

# STATION NEWS

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## VEGETABLE GROWERS

Several members of the Staff are participating in one way or another in the joint meetings of the New York State Vegetable Growers Association and the Empire State Potato Club in Utica this week. Mr. Tapley, as program manager, has had an important part in setting up the program for the Vegetable Growers meeting. He also serves as Secretary-Treasurer of that Association. Others from the Station who will attend the meetings today and tomorrow include Dr. Carruth, Dr. Hervey, Dr. Glasgow, and Dr. Schroeder. The Station will be represented in joint educational exhibits with the College by a small display from the Entomology Division.

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## THE FRUIT GROWERS

High lights of the eighty-ninth annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society meeting in Rochester next week include addresses by Dean Myers and Chester DuMond, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, and more or less informal talks by Director Heinicke and Doctor Parrott. Doctor Chapman will preside at the opening session next Wednesday morning when there will be a "Round-up of Insect Control Developments", with Doctor Glasgow, Mr. Harman, Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Munding assisting on various phases of the subject. Doctor Hamilton will lead a discussion on fruit disease research, and Doctor Suit will be on hand to report on recent findings on the control of diseases of small fruits. Doctor Parrott will be in charge of the "Question Box" Wednesday afternoon and is scheduled for remarks on "My Day" at the Hotel Seneca Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening at the Seneca, Doctor Heinicke will discuss the work of the Experiment Station, and on Friday morning he will address the Society on "The Future of the Fruit Industry in New York State". The usual joint educational exhibits of the College and the Station will be in the nature of "token" displays this year, what with the restrictions on transportation, lack of first class fruit, and other factors. Pomology, Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Publications will be represented in the limited exhibit program. A limited number of programs of the Horticultural Society meetings is available in the Editor's office.

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## PROJECTS

Fifty-six members of the Staff were on hand at the Staff meeting Monday afternoon to hear Doctor Heinicke discuss the procedure in setting up a research project and preparing a project statement and a progress report. He also asked that all progress reports for 1943 be submitted by February 1st. Doctor Heinicke also announced the following appointments to technical and clerical positions, some of which have not been previously mentioned in the NEWS: In Bacteriology, Dorothea Metcalf, Ruth Russell, and Ellen Hose; in Chemistry, Ada Fertig, Dr. W. B. Robinson, and Helen Ferris; in Plant Pathology, Dr. W. T. Schroeder; in Pomology, Mary R. Ansley and Anthony Bruni; Pauline Jennings, Librarian; and Jeanne Howes, Seed Laboratory.

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## FROM JOHN CULLEN

Doctor Glasgow has had another one of those interesting letters from his "foreign correspondent", John Cullen, a one-time assistant in the Entomology Division, John's letter was censored in spots, and by that we mean censored. The objectionable words were not just marked out with black ink, they had been cut out bodily, which makes for some confused reading in spots, especially on the reverse side of the sheet. But at that John tells an interesting story. He says, in part, "It's been a long time since I've written you and I hear there has been a lot of changes in the Dairy Department, but I imagine entomology is still holding its own. Perhaps you know that the Army has done a little shifting around, too, and where should the old 81st find itself but in sunny Italy! Judging from the amount of sunshine we've seen, though, the word 'sunny' should be changed to 'soggy' and how. When the newsman says the 5th Army is bogged down in mud, he isn't kidding." John contracted pneumonia in Italy and was flown back to a base hospital in North Africa, from which point he wrote his letter. "To prove the old saying about a small world," he continues, "I had a nurse that was from Marion (N. Y.) and had gone to the University of Rochester with my sister." John is interested in fur farming as a postwar enterprise and is seeking all the information he can get on the subject during his spare time. He appeals to Doc rather than to "Information, Please" because Doc has such a wide knowledge of animals, guns, and archeology. Incidentally, John's brother, Bob Cullen, is now assistant coach at Cornell.

JANUARY "FARM RESEARCH"

The January number of Farm Research is now going into the mails. The current issue contains 18 articles and makes 20 pages under an agreement with Doctor Guter- man's office to make the January and April issues in 1944 each 20-page numbers and the July and October numbers 16-page issues. It is not too soon to begin laying plans for the April number, for space in that issue is always in strong demand.

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FROM RIVERHEAD

Doctor H. S. Cunningham is in Geneva for one of his rare visits to the Station-- the first in three years, in fact. Doctor Cunningham is in charge of plant disease investigations at the Vegetable Research Farm at Riverhead. He is planning to spend some time at the College before returning to Long Island.

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GEORGE PEARCE HERE

George Pearce took a few days off from his graduate studies at Penn State for a brief visit to the Station last week.

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"PLOWMAN'S FOLLY"

Mr. E. H. Faulkner of Elyria, Ohio, well known author of the above-mentioned book visited his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John J. McKelvey, Jr., during the Christmas holidays. Mr. McKelvey assists Doctor Carruth in the Hudson Val- ley during the growing season and is in Geneva for the winter months.

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SPEAKING OF PROJECTS

According to Extension Echoes, Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey told those in atten- dance at the banquet following the regional meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science in Ithaca last week that 1943 had been one of the most pro- ductive of his more than eighty years. In his work on plant classification and naming of new plants, he wrote four publications that were printed during 1943, has a fifth in the printer's hands, and a sixth in manuscript form. When he completes this work, he has another large project in mind to start when he is about 90 years old, he said.

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NURSERYMEN TO MEET

The New York State Nurserymen's Association will hold an all-day session at the Hotel Rochester on Friday, January 14th, and will have Dean Myers and Commis- sioner DuMond as their special guests at a luncheon that day. Doctor Tukey is acting as secretary of the Association in place of the secretary who is ill, and has been largely responsible for setting up the program.

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A TRANSFER

Miss Jeanne Smith has been transferred from the Plant Pathology Division to the Chemistry Division where she will be engaged in analytical work in the Con- trol Laboratory.

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PLEASE!

The Librarian would like very much to learn the whereabouts of R. Morel Schmitz's "Preparing the Research Paper".