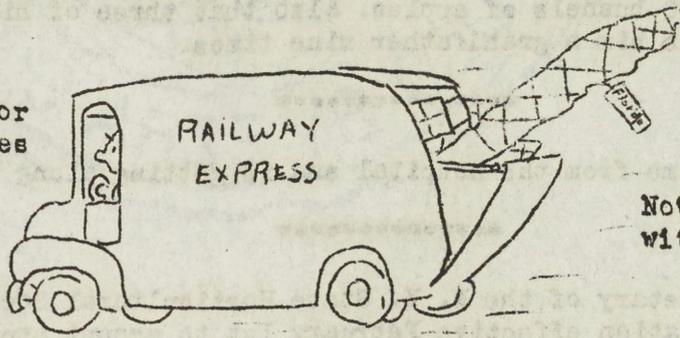


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WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
Jan. 13	33	25	.3 inches of snow
Jan. 14	39	25	cloudy
Jan. 15	39	25	.05 inches of rain
Jan. 16	29	13	5.6 inches of snow
Jan. 17	19	5	1. inches of snow
Jan. 18	18	3	Fair
Jan. 19	36	16	Cloudy

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NURSERYMEN MEET

The Western New York Nurserymen's Association will meet in Rochester on Friday. Karl Brase and Doctor Gambrell will be moderators of a discussion on Propagation and Production.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN FLORIDA

A member of the Chamber of Commerce of Eustis, Florida, wrote to Frank McNicholas, County Agent of Niagara County, requesting a cherry tree. Former residents of New York State now living in Florida were homesick for the sight of cherry trees in bloom and they asked the Chamber to write to New York State to try to get a tree for the Washington's Birthday Parade. The agent wrote Karl Brase who had an 8 foot tree to be removed anyway— so he dug it up, put it in the nursery cellar, and last week it was sent by express to Florida where it will be forced and be in bloom for the parade.

APPOINTMENT

Howard Baker has received an appointment as a laboratory Technician in the Food Science Building. He filled the vacancy left by the resignation of Milton Christensen. Howard formerly worked at Cornell and is commuting from Ithaca for the time being.

BILL MILLS RETIRING

A familiar figure around the Horticultural Society meetings and gatherings of spray specialists and fruit growers will be missed with the retirement in March of Bill Mills, Extension Specialists in Fruit Diseases. Bill began his Extension career in 1923 as an assistant county agent and in 1926 was named Extension fruit disease specialists at the College. He received the Ph. D. degree from Cornell in 1930. The USDA made a Superior Service Award to him in 1955. Bill's colleagues here at the Station and a host of friends around the State will cherish their contacts with him through the years and wish him well.

LIBRARY NOTE

The Library has just acquired a copy of "Physiology of Fungi" by Vincent W. Cochrane, Professor of Biology at Wesleyan University. Doctor Cochrane is Doctor H. J. Conn's son-in-law and used the facilities of the Station Library in compiling material for his book while on visits to the Conns, a fact which he acknowledges in the Preface.

FARM AND HOME WEEK

March 23 to 27 are the dates for the 1959 Farm and Home Week program at Ithaca.

A VETERAN HEARD FROM

Commenting on Bill Mill's retirement makes reference to a recent story about Jack Combs in order. According to CURRENT EPISODES, Jack, former county agent in Monroe County and a regular attendant at the Eastern Meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Kingston, writes from his Hampton Falls, N. H., fruit farm that he harvested 115,000 bushels of apples. Also that three of his four daughters are married and have made him a grandfather nine times.

CONVALESCING

Mrs. Pedersen is home from the hospital and is getting along fine.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Dan Dalrymple, Secretary of the N. Y. State Horticultural Society since 1947, has announced his resignation effective February 1st to accept appointment as Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, under Don Wickham. Dan has provided energetic direction to the Society's activities and has been most cooperative and helpful in Station contacts with the Society and the fruit industry. We hope to continue to see much of him in his new position in Albany and extend congratulations on the appointment and best wishes for every success.

A DIFFERENT VIEW OF COFFEE BREAKS

We'll amend this item with the statement that it doesn't apply to any member of the staff at Geneva and Ithaca. (Some people will say that it does too apply, but we'll deny it warmly). It was told to us by a friend who shall be nameless. "Confidentially," he said, in a voice that could be heard in every corner of the crowded room, "I used to think that all these college experts wasted a lot of time on coffee breaks.

"But after careful study, I've decided that the coffee breaks really serve a good purpose." (He's a Ph. D. and a former college specialist, now growing broke, he says, as a fruit grower, so he speaks with some authority in matters like this.) "You see," he went on, "there's all these guys who hide away in dusty corners around a college, and if coffee breaks didn't bring them out a couple of times a day, the spiders would have them all tied up in cobwebs, and the bodies might not be found for months."

COLD WEATHER TRICKS

SAND -- For better traction, carry a flat box full of sand in the trunk, as far back as it will go. Weighing perhaps 150 lbs., it will keep your rear wheels down, and may come in handy if you get stuck.

SLUDGE -- In slushy weather, inspect the underside of the car occasionally for accumulated blocks of sludge. They are especially dangerous around the front wheels since at some crucial moment they may prevent your making a full turn or getting yourself out of a skid.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY RECENTLY

- Block. Paper chromatography and paper electrophoresis, 2nd ed. Academic Press, 1958
- Grainger. A guide to the History of bacteriology. Ronald Press 1958
- Tenth International Congress of Entomology, 4 Volumes. Montreal 1958
- Strain. Chloroplast pigments and chromatographic analysis. Van Nostrand, 1958
- Jacobs. The chemical analysis of foods and food products, 3rd ed. Van Nostrand 1958
- Essig. Insects and mites of North America. MacMillan, 1958
- Hale. The interference microscope in biological research. Williams and Wilkins, 1958
- Barr. The mosquitoes of Minnesota. Minn. Agr. Exp. Station, 1958
