



# STATION NEWS

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## TESTIMONIAL SYMPOSIUM

Several members of the Department of Food Science and Technology will be in Ithaca today and tomorrow for a testimonial symposium to honor Doctor J. B. Sumner, Director of Enzyme Chemistry, Biochemistry and Nutrition, and Doctor Leonard A. Maynard, Director of the School of Nutrition, both of whom retire July 1st.

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## POMOLOGY SEMINAR

Several members of the Pomology Department were in Ithaca yesterday to attend a seminar led by Doctor K. G. Parker. The topic--Virus and Virus-like Diseases of Stone Fruits and the Nature of the Problems They Pose.

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## STRAWBERRY CONFERENCE

Doctor Braun and Professor Slate are attending a two-day conference in Beltsville, Md., on strawberry problems. Doctor Braun will report on investigations of black rot and nematode on strawberries. Representatives from all important strawberry-producing areas of the country will be in attendance.

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## RESIDUE PROBLEMS

Representatives of Food Science, Entomology, and Plant Pathology conferred with their counterparts at Ithaca yesterday on problems raised by the so-called Miller bill and the federal regulations affecting the use of chemicals in connection with raw and processed foods. The bill applies to all chemicals used on plants as insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, hormone sprays, etc. It establishes tolerances for residues in some cases; and where no tolerance is established, no residue is permissible. The regulations, which are scheduled to go into effect in July, are of considerable concern to growers and processors alike and to those who make recommendations for pest control, weed sprays, and the application of chemicals to plants for any other purpose. One of the immediate concerns is the development of methods for analyzing both raw and processed foods for chemical residues.

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## AEC RESEARCH

According to the Geneva Daily Times, Doctor Bernard Nebel, formerly a member of the Pomology Department here, has accepted a position with the Argonne National Laboratory at Lemont, Ill., effective July 1st. The title of the new post is senior research cytologist, and Doctor Nebel will work in the field of radiation, biology, and medicine. He is at present employed by the AEC in Washington. Doctor Nebel began work at the Station in 1929 and resigned in 1942 to enter Medical School at the University of Rochester. He returned to Geneva as a general practitioner for a few years before going with the Atomic Energy Commission.

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## MR. NELSON

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Robert Ransford on the death of her father, Carl Nelson, last week. Bob Ransford, formerly of the Department of Food Science and Technology, is now employed with the Red Wing Company in Fredonia.

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## VISITORS

Among those who stopped in at the Station during the past few days was a delegation from American Cyanamid who called on Doctor Hamilton and Doctor Glass regarding new pesticides that are going through a screening process here. The group included Doctor Kenneth Nolan, Ray Bender, and John Yost....The entomologists also had among their guests Doctor Rose Marie von Runkler, Director of Research for Chemigrow Corporation of New York City. The entomologists are cooperating with this company in testing some of its products....At Ithaca since last September under a Fulbright Travel Grant, Doctor Masaki Yamamot of the Shimane Agricultural College at Matsue, Japan, visited the Plant Pathology Department Monday. Doctor Yamamot is especially interested in disease resistance in plants and has been studying at Ithaca under the auspices of a Sigma Xi Fellowship.

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#### COLLEGE CLUB ELECTS

Mrs. Ben Clark completed her term of office as President of the Geneva College Club last week but will continue on the Board of Directors. The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the choice of Miss Charlotte Pratt as first vice president. The guest speaker at the annual dinner and business meeting was Mrs. Hugh Glasgow who gave an illustrated account of her experiences on a trip through Europe last summer which included attendance on the International Botanical Congress in Paris.

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#### RECUPERATING

Our "sick" list grew during the past week, but in most cases the victims are on the mend now. Mrs. Ralph Stearman and Mrs. Roy Nittler are still confined to the Geneva General Hospital. Infant David Nittler is reported to be gaining steadily....Henry Bennett and Foster Gambrell were released from the hospital following minor surgery....Bud Palmiter of the Poughkeepsie Laboratory is still nursing a badly burned hand sustained when some grafting wax with which he was working became overheated....And Ben Clark, George Hucker, and Charlie Sayre are doing their recuperating at home....All of which opens the way for us to tell about our "accident" (and fill a few more lines in the NEWS) which has brought raised eyebrows but little sympathy. It all happened at the State Fair grounds last week when a sign got away and clipped us over one eye. But remembering all we have heard about accident prevention in the meetings of the Safety Committee, we didn't fall off the ladder and we didn't drop the hammer,

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#### IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE!

Or could it? We shudder at the possibility. The story goes that Professor Peterson, controller of the College of Agriculture and whose Department operates the College motor pool, was routed out of bed late one night recently by a telephone call from an irate State trooper who had found a College car overturned and abandoned on the highway. The trooper stated that Peterson's name was on a document in the glove compartment, hence the call. It seems that the car belonged to the College pool and was being driven by a professor (name unrevealed) who had skidded and turned over but without serious injury to himself. He had crawled out of the car, gone to a hotel in the nearest town and turned in, without notifying the police or anyone else about the car.

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#### A BREAK FOR OUR READERS

The editor will be out of town at NEWS time next week and the girls will take over! Miss Jennings has graciously consented to act as Managing Editor, Editor-in-Chief, Executive Editor, or whatever title she may choose. She will get an assist from the other girls around the place since they do most of the news gathering week in and week out anyway. So here's to the ladies, bless 'em!

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#### MORE NEW BOOKS

- Wilde & Woigt. Analysis of soils and plants for foresters and horticulturists. Edwards, 1955.  
Kaston. How to know the spiders. Brown, 1953.  
Roberts. Studies of biosynthesis in *Escherichia coli*. Carnegie Institution of Washington, Pub. 607, 1955.  
Carnegie Institution of Washington Yearbook No. 53, 1953-54.  
Proceedings of the 9th Annual Meeting Northeastern Weed Control Conference, 1955 and Supplement.  
Barnett. Illustrated genera of imperfect fungi. Burgess, 1955.  
Bellamy. The infra-red spectra of complex molecules. Wiley, 1954.  
Luria. General virology. Wiley, 1953.  
Needham. The biology of Mayflies. Comstock Press, 1935.  
Felt. Plant galls and gall makers. Comstock Press, 1940.  
Reddish. Antiseptics, disinfectants, fungicides and chemical and physical sterilization. Lea and Febiger, 1954.  
Leopold. Auxins and plant growth. Univ. of California Press, 1955.  
Neilands. Outlines of enzyme chemistry. Wiley, 1955.

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If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, what does an empty desk indicate?