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Geneva, N. Y.

HE'S OFF!

We mean Professor Sayre is off to a good start with his garden—or is he? Charlie claims a "first" among the Station gardeners, with plantings of peas, carrots, and lettuce on April 14th, several days before the big snow. Fall plowing and the use of hard coal ashes to lighten up and dry out his garden soil are cited by Professor Sayre as the secret of his early gardening venture. He hasn't been so fortunate with his pea plantings on the canning crops farm, however, which are steadily falling behind the optimum planting time for that crop.

ADDRESSED SEMINAR

Mr. Claude Heit addressed a seminar of the staff and graduate students of the Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture at the College of Agriculture last Monday. His topic was "Dormancy and Germination in Tree and Shrub Seeds."

STARTS THESIS WORK

Ed Smith, formerly of the Entomology Division and now a graduate student in Cornell University, is expected to start work on his doctor's thesis here today. Working under the direction of Doctor Pearce and Doctor Chapman, Ed is planning to study the mechanism of the killing action of oils used as insecticides.

FRUIT JUICES

Even in Paris they have heard about the work with fruit beverages here at the Station and last Friday Mr. Roger Thellier of the French Institute of Agronomy spent the day with Doctor Pederson reviewing the fruit juice investigations and checking up on advances in fermentation studies.

HERE FOR SUMMER

Mr. Nelson Robinson, a student in the School of Applied Agriculture at Farmingdale, has arrived to work with the Vegetable Crops Division this summer to gain first-hand field experience.

SCIENCE STUDENTS

A group of about twenty science students from DeSales High School visited the Station yesterday afternoon to observe how experiments with plants, seeds, bacteria, and food processing are carried on.

HIS "DAY"

Frank Lee had a crowded schedule yesterday. Starting off with a talk before the domestic science students at Geneva High School in the morning on the freezing preservation of foods, he followed up with an engagement with the DeSales High group in the afternoon, and then topped off the day by giving the address of the evening at a meeting sponsored by the Seneca County Farm and Home Bureaus at Ovid.

REMEMBER THE SPRING DANCE--FRIDAY, APRIL 25--JORDAN HALL--9:00-1:00

FROM ENGLAND

Mr. A. W. Billitt and Dr. H. A. Stevenson of the Boots Pure Drug Company of Nottingham spent Monday at the Station discussing plant nutrition problems and the chemistry of insecticides. Among other things, their company manufactures fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides, and growth-promoting materials and maintains an experimental farm.

FROM HOLLAND

Doctor P. C. Blokker and Doctor J. G. TenHouten, associated with Shell Oil in Amsterdam, Holland, arrived here today to observe the work under way on oil sprays and petroleum oil research.

WOULD RECIPROCATE

The Director is in receipt of a letter from Doctor J. Perlberger of the Agricultural Research Station at Rehovot, Palestine, which reads in part as follows: "Upon my return home from my visit to the United States I would like to express to you and to members of your staff my sincere thanks for the kind help and cooperation which you have given me during my visit to your Institute. I hope that sometime in the near future you or members of your Institute will have an opportunity of visiting our country and allow me to reciprocate your kindness."

GRANDPA O. K.

Frank Bowen bore up well under the strain of the arrival of his second grandchild and first granddaughter, Deirdre DeGarmo, on April 17th. He made the announcement with all the trimmings of candy for the ladies and cigars for the men--and ladies, too, if they indulged. The baby and her parents and little brother live in Babylon, L. I., where dad is engaged in the ship building business.

MISS FLANNERY

We extend sympathy to Miss Jennings in the death of her Aunt, Miss Helen T. Flannery, last Sunday at her home on Middle Street.

MR. BALISTRERI

Our sympathy to Mrs. Peter Gigliotti and family in the death of her father, Mr. Frank Balistreri, well-known contractor, following a long illness.

FROM COPPER HILL

Doctor A. A. Nikitin of the Tennessee Copper Company at Copper Hill, Tenn., made his annual visit to the Station on Monday. Doctor Nikitin is interested in all applications of copper to agriculture, particularly its use in fungicides.

HELPING THE PROFESSORS

Current Episodes, Extension Service house organ, in its April issue, carries the following story under the caption "Boon to Professors":

"At last it's here; and about time! The University has installed an electrically operated IBM machine for grading or scoring tests and examination papers mechanically. Students' answers, recorded on special answer sheets with special graphite pencils, are just fed through the machine and each student's intellectual progress recorded. With phonograph, radio and movies to deliver his lectures, and no examination papers to grade, the professor now ought to get some of that much needed trout fishing."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

According to an Associated Press dispatch, the General Electric's hush-hush atomic energy research laboratory is located on Peek Street in Schenectady.
