STATION NEWS

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WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
Feb. 23	28	18	Fair
Feb. 24	32	11	Trace of snow
Feb. 25	37	15	1.2 inches of snow
Feb. 26	38	25	.43 inches of rain & snow
Feb. 27	33	22	Cloudy
Feb. 28	32	18	Fair
Feb. 29	27	14	.3 inches of snow

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SNAP BEAN CONFERENCE

The Snap Bean Industry Conference will be held in Jordan Hall on March 4th. This is a meeting sponsored by the New York State College Extension Service and the Cornell and Geneva Experiment Stations and is intended to bring growers up to date on snap bean research, production, irrigation, and mechanical harvesting.

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ON THE ROAD

Dr. Clark spoke at the Annual Winter Muck Meeting in Madison County on Tuesday. Dr. Clark spoke on "Cold Test of Onion Seeds".

Dr. Tomkins, Braun, Shaulis, and Schaefers will speak at a Small Fruit Schools Meeting in the Hudson Valley on March 3 and 4.

Dr. Clark left today for Albany to attend a hearing on the rules and regulations of the New York State Seed Law concerning the inspection and sale of seeds.

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VISITOR

John Barker from Rohm and Haas will visit the Entomology Department on Thursday. He is interested in the set-up here for rearing insects.

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GREENHOUSE NOTES

Ken Hanson placed 39 flats of peach seeds from his 1958 crosses in the greenhouse on February 16th and they are starting to push through. They will be transplanted into small pots and bands later and planted in the field in April or May.

Bob Lamb started this years apple scab evaluation program last week with 7 flats of apple seeds from the 1958 scab resistant crosses. Bob plans to get in about 10 additional flats a week for several months.

The Seed Lab has tests going on some of the pre-plant containers picked up on the open market this year. They are mostly flowers but some are vegetables.

Plant introduction is busy planting their clovers in flats for transplanting to the field this spring.

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APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

Leo Klein has been appointed chairman of the Plant Material Exchange, Tree Fruits Committee. The appointment was made at the American Pomological Society Executive Board Meeting in York, Pa. on February 9th. Leo's job will be to aid and encourage the exchange of plant breeding material between plantbreeders in this country and abroad.

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GETS "FOOLPROOF" CAMERA

At the Dinner Meeting of the Red Cherry Conference held at Lafayette Inn last Wednesday evening, Bill Sherman of the N. Y. S. Canners & Freezers Association presented Prof. James Luckett with an automatic foolproof 35 mm camera. This was a mark of appreciation from the Association for Jim's many years of assistance with meetings and conferences here at the Station.

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CELEBRATES 4th BIRTHDAY

Donna Bennett, Henry's 16 year old daughter, celebrated her 4th birthday on Monday.

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CERES CIRCLE

Are you thinking of taking a trip--not now in the snow, of course--but when the sun shines bright and the grass is green? In the comforts of Mrs. Heinicke's home, members of Ceres Circle will travel with Mrs. Glasgow next Monday evening, March 7. Plan now to come and enjoy her delightful pictures. Mrs. William Mishanec is in charge of the program and the hostess is Mrs. Robert Gilmer. The journey will begin at 8 P. M.

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SAVINGS BONDS DRIVE

Savings Bonds are important for the vital role they play in helping to finance our national defense program and in maintaining a sound and secure economy. For the individual, Savings Bonds are an ideal savings and investment medium. They are unmatched for safety. They provide a guaranteed return over a period of years. And the Payroll Savings method of purchase, because it is simple, automatic and convenient and because it provides a means of setting aside savings ahead of other demands on income, is an exceptionally effective thrift program. Extra application blanks available at the Business Office in Jordan Hall.

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LOST

A small key has been lost. The finder please see John Watson.

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OPERATION POPCORN

Excerpts from a letter to Dr. Heinicke as Director of the Experiment Station from a girls' High School in Texas:...Your name is on our list as a competent advisor or contributor toward the success of our study of popcorn by all students in our English classes.

"As you see from our enclosed outline, we want to learn much about this interesting, important, American food product that holds a prominent place in the social life of today.

"We will sincerely appreciate any help that you offer on popcorn."

The girls sent along this partial list of sub-topics which could be studied:

history and present status
varieties and hybrids-biological makeup of plant; kernel structure
national and world production and consumption statistics
government subsidy, surplus
soil, rotation, and fertilizers
harvesting, drying, storing, cleaning
moisture determinations; necessary machinery
popping expansion; moisture, oil, kind of popper and seasoning, temperature of popper, size and shape of containers, manufacturers of poppers-containers
marketing, advertising promotions, export business, home and other consumption
diseases and insects; rodent control
by-products--cobs, stalks, oil, confections, used for packing purposes.
popcorn associations, brokers, trade journals
POPCORN FESTIVAL---POPCORN PRINCESS
career possibilities--number of people and jobs involved
scholarships available; research centers and topics
recipes; tie-in items
new items of interest--Popcorn Bib
new horizons for popcorn
reference to popcorn in literature
popcorn with army of occupation; in Alaska; in Hawaii

The letter concludes: "As a culminating activity we plan an exhibit of letters, materials, samples, and student research themes. Last but not least, we hope to stage an over-all Popcorn Festival."

This isn't limited to the Director, but is open to everyone else who knows anything about popcorn. The address is: Providence High School
1215 N. St. Marys Street
San Antonio 2, Texas

The Editor has forwarded two of Dr. Stewarts publications. Incidentally if anyone wants a copy of their findings they will be sent on request.

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