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#### THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

The Station is host today to the Agricultural Council of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University for the fall meeting of the Council.

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#### ROOMS WANTED

The transfer of the annual conference of representatives of insecticide and fungicide manufacturers and college and experiment station specialists in plant disease and insect control from the College of Agriculture to the Station on account of the housing shortage in Ithaca is beginning to pose something of a housing problem here as well. Scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 13 and 14, room reservations have already exhausted the facilities of the Seneca Hotel, Lafayette Inn, and many tourist homes. Miss Jessie Sperry has been acting as "housing expediter" in an effort to find quarters for those who are unable to obtain accommodations at the hotel, and thus far has succeeded in placing all comers. The reserve of rooms is running low, however, and members of the Station Staff who are able and willing to take in one or two visitors if necessary will render a real service by calling Miss Sperry, phone 6529, and listing available accommodations. They may not be needed, but it would be most helpful to have a few "standby" rooms on the list. In most instances reservations will be for the night of the 13th only, altho some are arriving on the 12th and are asking for reservations thru the 14th. Heretofore, the conference has attracted from 125 to 150 persons. The program has to do with recent developments in materials and technics for insect and disease control on fruits and vegetables.

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#### STAFF MEETING MONDAY

The November Staff meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11th, at 3:30 p. m.

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#### IN NEW QUARTERS

Miss Mabel Sperry has moved from the front room in Jordan Hall to the room formerly used as a conference room, and is now comfortably located in her new quarters. The former bulletin room has been redecorated and will henceforth serve as the conference room. Its larger size and improved lighting will make it a much more satisfactory meeting room than the former location.

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## TRAPHAGEN HONORED

Parks Traphagen was presented with the Silver Beaver, highest Scouting award, by the Finger Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America at a meeting of the Council in Clifton Springs last week. The award was in recognition of twenty years service as Scoutmaster, troop committeeman, district commissioner, and faculty member of the Council training course. Congratulations, Trap!

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## A NEW BULLETIN

Technical Bulletin No. 277, entitled "Methods of Estimating Foliage Area Injured by Grape Leafhoppers", by Prof. Hartzell, has been completed and is now available in the Bulletin Room.

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## SEMINAR TOMORROW

Just by way of a reminder, Professor Kenneth Post will address a seminar in the Staff Room in Jordan Hall tomorrow, Thursday, at 3:30 p. m., on "Automatic Watering in Greenhouse Experimentation."

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## EXHIBIT PLANNING

The Committee on Publications and Information met with representatives from the several Divisions Monday afternoon to discuss plans for the permanent Divisional exhibits and for displays at the forthcoming meetings of the State Vegetable Growers Association and the State Horticultural Society. It is hoped to have rather definite ideas by the first of December for the exhibits at the winter meetings in order that they may be coordinated with exhibits from the College of Agriculture.

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## FRUIT ICES

Professor Hening and Doctor Pederson were in Ithaca Monday for a "tasting" demonstration of the new fruit ices for the food and nutrition staff of the College of Home Economics. The product was well liked by all of those present.

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## AMONG THE VISITORS

Dr. Robert D. Glasgow, State Entomologist with the New York State Museum in Albany and brother of Dr. Hugh Glasgow, and Dr. Donald Collins, Assistant State Entomologist and formerly of Geneva, have been conferring with the Station entomologists on problems of mutual interest. Mr. Peter K. Mackenzie, a dairy engineer with the Alliance of Ice Cream Manufacturers in London, paid a brief visit to the Station last week before flying back to England. Mr. Mackenzie had been attending the meetings of the International Association of Ice Cream Makers at Atlantic City and came to the Station to discuss ice cream problems with Professor Hening and to talk with others about processing and food plant sanitation matters. Another foreign visitor was Mr. Andre Reifenberg, a commercial fruit grower from France. He specializes in apples and pears for the Paris market and was interested in all phases of commercial fruit growing.

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## MRS. JONES LEAVING

Mrs. Cathleen Jones who has been assisting Professor Wheeler in the biological control laboratory leaves tomorrow to join her husband in Puerto Rico, where Mr. Jones is on duty with the Navy.

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## WEATHER RECORDS

Professor Slate brought in some blackberries in full bloom the other day and reports of forsythia in bloom have been frequent. The horticulturists say, too, that this has been an exceptionally fine season for fall-bearing fruits, especially the Station's Indian Summer red raspberry. A look at Miss Sperry's weather report reveals that October really was a month of fine weather but that it did not break any records--there were just more nice days than one may reasonably expect. The maximum temperature for the month was 85 degrees on the 7th, but the all-time maximum for October here in Geneva since 1883 was 92 degrees on October 2, 1927, with a reading of 91 degrees on October 7, 1941, as the runner-up. Last month was consistently warmer than usual, however, as shown by a mean temperature of 56.4 degrees as compared with a mean of 51.1 degrees for October, 1945, and 51.4 degrees for the period of 1883-1945, inclusive.

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