

# STATION NEWS

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## THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE

The Experiment Station and its workers were involved in two points which Governor Dewey made in his speech to the Legislature on Monday. An appropriation of \$1,800,000 was requested in the construction fund, to provide the long-awaited Food Processing building at the Geneva Station. The new building, if and when, would replace the present Chemistry Building which was built before the turn of the century. It will be recalled by some that the Legislature previously appropriated funds for the building in 1946 but scarcity of materials precluded actual construction. Since then, the appropriations were withdrawn. If the State's law-makers approve the request this year, excavation may get underway this year. The new building would house the entire Food Science and Technology Department and provide greatly enlarged facilities for the Pilot Plant. Plans call for four stories in height for the main part of the structure—two stories for the Pilot Plant. Cold storage and freezing facilities would permit much more extensive testing than is now possible.

The other point which the Governor touched upon in his budget statement concerned salaries for the State's 84,000 employees. While the Civil Service Employees Association has been pressing for a 12% cost-of-living increment and integration of the present bonus into base salary, the Governor made no specific request. He did state, however, that he would ask for an increase in pay for State employees. Details will be presented in a special message in the very near future.

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## PINEAPPLE PARTY PLEASES PLENTY

Aloha oi what a party! The Ceres Circle Hawaiian Party is over but it'll be some time before the praise subsides. About seventy people showed up for Monday evening's fun. It began with games under the leadership of Mrs. Davis, including guessing contests and some entanglements which were extremely ludicrous, to say the least. The gang was then herded into the auditorium for some formal entertainment to give their laughing muscles a chance to rest—or so it seemed. There, the Moana Loa Moaners (Austin Wagenknecht, Bob LaBelle, Keith Kimball, and Fent Carruth) gave out with some well-delivered oriental and occidental airs; Mary Gibbs cast a spell on the audience with two flute solos; Keith "Liberace" Steinkraus presented some pianistic gymnastics, both long-haired and a la Basin Street; and then there were a couple of hot hulas put on by a road company (Tobacco Road). The sextet of nimble nymphs went under the name of the Kamehameha Katyids and boasted such performers as Slinky Lienk, Diamond-head Davis, Shimmy Smith, Gamboling Gambrell, Terpischore Tashiro, and Glimmerglass Glass, with the exotic choreography under the direction of Koko-head Wesselmann. Their polished vocal renditions—their slithering, undulating rhythm—the magnificent, flowing hula skirts—are difficult to describe. They were.....well, sorta like.....snakes in the grass. The funfest moved out to the chow line after this phase of the entertainment and found a substantial menu waiting: barbecued beef on bun, all sorts of pies, and tasty java. Unfortunately, the person who engineered the party, Mrs. Tashiro, was unable to witness the delightful consummation of her work. A sincere "Aloha" to her and to the committee, Mrs. Braun (decorations), Mrs. LaBelle (refreshments), Mrs. Davis (games), Mrs. Holley (entertainment), and their many assistants which included Mrs. Lienk, Miss Pratt, Miss Whitcombe (who concocted the delectable barbecue), Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Gibbs, and Mrs. Vittum.

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## NEWCOMERS

Miss Jane O'Malley of Geneva has begun work as a laboratory assistant in the Vitamin Lab of FS&T. She is a graduate of DeSales High School and fills the job formerly held by Bob Jenkins. Bob has left for Ithaca where he will resume his studies at Cornell.....Ralph Stuart is working as an assistant to Dr. Palmiter at the Hudson Valley Lab.....Mrs. Brenda Adelman Weisman has been engaged as a laboratory technician in the Chemistry Building, on the USDA soil-testing project under Dr. Mack. Mrs. Weisman was Miss Adelman until Sunday, her wedding day. Her husband is a Hobart student.

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## VISITORS

Mr. Aubrey Crawford, who left the Station employ back in the thirties, was in town a few days ago. He was an assistant in research in Entomology and married the Station librarian.....Mr. Tore Lauritson, President of the Helsingborgs Freyhus AB in Sweden, visited the Station last Friday to discuss pectin problems with Dr. Kertes, and peach tree questions with Mr. Lamb.....Mr. Paul Stark of the Stark Nurseries called on pomologists on Monday.....And Mr. Ray Kriner of the Dow Chemical Company spent a couple of days here earlier this week.

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#### CANNERS MEETING OPENS ON TUESDAY

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the annual Raw Products Conference of the Canners and Freezers Association will be held at the Experiment Station. Specialists from Geneva and Ithaca will bring the fieldmen up-to-date on the latest research projects on processing crops in the two-day session. The program will open at 9:30 on Tuesday morning with a panel discussion on weed control problems. Also on the Tuesday morning program will be talks on "The Insecticide Residue Question" by J. E. Dewey and A. C. Davis, "Air-blast Spraying, Concentrate and Dilute" by W. T. Schroeder and Wesley Gunkel, and "Efficient and Effective Application of Tomato Fungicides" by W. T. Schroeder. M. C. Bond of the College of Agriculture will give his interpretation of the "Agricultural Outlook" on Tuesday afternoon and will be followed by Gail Brown on "Hidden Costs in Purchasing Raw Products", A. C. Davis on "Cabbage and Broccoli Pests", Hugh Wilson on "Land Judging", D. J. Lathwell on "Soil Testing as a Basis for Fertilizer Recommendations" and a panel which will discuss "Bulk Handling of Raw Products". The evening banquet will be held at the Canandaigua Hotel.

Wednesday morning's program will open with discussions on "Corn Insects and Diseases" by J. A. Adams and John Natti, "Yields of Sweet Corn Varieties" by D. W. Barton, "Comparison of Laboratory and Field Germination of Treated Sweet Corn" by Ben Clark, "The Work of the Association's Pea Committee" by W. S. Macklem, "Breeding Program for Peas" by Donald Barton, "Pea Insect and Disease Studies" by A. C. Davis and W. T. Schroeder, "Honor Crop Survey Program" by Alvin Hamson and "Comparison of Various Factors in Peas at Various Stages of Maturity" by C. B. Sayre. A separate section to discuss fruit problems will run concurrently on Wednesday morning. John Einset will speak about "The Problem of Breeding Polyploid Apples", Leo Klein will discuss "New Varieties of Apples for Processing", S. E. Lienk and J. C. Cain will present material on "The Effect of Lead Arsenate on Quality and Yield of Sour Cherries", Karl Brase will talk about "Size-controlling Rootstocks for Apples", Nelson Shaulis, Alvin Braun, and E. F. Taschenberg will describe their latest "Grape Culture Research", and Al Braun will present "Virus and Nematode Studies on Strawberries". Wednesday afternoon's wind-up session will open with a question box and will be followed by these topics: "The Technical Agricultural Committee's Accomplishments and Program"—Alvin Moll, "The Great Debate"—Karl Butler, "Effect of Temperature on Color and Quality of Tomatoes"—C. B. Sayre, "New Snap Bean Varieties"—J. D. Atkin, and "New Squash Varieties" by William Tapley.

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#### BLESSED EVENT

Joseph William Nittler made his terrestrial entrance just too late to make last week's NEWS. The 6 lb. 11 oz. youngster came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nittler last Wednesday morning. He and his mother left the hospital, yesterday.

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#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Professor Sayre will talk about last season's research by the Vegetable Crops Department when he speaks to the Ontario Vegetable Council at the Geneva High School tomorrow night. He'll also discuss plans for the coming season....Dr. Ralph Dean was a speaker at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in York on January 25th. He put the apple maggot on the carpet.

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#### TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

Yesterday was Groundhog Day, and he did and he didn't see his shadow, depending upon what time of day he clumb out of his hole. According to official grouchunk headquarters down in Pennsy, he did see his shadow and that's supposed to mean that we can all hole up for another six weeks. It's sorta hard to believe, what with the balmy weather we were enjoying at press time, yesterday. In case someone should be interested 25 years from now, most of Europe and part of northern Africa are freezing under a heavy blanket of snow and the coldest winter they've known in generations. And in the land down under, the hottest spell in decades is making life miserable for the Aussies. It's so sweltering (102°) that folks are taking hot showers to cool off.

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#### CATCH-ALL

Ed Smith has been chosen president of the Civic Music Association for the coming year. Several other Station people are serving as directors....The Wilsons, newly-appointed FS&Ters, met many of their future colleagues in a visit on Friday. They've postponed their starting date to February 15th because of sickness in the family....Beezy Peck took part in the meeting of the Technical Committee for NE-11 and conference on soil structure and soil conditioners at New York City last week.... We're sorry to learn that Bill Schroeder has been ordered by his doctor to relax for a couple of weeks. A recent complaint has been diagnosed as a possible heart condition....Herman Amberg and Dick Larsen, recent army inductees, have reported their whereabouts. Herman is with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery at Fort Bliss in Texas, and Dick is at Camp Chaffe in Arkansas, serving with the Tank Corps....Bob Gilmer is commuting between here and Canandaigua these days as he serves his stint of jury duty....Joanne Whitcombe has a couple of pie tins left over from the Ceres Party. Anybody want 'em?...Tash Tashiro is making sporting headlines as the result of his Roman Holiday at bowling the other night. Tash, a bowling addict of only a few months, racked up a 195 single game score and cracked the 500 circle by 5 points in his evening total.

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Stay out of the doghouse. Remember to take the NEWS home to the little woman!