

STATION NEWS

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WEEK'S WEATHER

	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
April 11	52	37	Trace of rain
April 12	58	39	.02 in. rain
April 13	56	42	Trace of rain
April 14	78	51	Cloudy
April 15	58	50	.18 in. rain
April 16	75	54	.22 in. rain
April 17	81	44	Trace of rain
April 18	44	31	.11 in. rain

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OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

The Station is playing host today to a group of newly appointed Assistant County Agents under the leadership of H. W. Matott, Assistant State Leader of County Agricultural Agents. The group is undergoing a two-week in-service training program at Ithaca, and is spending the day here to become acquainted with the overall program of the Station and to see a few specific projects in detail. The day's activities start off with a discussion by Doctor Heinicke of the aims and objectives of the Station and its relation to the College of Agriculture and to the Extension Service. Then will follow visits to laboratories and greenhouses where the Heads of Departments, or their representatives, will review the program of each Department and the agents will see one or two projects in action.



YATES COUNTY 4-H GIRLS

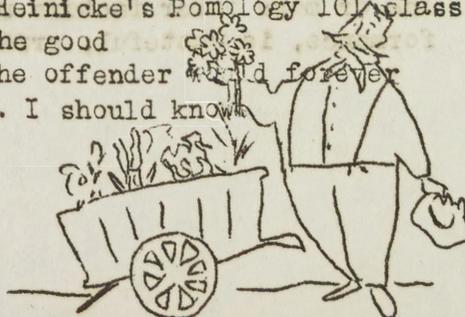
A group of about 28 4-H girls and their leaders from Yates County toured the Station Monday afternoon. The visit was something in the nature of a special activity as an achievement award for the girls. It was also a deferred trip, having been scheduled for one of the days in March when Yates County was snowed in, along with Ontario County. The trip included a look at work in Entomology, Seeds, Pomology, and Food Science.

A PODIUM FOR THE NEW BUILDING

At a recent meeting in the new Food Research Building of the National Kraut Packers Association, incidentally the first meeting of an outside group in the new building, someone introduced a king-size replica of a tin can, commemorating the 150th anniversary of this universal gadget so highly thought of by the housewife. It was used as a podium for that meeting. When someone suggested that it would make an attractive fixture for the seminar room in the Food Science Building, the Can Manufacturers Institute saw to it that one of the "cans" was delivered to the Station as a permanent piece of equipment.

A STUDENT REMEMBERS

"A Golden Bell Rings" is the title R. T. Meister, editor of American Fruit Grower Magazine, uses for comment on the recognition of Doctor Heinicke's 46 years of service to New York Horticulture in the April issue of the Fruit Grower. "What is the evidence?" This question rings a golden bell in my memory," writes Mr. Meister, continuing, "Woe to the student in A. J. Heinicke's Pomology 101 class who substituted opinion for fact in his answer. The good professor would interrupt with a dry comment and the offender would resolve to peruse his studies more conscientiously. I should know. I shared this resolve with many others."



TUKEY TO THE NETHERLANDS

Doctor Harold Tukey, Head of the Horticulture at Michigan State and formerly at this Station, served as U. S. representative at the council meeting of the recently formed International Society for Horticultural Science at the Hague, March 24 to 27. The Society has been organized in recognition of the growing interest in the science of horticulture throughout the world and is designed to encourage the holding of conferences and the exchange of information. Incidentally, Another Harold Tukey, Harold Junior, in this case, was heard from the other day in one of the demonstrations attended by Heads of Departments in Ithaca. The younger Tukey is Assistant Professor in Floriculture.

PROCEEDINGS OUT

The Proceedings of the 105th Annual Meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society arrived during the past week. Station contributors include Professors Brase Chapman, Curtis, Dean, Forshey, Glass, Hamilton, LaBelle, Lienk, Moyer, Palmiter, Shaulis, Szkolnik, and Tomkins.

AN "E" FOR EFFORT

A BIG E for a job well done goes to the members of Wilson Hey's crew, sparked by Alex Calabrese and Glenn Koek, who have been putting in long hours the past several weeks moving books and bulletins in the library rejuvenation project. First, all of the backlog of Station publication stored in the basement of Jordan Hall had to be moved from the room now used as a supplemental Library to what was the boiler room. Then came the job of moving hundreds of volumes from the Library shelves to the refurbished basement room. These projects have now been completed, except for some final readjustments in the Library stacks. It took a lot of doing to keep the various series of publications and Library material in order and we should be set for another ten years now.

IN KUTZTOWN

The Trail family took off Good Friday for a ten-day vacation and a family reunion in Kutztown, Pa., area.

FREE AD

Gerry Marx would welcome information about the availability of a one or two bedroom cottage or house to rent, furnished, and preferably in the country. He can be reached at 6139.

MRS. FLINT LEAVING

We regret to note that, due to continued ill health, Mrs. M. E. Flint who has been in charge of the Bulletin Room for the past two years, is relinquishing her position April 30th. Her Doctor counsels prolonged rest, and we sincerely trust that she will soon respond to his prescription.

ICA VISITORS

Three International Cooperation Administration trainees visited the Station yesterday to discuss plant quarantine procedures. They included Si Chong Lee of Korea, Alvaro Mora Chacon of Costa Rica, and Ngo Van Quzen of Vietnam.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

A reader of the NEWS has referred to us the following comments by Doctor George Scarseth, well-known agronomist of the American Farm Research Association, under the caption—"Do Your Experiments Mislead the Farmer?" Says Scarseth: Uncontrolled limiting factors ruin a lot of experiments. This would not be too serious except for our tendency to use any data as the whole truth as long as it comes from a formal experiment, good or bad as it may be. Let us abandon or make museums out of inadequate experiments and not use them as fences across the roads to progress. To use data in new literature from such experiments is not only misleading, but clutters our libraries and makes dead what can be inspiring and stimulating. To conduct an experiment to determine the value of a specific factor, when one or more other factors may be the chief function defining the performance, is wasteful, erroneous, and boring.

