



# STATION NEWS

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## MORE ABOUT BUGS

We've known for a long time that there were lots of bugs in this world---and we've known for almost as long that there were people called entomologists who were supposed to be able to look a bug in the eye and call him by his right name. But in this 100th anniversary of professional entomology, the specialists are making a tremendous and successful effort to let the populace know that they've been doing other things besides chasing around with a butterfly net on sunny days. The success of this campaign is apparent on all sides, and the message which it brings to the public is one which has been sorely needed for many, many years. Certainly, the members of the Station's Entomology Department have been taking a leading role in the public education job. Dr. Chapman has personally carried the story to more than a score of meetings of area groups. Now, a commercially-produced movie has made a timely bow and it, too, will undoubtedly make the rounds in this and many other areas. This noon, the Station's head entomologist will introduce the movie at a meeting of the Geneva Rotary Club. It's called "500,000 to One" and is available for use in the community. Groups interested in seeing the film should contact the Entomology Department.

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## FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS SCHEDULE ITHACA MEET

Several representatives of the Station will be in Ithaca on Friday for a meeting of the Western New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists. Dr. Willard Robinson will present a paper on "Chemical Additives in Processed Foods" at 4:15. Others planning to attend include Doctors Kertesz, Lee, Wagenknecht, Wilson, and Wilson, and Professor Hening.

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## BACTERIOLOGISTS WILL MEET, TOO

And in Pittsburgh, starting Sunday, the Society of American Bacteriologists will hold a six-day annual meeting. Attending from Geneva will be Doctors Breed, Pederson, Conn, Lawrence, and Steinkraus. Dr. Breed will preside over the Thursday afternoon session.

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## COMMENDATION FROM THE DEAN

An inspection of the Station building on his recent visit here evoked words of praise from Dean Myers for the custodians of the buildings. Both the exterior and interior of the buildings presented an excellent appearance, in his words.

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## GOING SKYWARD

In between our April showers, building crews have been erecting the new double greenhouse unit and, as of this writing, the framework is practically complete. The new houses will utilize earthen floors.

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## HOSPITAL NOTES

Keith Kimball is back on the job after about a week's bout with an acute poison ivy eruption which covered a large portion of his body....George Fryer, assistant to Dr. Tashiro, is recuperating at the Bath Hospital following a thyroid operation performed last week. He expects to return to Geneva the latter part of this week.

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## DRIVE FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Workers on the Civic Music Association's membership drive will hold a dinner meeting tomorrow evening to organize for their campaign which will run from May 3rd through May 8th. Annual membership which covers admission to the four concerts comes to \$6 for adults, \$3 for students. No tickets for individual programs will be available and membership is open only during the period of the campaign. A number of Station people are working on the drive.

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## VISITORS

The subject of apple production in Nepal was discussed last week when Mr. Satya Lal Ranjitkar of the Department of Agriculture at Katwandu, Nepal, met with Professor Brase at the Station....And another apple enthusiast, Bob Carlson of Michigan State, called on former associates here on Friday. Bob was a member of the Pomology Department and is married to a former FS&T worker who was known to us as Shirley Watkins. They have three children....Dr. Claude Hills of the Eastern Regional Laboratory met with food scientists on Friday to discuss the preparation of peach puree. ....Norma Lerkins, who has spent several summers assisting the entomologists, dropped in for a visit on Friday. She's teaching in the Buffalo area.

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## BRIDGE PARTY FRIDAY

Anyone interested in attending the monthly meeting of the Bridge Club at Jordan Hall on Friday evening at 8 P.M. is asked to contact either Mr. Jones, Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Gilmer, or Mr. Wishnetsky in advance of the date.

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## CHIT CHAT

Dr. Kertesz was in New York City on Wednesday of last week to attend the meeting of the New York Section of the Institute of Food Technologists....A former Station bacteriologist, James D. Brew, has been elected president of the Northwestern Frontier Association of Village Officials. Mr. Brew was at the Station about 40 years ago and went to Albany from here. At present he is Mayor of Holley....The new greenhouse worker who began his duties on April 1st is William Estey....About 160 Station people responded to the chest X-ray service last week....Eleanor Warren spent last weekend at her native home in Boonville....A guest of the Nattis for the next two weeks is Mrs. Natti's mother, Mrs. R. A. MacLeod of Haddam, Connecticut....Doris Traphagen and her sister, Bernice, spent a few days with relatives in Albany, earlier this week. Bernice will leave for a nursing assignment in Alaska on May 5th....Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lawrence have purchased a year-round home on Seneca Lake at Teall Beach. They'll move in on Saturday....We're happy to welcome Anne Cook back after about a month of convalescence following the recent burn accident in Chemistry....Dr. Hucker spoke at a meeting of Central New York Community Chest officials in Ithaca on Monday.

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## MRS. GAMBRELL BEREAVED

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Gambrell returned yesterday from Cleveland where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Gambrell's brother, Fred C. Jahn. Mr. Jahn passed away on Friday. Our sympathy to the family.

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## BARTON ON GENETICS

Dr. Barton was the speaker at last Wednesday's meeting of the Hobart Science Club. The Station specialist spoke on "Genetics in Plant Breeding".

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## OBSERVATIONS

Recurrent showers have again postponed pea-planting operations of the Veg Crops Department....Though the FS&T gang has gotten its seed underground, Ed Smith reports that his planting is already seeing the light of day. The entomology test planting runs to more than one one-hundredth of an acre....As soon as the land dries off, the Plant Introduction gang will put their new tractor through the ropes. An Allis-Chalmers G arrived just a few days ago....Work has begun on a new photo lab and studio in the basement of Jordan Hall. Upon completion, the present facilities on the third floor of Hedrick will be vacated, bringing the Publications operations under one roof. No date has been set for completion and until that time, photographic operations will continue as usual in the present location.

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## SCIENCE WRITING

If you have a paper ready to publish--or if you ever expect to publish a paper--the April 23rd issue of Science is "must reading" for you. Described as the "Annual Book Issue", it is devoted largely to problems of scientific writing--and editing. "Reporting is an integral and inescapable factor in any research, and no research is complete without the record," is the opening theme presented by Robert Gill of The Williams & Wilkins Company, publishers of many scientific journals. Mr. Gill sees the quality of scientific writing deteriorating and takes a rather pessimistic view of the whole thing. But much constructive thinking on the matter is presented in a series of articles summarizing the 1953 AAAS conference on scientific editorial problems.