

# STATION NEWS

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## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr. E. R. Eastman, Editor of American Agriculturist, accompanied by Dean William I. Myers of the College of Agriculture, Dr. C. E. F. Guterma, Director of the Experiment Station at Ithaca, and E. C. Weatherby, Secretary and Circulation Manager of the American Agriculturist, spent last Friday at the Station. They made the rounds of the institution, visiting both field and laboratory projects, and expressed themselves as much interested in all they saw and heard.

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## NEWLY APPOINTED

The appointment of Robert J. McColloch as an investigator in the Chemistry Division has been approved. He will be engaged in certain phases of the food processing investigations. Mr. McColloch is a graduate of the Kansas State College and received the M. S. degree from that institution in 1942. He was last employed as assistant chemist at the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station at Lafayette, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. McColloch are residing at 140 North Street.

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## ON FURLOUGH

Lt. John Wellington returned home last week from a South American assignment where he had many interesting and unusual experiences. He will report next month to his headquarters in Denver, Colo., for reassignment.

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## OVERSEAS

Word received at the Station during the past few days has it that Dale Dahlberg, who recently completed his boot training at Sampson, is now on active duty overseas.

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## ADDRESSED COUNCIL

Three members of the Station Staff discussed timely topics in their respective fields with members of the Ontario County Vegetable Growers Council at the Geneva High School last Wednesday evening. Mr. Sayre outlined steps to be taken to combat "black spot" of beets, a boron-deficiency trouble aggravated by the drouth; Dr. Glasgow outlined the situation with respect to cabbage insect pests; and Dr. Reinking reviewed the cabbage disease problem.

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## CONFERRED ON CHEESE

Doctor Breed was in Chicago last week with Doctor Dahlberg and Mr. Marquardt for a meeting of the National Cheese Institute where war-time problems of cheese production were under discussion.

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## PROFESSOR MYERS' DEATH

We regret to note the passing of Professor Clyde H. Myers, formerly of the Plant Breeding Department at the College of Agriculture, earlier in the month. Professor Myers was well known here at the Station for his work with vegetable crops. He had retired recently due to ill health. From 1926 to 1931, he served as special representative of the International Board of the University of Nanking, China.

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## STUDY FERTILIZER TESTS

Among recent visitors to the Canning Crops Farm to observe the progress of fertilizer experiments Mr. Sayre has under way there were Sam Gray of the American Potash Institute in Washington; S. F. Thornton of the Royster Fertilizer Company in Norfolk, Va.; and Warren Huff of Ithaca, representing the Synthetic Nitrogen Institute.

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### WE KNEW HIM WHEN

We are indebted to Mrs. Ansley for newspaper clippings telling of the nomination of James N. McCord for Governor of Tennessee by the Democratic party, which apparently means that he "is in" so far as the election goes this fall. Our interest in Mr. McCord's fortune arises from his presence here at the Station on two or three occasions as auctioneer for the New York State Jersey Cattle Club when it held its sales on the Station grounds.

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### DR. BIZZELL RETIRES

Doctor James A. Bizzell, Professor of Soil Technology at Ithaca, has retired and has been given the title of Professor Emeritus. Professor Bizzell has been a member of the Cornell faculty since 1903.

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### PROF. JOHNSTONE-WALLACE BACK

Prof. D. B. Johnstone-Wallace of the Department of Agronomy at Ithaca returned on August 1st after a year and a half leave of absence for war work in Great Britain. While abroad he was Deputy Director and Head of the Agricultural Department of the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering near York and devoted special attention to machinery used for the preparation of grass silage and for the seeding of grasslands. He also toured and lectured extensively thru England, Scotland, and Wales.

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### A WORD OF WARNING

We are in receipt of a letter from Tim Butts who directs the exhibit activities of the College of Agriculture telling of plans for the annual meeting of the Vegetable Growers of America which is to be held at the Seneca Hotel in Rochester, December 5, 6, and 7. "Cornell has been asked to serve as the host institution," writes Tim. "We plan to have rather complete exhibits, to which we shall ask other institutions to contribute....And I am warning you now that some of your folks will be called on for help on some exhibits." Most of the exhibits used at the December meeting can also be used at the meeting of the New York State Vegetable Growers' Association in January. Thanks for the tip, Tim.

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### DISCHARGED

Just to complete the record on our hospital "cases", we are happy to note that Doctor Mack and Arthur Clark have been discharged from the Geneva General Hospital and are well on the road to complete recovery. We understand, too, that Bob Larsen will soon be back on the job recovered from his vacation and hospital experience.

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### SOURCE MATERIAL

Members of the Station Staff engaged in fruit juice research will be interested in a note in Extension Echoes concerning books in the library in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. According to Echoes, while rearranging the shelves, the librarian came across a number of rare old books, some dating back to the 1700's. One volume is entitled "The Bartender's Guide" and another "Fancy Drinks and Popular Beverages." No one seems to know how they found their way onto the shelves of the Home Economics College Library. This reminds us that one of the treasures in the Station Library years ago - we do not know what has become of it now - was a much-thumbed pamphlet entitled "Mrs. Wheeler's Recipe for Dandelion Wine."

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