



STATION NEWS



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REGIONAL SEED SCHOOL

The Geneva Station has been chosen as the site for the Northeastern Regional Seed School which begins next Monday. The course, designed to standardize testing procedures for seed analysts, will run for two weeks and registration has been limited to about a dozen. Miss Cullinan and Mr. Patrick will be the Geneva registrants. In charge of the course will be Miss Albine Musil of the Testing Section of the USDA's Seed Branch in Washington. She has arrived to make necessary arrangements. The first week will be devoted to purity analysis techniques and the second week will be given over to germination testing.

MOLD COUNTING SCHOOL BEGINS

About twenty quality control specialists from processing companies are meeting this morning in Jordan Hall for the opening day of the annual Mold Counting School. Sponsorship and faculty are provided by the National Cannery Association, the American Can Company, and the Continental Can Company. Instructors are Miss Lucy Withrow and Mr. Howard Smith of the National Cannery, Mr. V. S. Troy of Continental Can, and Mr. Opp of American Can. The school will run through the end of next week.

MRS. LEON JONES

The sudden death of Mrs. Mary Weyneth Jones, wife of Leon Jones, came as a shock to her many friends at the Experiment Station. Although she had had a previous attack a few weeks ago, the fatal seizure on Saturday night came during a period of apparent good health. Mrs. Jones took a very active part in civic affairs and was a strong supporter of the Seneca Castle Methodist Church. Her great love for people and worthy causes gave her a full life. At the Station, she was an active member of the Bridge Club. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. Jones, and to their children Mrs. Fred Toombs, Charles Jones and Lawrence Jones, to the three grandchildren, and to her sister, Mrs. Charles Spangle.

YOUNG VISITORS

Half a dozen nature study enthusiasts from Canandaigua and their counselor, Mr. Siegmur Muehl, visited the Station yesterday morning. They expressed keen interest in the lore which they found in the Museum, insect-rearing, seed-testing, and particularly, the sweet cherry breeding program. The youngsters concurred with the fruit breeders concerning the merits of some of the promising seedlings which happened to be in full fruit for their visit.

ARMY WORM ON THE MARCH

Farmers in Western New York, particularly in Ontario County, are beset by the worst hordes of army worms in six years, and the Station insect specialists have joined forces with the Extension Service and county agents in publicizing defense measures. Corn and oats have suffered the greatest damage in the plague which is now on the wane. The local specialists predict that most of the ravaging will be over by the end of this week. Parathion, DDT, Chlordane, and Toxaphene are the materials being recommended for the control of the insect.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Dorothy Mulholland of Elmwood Avenue, Geneva, has been appointed to the position of stenographer for Plant Path and Veg Crops. She succeeds Mrs. Juanita Kuryla who resigned recently....And praise for the neat appearance of Jordan Hall goes to Mr. Edward MacGinn of Geneva who has taken over the custodial duties.

NORWEGIAN VISITOR

The functioning of the agricultural extension service on federal, state, and county levels, is the subject being studied in this country by Mr. Olav Benum of Norway. He called on members of the Pomology Department on Monday and Tuesday and also visited the Farm Bureau Offices in Canandaigua. Mr. Benum, who is a county agent in his homeland and is also a member of the Norwegian Parliament, is one of a group of people from Western Europe who are making brief study tours in this country under the auspices of the U. S. State Department.

VEG CROPS TOPICS

The New York State Fertilizer Conference is holding sway at the College of Agriculture and local Vegetable Crops specialists are participating. Yesterday, Dr. Vittum and Mr. Peck took part in the meeting, and today, Prof. Sayre is in attendance.....Also yesterday, Professors Sayre, Tapley, and Barton motored to Mt. Morris to witness a demonstration of a portable pea viner.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

At today's meeting of the Geneva Rotary Club, Mr. Bigelow will report on his recent trip to Seattle where he participated as local delegate to the Rotary International.

RAILROAD TRACKS

Orders issued by the Continental Air Command have promoted Bob Wesselmann to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. He's a mobilization assignee with headquarters at Sampson and has the military occupation specialty of photo lab officer.

CHIT CHAT

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Crawley and family of Miami have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Crawley's sisters, the Misses Pauline and Mildred Jennings....The Steinkraus family will leave for Wisconsin at the end of the week and will spend the month of August with relatives in that State....Geneva firefighters were called out yesterday to quell a fire at the home of Bill DeLand (Heating Plant). There was no word of damage at press time but the blaze had threatened a chicken coop....Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson had as their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Culler of Medina, Ohio. They are Mrs. Wilson's parents....Doris Traphagen has a letter from sister Bernice, stating that she spent the Fourth of July at the edge of the Arctic Circle. Bernice spent some time at Nome visiting among the Eskimos....Mrs. Dolan is confined to her home by illness....Word from the Boyles tells us that they've settled down in a new home in the eastern suburbs of Honolulu. Their mailing address is 5234 Keakealani, Honolulu 16. Recently, Frank made a two day visit to the island of Hawaii to visit growers and processing plants....The Plant Introduction Station has drafted additional help to aid in the pollination of corn and cucurbits. The project is now going full blast....Young Bill Heit and a buddy, Bob Heintz, working toward their bicycling merit badge, made a circuit of Seneca Lake in an overnight trip a couple of weeks ago. Starting from Geneva, they made Watkins Glen for a campout by the first evening, then pedaled the remainder of the 100-mile trip before dusk of the second day.

CORN MEETING

Doctors Davis, Barton, and Natti will take part in a corn meeting at Hall, tomorrow, when the Robson Seed Farms will demonstrate cases of Stewart's Wilt infection as well as reaction of resistant strains of corn.

RETIRES FROM EDITORSHIP

The July issue of Stain Technology carries the announcement of the retirement of Dr. H. J. Conn as editor of that publication. Dr. Conn is a retired member of the Station staff, having served as soil bacteriologist until 1948. In tribute to him, the article salutes his 29 years of editorial work with these words: "...Stain Technology began with the January issue in 1926. Much of its growth and continued success is due to Dr. Conn's foresighted policies as its Editor. Whereas the first volume contained 148 pages, Volume 28, published in 1953, contained 332..."

Speaking of editors prompts us to present another one of those odes which expresses the unexaggerated feelings of the man who must interpret the scientist's reports for those who are expected to benefit by his work:
If you've got a thought that's happy--boil it down.
Make it short and crisp and snappy--boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
If you want your effort printed, boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter--boil it down.
Fewer syllables the better--boil it down.
Make your meaning plain--express it
So we'll know--not merely guess it
Then, my friend, ere you address it--boil it down.

Sim it well--then skim the skimmings--boil it down.
Trim it--then retrim the trimmings--boil it down.
When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
Cut another sentence in two
Send it in and we'll begin to
Boil it down.

The old sooth-sayer tells us that life is 10% what you make it, and 90% how you take it.
And another sage defines a quartet as four people who think the other three can't sing.