

After 45 years of service in the Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany, Mr. Perley Eastman retired on December 31st. Mr. Eastman came in contact with many Station workers in his work at the State Fair, horticultural meetings, and with the horticultural inspectors....Another former Station worker figured in a vegetable judging contest held at Cincinnati recently. The Cornell vegetable judging team, coached by Professors Arthur Pratt and Ray Sheldrake, took top honors in the national contest. Ray was an assistant in Veg Crops at the Station a few years ago....Mrs. Esther Jenkins, widow of Ralph Jenkins who worked as a chemist here in the early forties, chatted with some Station people over the holidays. She informed them that she had made a trip around the world by plane last summer and spent several weeks in the Philippines where she disposed of her father's holdings. Mrs. Jenkins is a teacher in Canandaigua and has a daughter who is a high school student, and a son, Robert, who is studying at Cornell. Bob worked in FS&T for a short time a year or two ago.

GRAD ASSISTANT VISITS

Leo Boulanger, grad student in Entomology, arrived here on Tuesday to confer with the entomologists. We don't get to see much of Leo since he's working with Dr. Dean in the Hudson Valley.

APPRECIATIVE

Mrs. Eunice Haight called up the other day on behalf of her sons, David, Daniel and Donald. The 3-D kids are grateful for the gift presented to them at Christmas--a remembrance from their friends at the Experiment Station. The gift was a sum of money representing the balance of some contributions started when the triplets were born. The first lump sum was presented to the mother, and later contributions were used for birthday and Christmas gifts for the youngsters.

SHORT-CHANGED

Income tax withholding forms were distributed this week with paychecks and at least a couple of discrepancies came to light. While M. T. Vittum and Leon Jones went into a huddle trying to check a matter of 82¢, Mike Szkolnik barged in with a more serious shortage. His W-2 form showed that he had earned some \$84,000 and that \$6139 had been withheld. Magnanimous Mike said he wouldn't quibble over the \$6000 tax if brother Jones would kindly fork over the balance of the \$84,000! The discrepancy is being referred to higher authority, but Mike maintains that it was simply a misplaced decimal point--by about three places!

KEGLERS CLASH

The Experiment Station bowling team is more firmly entrenched in the league cellar by virtue of a drubbing handed out last week by the rebel group, the Lutherans. Don Barton sparked the winners, who included Sandy Davis, Freeman McEwan, Haruo Tashiro and Foster Gambrell. The losing team was composed of Leo Klein, Mike Szkolnik, Al Braun, Cliff Davis, and Ken Hanson.

"Agricultural research is a matter of vital concern to the entire country, not just the farmer. As we look ahead we must face the fact that practically no new land is available to produce food, fiber, and forest products needed for this nation and its growing population. This means that increased production must come from farm land now available and probably will have to be done with less labor. The only way this job can be adequately done is through increased yields and producing more efficiently. The solution lies in providing farmers with an adequate research and education program".--Senator John C. Stennis, Mississippi, Dec. 1954.

Each year as the calculating machines shift into high gear, we try to make a point of simplifying the progress report task for our many readers. Chemical and Engineering News presents "A Standard Progress Report for Those with No Progress to Report" which we pass along for what it may be worth:

"During the report period which ends _____ (fill in appropriate date) considerable progress has been made in the preliminary work directed toward the establishment of the initial activities. (We are getting ready to start, but we haven't done anything yet.)

"Considerable difficulty has been encountered in the selection of optimum materials and experimental methods, but this problem is being attacked vigorously and we expect that the development phase will proceed at a satisfactory rate. (George is looking through the handbook). In order to prevent unnecessary duplication of previous efforts in the same field, it was necessary to establish a survey team which has conducted a rather extensive tour through various facilities in the immediate vicinity of manufacturers. (George and Harry had a nice time in New York).

"The Steering Committee held its regular meeting and considered rather important policy matters pertaining to the over-all organizational levels of the line and staff responsibilities that devolve on the personnel associated with the specific assignments resulting from the broad functional specifications. (Untranslatable--sorry). It is believed that the rate of progress will continue to accelerate as necessary personnel are recruited to fill vacant billets. (We'll get some work done as soon as we find someone who knows something.)"