under way at 1:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Jordan Hall. A brief business session will preface the general program. Doctor Heinicke, a director in the Association, will welcome the visitors to the Station. Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey will speak on the general topic of "Fruit Varieties". It is expected that Doctor Bailey will begin speaking about 2:00 o'clock. It is with regret that the officers of the Association announce the inability of Doctor Hedrick to be present, due to illness. One of the original group that founded the Association and one of the first directors, he was to have reviewed the early history of the organization. L. F. Strickland of Lockport, also one of the first directors; W. C. Stone of Springfield, Vt., the first secretary-treasurer, and Professor R. D. Anthony of State College, Pa., and formerly of the Horticultural Department here, will take care of the history of the Association. Mr. Wellington says the fruit exhibit will be "pretty fair", and indications are for a good attendance.

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## ON FURLOUGH

Ben Clark, formerly of the Seed Testing Laboratory, was in Geneva last week on a brief furlough from an Army specialist's school in Pittsburgh. He is expecting to spend the next six months at the school. Word has also been received in the Laboratory that Roy Everson is now at sea on a destroyer as an observer in connection with his specialty. Still another member of the Seed Laboratory has been doing military duty. Doctor Crosier has just returned from a 10-day tour of duty with Company K at the New York State Guard camp at Peekskill.

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## ALSO ON LEAVE

Jean and Herbert Conn were fortunate enough to arrange week-end vacations at the same time and have been home for the past few days. Herbert returned to Washington Monday night and Jean returns to New Brunswick, N. J., tonight. Herbert is a civilian employee of the Navy Department and Jean is associated with the New Jersey Experiment Station where she is working on the development of products from molds similar to the much-publicized penicillin. This makes the Conn family "all out" for the war effort.

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## NO LONGER NEEDED

Red Cross officials at the hospital at Sampson have passed along the word that an adequate supply of current magazines is now being received at the hospital and that there no longer is the need for used periodicals that prevailed a few months ago. Appreciation was expressed of the help of Station folks in turning over their used magazines, with assurance that they were greatly appreciated at the time.

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## IT'S STILL JUST--VINEGAR

Lest false hopes might be aroused, it should be pointed out that the "Wine Vinegar" the fruit juice boys are advertising so extensively (bring your own container, etc.) as now being available at the old stone barn is after all just--vinegar, albeit strong vinegar. Doctor Pederson and Mr. Beattie have also revised Circular No. 148 on "Vinegar Making on the Farm" in which they pass along some original ideas on homemade vinegar generators. The circular is now available in the Bulletin Room.

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