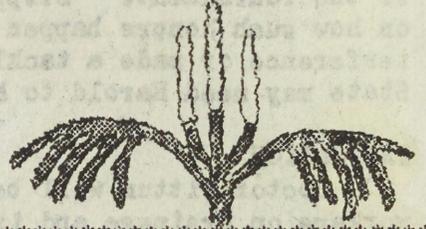




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Geneva, N. Y.

GENEVA, N. Y.—OF COURSE

The folks in the Seed Laboratory have the story of the week. Recently, they received a half pound of Russian wheat, by first class mail, from Amsterdam, Holland. That in itself would be unusual, but what gives the story a real twist is that the consignment was addressed simply "Geneve". Not "Geneve", USA, or New York, nor even the Seed Testing Laboratory—nothing but the word "Geneve" lettered in ink on the package. Some one wrote USA in pencil on the envelop, and it was delivered to the Seed Testing Laboratory here without further ado. Doctor Clark deduces from markings on the package that it is a sample taken in Amsterdam from a shipment from Leningrad, USSR. He thinks the wheat may have been intended for food purposes rather than seed and that the sample was probably intended for Geneva, Switzerland. However, sharp postal authorities in The Netherlands thought first of the Seed Testing Laboratory in Geneva, N. Y.—naturally. Any way, if you want to make a batch of borst, Ben has one of the basic ingredients.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

A communication from Cornell University Provost Sanford Atwood to all Deans, Directors, and Department Heads reads as follows:

"Christmas Day this year falls on Sunday and in accordance with custom will be celebrated on Monday. Offices will be closed Friday night, December 23, and will reopen on Tuesday morning, December 27.

"Next year New Year's Day will fall on Sunday and in accordance with custom it will be observed on Monday. Offices will close Friday night, December 30, and will reopen on Tuesday morning, January 3, 1956."

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Paris Trail returned to his home at 24 Carlton Road, Waterloo, Saturday from the Geneva General Hospital. His knee is still pretty stiff and sore, but he is rapidly mastering the manipulation of his crutches and hopes to be on duty within a week or ten days. We regret to note that while in the hospital, he was informed of the death of his mother at the home of a sister in Kutztown, Pa., following a long illness. We extend sincere sympathy in his loss.

STATE CANNERS MEET

The annual meeting of the New York State Canners and Freezers Association will be held in Buffalo tomorrow and Friday. Several people from Vegetable Crops and Food Science are planning to attend. Various conferences and committee meetings will be held during the two-day session.

EXCESS MEDICAL EXPENSE

Professor A. H. Peterson of the Business Office explained the workings of the State Retirement System Monday morning and also discussed the status of Station employees with respect to the Cornell group insurance for excess medical expense. Describing the latter as one of the best protections obtainable for middle-income groups, Professor Peterson stated that Station people can be included if 75% of the eligible employees sign up. A number of persons here have already made application and forms are available in the Business Office for those who are interested. The group policy provides for payment of 80% of medical costs above the first \$500 up to \$10,000 for one illness or accident. It may be set up on an individual or family basis. The important thing right now, however, is for a sufficient number to apply for the protection to make the policy effective here at the Station.

The November issue of the Cornell Countryman carries a feature story about the plant introduction work here. The article is photogenetically illustrated with a picture of Miss Shirley McGuigan in the midst of an assortment of Asiatic squashes.

LAMENT FROM LANSING

A "pathetic" note has been received from Harold Tukey, head of the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University, lamenting the fact that as Vice Chairman of the Athletic Council it is necessary for the entire Tukey family to attend the Tournament of Roses and The Rose Bowl game January 1st--of course as the guests of the Tournament. Dripping with crocodile tears, the letter goes on to speculate on how such honors happen to be heaped on him--a Republican--since he's never run interference or made a tackle. But according to rumors around the Big Ten, Michigan State may need Harold to help carry the ball New Year's Day.

IRRIGATION

Doctor Vittum will be in Chicago tomorrow for a conference of Soil Conservation workers on drainage and irrigation problems of the eastern states. He will report on irrigation experiments with canning crops.

LILY YEARBOOK

The 1955 edition of the Yearbook of the North American Lily Society is now available. As with all previous editions it appears under the editorship of Professor Slate. And speaking of George, he was in Boston last week for a meeting of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum.

IN THE HEATING PLANT

Mr. Stephen Kacedon has started work as a power plant helper. He was formerly employed at Shuron and Sampson.

TRAINING SCHOOL

The annual county agent training school is underway in Ithaca this week. The fruit section is on today and members of Entomology and Plant Pathology are briefing the agents on the latest information in their fields.

IN THE HOSPITAL

We are sorry to report that Mrs. James Moyer is seriously ill in Geneva General Hospital.

RECUPERATING AT HOME

George Hervey is making good progress toward complete recovery from his recent operation and will doubtless be back in the office before long....John Watson is having a "swell" time at home with a case of mumps. (We are really sorry, John, but we couldn't help that pun)....Doctor Hucker is nursing a strained back aggravated by a car-washing project.

THE BRIDGE CLUB

The Station Bridge Club will hold its next session Friday evening, December 16th. For further details, consult Herb Rietmann.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings have been received from the Wesselmanns in Quito, Ecuador, and from Derrill Daniel, formerly a member of the Entomology Department. It is now Major General Daniel, in command of the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Jahns are rejoicing in the arrival of a grandson born to Lois and Gunter Jahn in Minneapolis on November 22nd. He is Dana Howard and weighed in at 5 lbs. 15 oz. Mrs. Jahn senior is in Minneapolis at present....And there will be another stocking hanging in front of the Klein fireplace Christmas Eve for another curly-haired blond in the Klein family who arrived Sunday. She weighs 7 lbs. 6 oz. Congratulations to one and all.

SOME NEW BOOKS

The following have been added to the Library recently!
Official Methods of Analysis. A.O.A.C., 8th ed., 1955.
Greenleaf. Photographic optics. Macmillan, 1950.
Holman, Lundberg & Malkin. Progress in the chemistry of fats and other lipids, v. 3. Pergamon Press, 1955.
Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institute, 1954. Gov't Printing Office, 1955.
Vitamins and hormones, v. 13, 1955. Academic Press.
Aldrich. Sarcophaga and allies in North America. Thomas Say Foundation, 1916.
Claassen. Plecoptera nymphs of America. Thomas Say Foundation, 1931.
Hall. The blowflies of North America. Thomas Say Foundation, 1948,
Hawes. Index 12 to the literature of American economic entomology, 1952. Ent.Soc.Am.
Hawes. Index 13 to the literature of American economic entomology, 1953. Ent.Soc.Am.
Beirne. Collecting, preparing & preserving insects. Canada Dept. of Agr., '55.
Association of American Feed Control Officials, Inc. Official publication, 1956.