

# STATION NEWS

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## THE SIXTH WAR LOAN

By way of adding our bit to the volume of publicity on the Sixth War Loan drive, we wish to call the attention of newcomers to the Station to the payroll deduction plan for buying War Loan bonds and to suggest to those who are already using this facility that it is possible to increase their rate of purchase at any time. Blanks authorizing payroll deductions to be applied to the purchase of War Loan bonds may be obtained from Miss Jessie Sperry. Now is the time to act!

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## SGT. RICHARD SICK

We note with deep regret the death in France of Staff Sergeant Richard L. Sick, youngest brother of Mrs. Parks Traphagen. Sergeant Sick was attached to the 9th Air Force and was still in England when last heard from by his family in Bath, N.Y. He was employed as a field man by the Vegetable Crops Division here at the Station during the summer of 1936.

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## SEED GROWERS' SCHOOL

Several members of the Seed Testing Laboratory are planning to attend the sixth annual seed growers' school in Ithaca Monday and Tuesday of next week. The school is sponsored by the New York State Seed Improvement Association.

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## GATHERING INFORMATION

Mr. Philip S. Rose, feature writer for the Curtis Publishing Company, spent yesterday with Doctor Hofer absorbing information and "background" for an article on legume inoculants and on legume bacteria in general.

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## GUEST SPEAKER

Doctor D. H. Palmiter of the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations Laboratory at Poughkeepsie presented the "keynote" address at a meeting of plant pathologists, entomologists, and horticulturists from New York and New England experiment stations held at the Rhode Island Experiment Station last week. The subject of his paper, which was the only formal presentation, "New Organic Pesticides", and it set the stage for the discussion which followed. Doctor J. M. Hamilton and Professor Wheeler from Geneva and Doctor Don Hamilton, Doctor J. A. Adams, Dr. R. W. Dean, and J. L. Brann from the Poughkeepsie Laboratory also attended the conference. The 1945 meeting of the group is scheduled for New Haven, Conn., with Doctor James Horsfall as host.

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## AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Professor Munn thinks there are a lot of optimists in the seed business who are looking-ahead to a big year in 1945; at least if the great influx of samples in the Seed Testing Laboratory means anything. At this time last year, which was a record year, the number of samples received as of this date was 3,096, whereas this year it is already up to 4,486, or an increase of 1,390. Two explanations offered by Professor Munn are a large carry-over of V-garden seeds or enlarged plans for production next year.

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## STILL BIG NEWS

Lt. Col. Derrill Daniel continues to make the front page of the metropolitan dailies; recently, with an account of his part in the new offensive of the 1st Army.

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Doctor W. T. Chang, Director of Horticultural Extension and Demonstration of the Ministry of Agriculture at Chungking, China, has been observing the work of the Station for the past several days and will return here for a longer stay following a trip to Ottawa, Vineland, and other horticultural centers in Canada and the eastern United States. Doctor Chang is a member of a commission sent to this country by the Chinese government to study all phases of agricultural production and agricultural economics. He was at the Station about seven years ago and has spent considerable time in the United States on previous visits.

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## PROMOTED

Word has been received of the promotion of Lt. T. J. Jennings to the rank of Captain. Captain Jennings, brother of Miss Pauline Jennings, is with Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force in France.

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## MR. HOLTBY

We regret to note the death of Mr. G. H. Holtby Sunday night, following a long illness. Mr. Holtby was the father of Miss Lucille Holtby who recently relinquished her position with the Vegetable Crops Division to accept a post with Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

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## CHEESE REGULATIONS

Doctor Breed was in Washington Monday for a conference with Surgeon General Perran and representatives of the U. S. Public Health Service on proposed national cheese regulations.

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## ONE OF THE PIONEERS

Dr. George S. Kido of the O. M. Scott & Sons Company of Marysville, Ohio, who visited the Station recently to see the work with hormone sprays on weeds, credits Station workers with being among the first to recognize the selectivity of chemical treatment of weeds, citing Mr. Munn's dandelion eradication experiments reported in Bulletin No. 466 (1919).

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## LOCAL BASKETBALL

We are indebted to S./Sgt. Willard Crosier for the following information about basketball games in the Armory this coming season. "In reply to Station personnel who have asked about the Hobart basketball schedule, I can say that a total of ten home games will be played under the auspices of Company K, New York State Guard," says Sgt. Crosier. "Hobart has scheduled games with Sampson N. T. S. as well as with leading colleges thruout New York State. The first game will be with St. Bonaventure on December 6th. The local high school teams will play in the Armory on Thanksgiving night.

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## QUITE A RECORD

The ladies of the Jordan Hall Surgical Dressings Group of the Geneva Chapter of the American Red Cross are justly proud of their record of 6,536 hours of work since September 1942, when they first got together on this great enterprise. Two of their number have put in 450 hours each. The group meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00, with an average attendance of 18. While the total number of dressings folded by this group is not available, the count for October was 1,982. The need for this service was never as urgent as it is now and additional help will be most welcome.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

According to Extension Echoes, Professor Bristow Adams arrived in his office one morning recently to find a little birthday testimonial with four lighted candles and the following "verse": Birthdays come but once a year, some folks hold them in great fear; but not so Bristow--Can you guess; the years just add to his YOUTH-FUL-NESS".

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