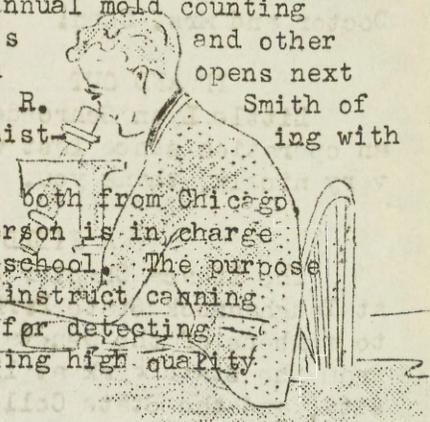


# Station News

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## MOLD COUNTS

Plans are well underway for the opening of the ninth annual mold counting school for technicians from tomato processing plants in this and other states. The preliminary registration for the school, which opens next Wednesday, July 24th, is 32, with one from Florida. Mr. H. R. Smith of the National Canners Association in Washington has been assisting with the arrangements, and Mr. Marion Hoy of the American Can Company and Mr. Virgil Troy of the Continental Can Company, both from Chicago will be on hand to help in the instruction. Dr. C. S. Pederson is in charge of local arrangements and has general supervision over the school. The purpose of the school, which will continue until August 3rd, is to instruct canning factory technicians in the latest developments in techniques for detecting and counting molds in tomato products as an aid in maintaining high quality standards.



## ON THE MOVE

Professor Munn and Doctor Crosier are attending the annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Analysts at Michigan State College this week. Professor Munn is editor of the Association's proceedings. Following the meeting, Professor and Mrs. Munn will set out on a trek to the West Coast, returning to Geneva October 1st. Professor Munn plans to visit seed laboratories and experiment stations enroute, including "Purdue, Urbana, Ill., Manhattan, Kans., Fort Collins, Colo., then down into southern California to see the flower and vegetable seed fields, thence northward to the red kidney bean fields at Marysville and Stockton, then north to grass seed fields at Eugene, Oregon, and east thru pea and bean fields in Idaho." The Munn's also expect to visit their daughter Helen at Arcadia, Calif., and to see their son Roger who is also in California.

## FRUIT STOCK CONFERENCE

Horticulturists of the northeastern states concerned with rootstock investigations are making plans for their first conference since 1941. Prof. R. D. Anthony of the Pennsylvania State College and a former member of the Horticultural Department here, is chairman of the conference. The program calls for a meeting of the group on the evening of August 5th at Durham, N. H., but those coming from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D. C., Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario will converge on Geneva on Friday, August 2nd, to study the rootstock work in progress here. The group will leave here that afternoon for Amherst, Mass., and Durham, N. H. Several of the Station pomologists will make the trip to New Hampshire.

## WIRE RECORDING

Lou Kaiser, in charge of radio broadcasting for the Department of Extension Teaching and Information at the College of Agriculture, brought a wire recorder to Geneva last Thursday and made a recording of an interview with Doctor Hedrick at the latter's residence, for the collection of recordings of emeritus professors for the Cornell files. He also recorded a brief interview with the editor. Kaiser was accompanied by Frank Jeter, Editor of the North Carolina State College at Raleigh, who is lecturing on public relations before a summer course for extension workers at Ithaca, and Professor William B. Ward, Editor at the College of Agriculture. Mr. Kaiser expects to be back with his wire recorder for further interviews and for special events, such as the meeting of the Fruit testing Association in September.

## AIRPLANE DUSTING

Station entomologists and plant pathologists joined a hundred or more vegetable growers on the Howard Sprague farm near Hall Monday evening for a demonstration of airplane dusting of cabbage for the control of insect pests. The event was organized by the Ontario County Vegetable Council.

## ON JUNE 24TH

Altho somewhat tardy with our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kopko, our best bow nonetheless to Ann Elizabeth who was born at the Geneva General Hospital on June 24th.

## ON JUNE 26TH

This is the day Phyllis Ann Bergstresser arrived at the Geneva General Hospital. Our congratulations to mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bergstresser, and our regrets that we did not learn of this important event earlier.

ON JULY 7TH

We are indebted to Doctor R. W. Dean of the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations Laboratory at Poughkeepsie for a communication addressed to the Vital Statistics Department of the Station NEWS conveying the information that Joel Robert Dean was born in Poughkeepsie on July 7th, "8 lbs. 11 oz. on the hoof". Congratulations, Doctor and Mrs. Dean!

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#### IN AND OUT

Little Lynn Schroeder has been in and out of the Geneva General Hospital for an operation since last week's NEWS, and we are happy to report that she is doing very nicely, thank you.

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#### A FIELD DAY

The Ithaca Chapter of the State Employees Association is planning a field day at Taughannock State Park on Sunday, August 11th, and has extended an invitation to members of the Geneva Chapter to participate. Plans call for tours "to start from the State Park at 11 o'clock to go to Biggs Memorial Hospital, Cornell University, and the State Colleges. A barbecue chicken dinner will be served beginning at 1 o'clock. We hope to have a number of State Association officials and members of the State Legislature present on this occasion." Tickets are \$1.50 each and must be procured on or before Monday, July 22nd. Tickets may be obtained from Dr. Hofer.

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#### THANKS FROM RUSSIA!

Professor Wellington is in receipt of a letter from the Russian Embassy in Washington expressing thanks for the shipment of cuttings and fruit buds shipped to Russian experiment Stations last year. A total of 2,700 cions of 170 different varieties of fruit was sent to the USSR in an exchange agreement whereby stocks of Russian varieties are to be sent to this Station for trial. The Russians expressed themselves as particularly impressed by the splendid condition in which the cuttings arrived--due, we are informed, to the good job of packing done by Tony Bruni.

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#### IN NOVA SCOTIA, TOO

Recently a story went out regarding the presence of the Station grounds of what is believed to be the only specimen in the U.S. of the Calville Blanc apple, a French variety noted for its high vitamin C content. The story was widely used and now the Director is in receipt of a letter from a Mr. F. J. Hewett of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, which reads in part as follows: "A recent paragraph in a magazine that your Station has the only tree of Calville Blanc variety of apples. This is not, we believe, correct. Three miles from Wolfville, in the Gaspereau Valley, is an orchard owned by Lieut. John Slayter, R. N., which formerly had a number of trees of this variety, and although many of them have been re-grafted, there still are a few bearing Calville Blanc. This variety is highly esteemed in northern France. Thirty years ago, the writer operated this orchard, and then had the honour of shipping Calville Blanc for the King's table at Buckingham Palace." (NB. We still say we have the only tree in the U. S.)

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#### "SPIRITS"

A western New York County Agent is responsible for the following story: "One grower soaked his cucumber seed overnight in spirits of turpentine because the hired man whom he had instructed to do the job was inebriated and thought the turpentine was water. Frightened by his mistake, he went ahead and planted the cucumber seed the next day. Much to everyone's amazement, including the County Agent's, the cucumbers grew better than any other seed sown in the field and apparently show no signs of disease with about 100% stand. Nearby untreated plants were a trifle spotty. The turpentine had varnished the outside of the seed. It looks as though somebody had better look into turpentine as a seed disinfectant. This is not a suggestion that our research workers should turn to alcohol." Taking the hint, Professor Munn has set up a "project" on the subject, but without the stimulus which led to such striking results for the hired man.

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