

# STATION NEWS

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## DEAN MYERS TO BE SIGMA XI SPEAKER

Members of Sigma Xi and the general public will have an opportunity to hear an authoritative discussion on "Problems Involved in Price Supports" at the next Sigma Xi lecture meeting to be held April 19th. Dean W. I. Myers of the College of Agriculture will be the speaker and he will present his subject in Jordan Hall. A further announcement will be made next week but this advance notice is being given so that the date can be reserved. The topic should be of particular interest to area farmers.

## SEED INSPECTION CONFERENCE

A "school" for New York State's Horticultural Inspectors will open a two-day session at the Station tomorrow morning. The Seed Lab personnel are giving the laboratories a thorough spring-cleaning in preparation for the event. Topics to be discussed include sampling tools and techniques, review of present and proposed New York State Seed Laws, and accomplished and suggested seed collections for 1954. All of these subjects are on Thursday's program, following which there will be a tour of the Station seed laboratories. Two talks will make up Friday's abbreviated sessions: Dr. R. H. Bradley, Manager of the New York State Certified Seed Growers' Coop and the Foundation Seedstocks Coop, will talk about "Seed Certification in New York State"; and Chief of the U.S.D.A.'s Seed Branch, Mr. W. A. Davidson, will speak about "The Federal Seed Act".

## SAFETY TEAM ORGANIZED

Members of FS&T met on Monday afternoon to discuss safety measures and practices in the Department. Upshot of the conference was the establishment of a six-man rotating committee which will make monthly inspections and recommendations concerning precautionary measures in the Department's two buildings.

## CHEST X-RAY CLINIC

A mobile chest X-ray unit will be at the Experiment Station on the morning of April 20th for the accommodation of all Station workers. The service is being provided without charge by the Ontario County Tuberculosis and Health Association. The only pre-requisite is the filling out of identification cards which are available at the Business Office. The cards must be filled out prior to the day of the clinic. The service is provided for the public and personal welfare and all personnel are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to be X-rayed.

## 500,000 TO ONE

Entomologists throughout the land are commemorating 100 years of insect research this year and the populace is being given several slants on the magnitude of the insect kingdom which is conceding some space on this planet to mankind. A new movie, entitled "500,000 to 1", has been released by the Sinclair Refining Company and is now in the hands of the Station entomologists. In a masterpiece of photography and visualization, the movie gives representative glimpses of the many facets of the relationship between man and insect. Doctors Gambrell and Lienk projected the film at yesterday's meeting of the Seneca Falls Rotary Club and provided necessary explanations. Tomorrow, the same film will be viewed by three classes of Geneva High School science pupils during their visit to the Experiment Station.

## CHAPMAN TO ADDRESS KIWANIS

Tomorrow, Dr. Chapman's highly-popular treatment of "This Insect World in which We Live", will be heard by members of the Kiwanis Club in Seneca Falls. Kodachrome slides will be used for illustrating the talk.

## VITTUM SPEAKS TO MAINE GROWERS

This week is Farm and Home Week at Orono, Maine, and there to tell vegetable crops growers about some of New York's findings is Dr. M. T. Vittum. The local specialist is making two appearances on the program, both dealing with the use of fertilizer in producing vegetable crops. He will return on Thursday.

## AT GLADIOLUS MEETING

Doctors Gambrell and Gilmer were among the speakers at last Saturday's meeting of the Empire State Gladiolus Society at Lima. Conspicuous by his absence was Leo Klein who is still taking things at a decelerated tempo following his recent illness.



#### FS&T SEMINAR

In the Staff Room of Jordan Hall on Thursday, April 15th, Dr. Norman Lawrence will discuss "Studies on the Germination of Aerobic Bacterial Spores". The talk is a Food Science Department seminar and will begin at 7:30 P.M.

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#### EQUIPMENT ADDITIONAL

The Plant Introduction Department is now mechanized, at least as far as transportation is concerned. A spanking new light blue Ford Country Sedan (which affords most of the features of maroon Ranch Wagons) has been acquired, and carries eight passengers....Her thumb worn down from years of hitch-hiking, Eleanor Warren blossomed out with a Chevy Bel-Aire over the weekend. It's a sharp-looking green affair and we recommend giving it a wide berth until they get used to each other.

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#### BIRTH OF THE HARVEST

A thumbnail description of the work of the Station's Seed Testing Department is depicted in the window of the National Bank of Geneva this week and next. Pictures of some of the operations, and services, as well as information media, are included.

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#### POT POURRI

Leon Jones is chagrined with us for not having mentioned the birth of his grandchild on March 18th. It was Janet Leigh, daughter of Lois and Fred Toombs, who now stands third in line in the youngest generation of the Jones family..... Mrs. Pedersen has returned to work after making considerable recovery from the burns she received in the chemical accident a couple of weeks ago. Mrs. Cook is still convalescing from her injuries....And Mrs. Fenton Carruth is reported to be ill with virus pneumonia at her Seneca Castle home....Visitors from the Geigy Company called on entomologists yesterday. They were the Messrs. J. H. Hood, Roger Scott, and C. C. Alexander....Perhaps the recent heavy precipitation has caused pea planters a good deal of despair but there may be some comfort in the fact that it has contributed tremendous volumes of water for the Station ponds. The latest excavation south of the greenhouse has become an attractive little lake by virtue of the surface rise....It may be news to some of our readers that the Hansons are settling their home at 77 Mill Street in Waterloo. Now they have neighbors in the family of the Tomkinses who are setting up housekeeping at 5 Amherst Street.

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#### SOCIETY COLUMN

The guest book at the Carl Pederson home is getting such a workout that it justifies a separate item. Four visitors from Wisconsin arrived yesterday. Doc's brother, A. M. Pederson, and cousin, Ragnhild Klavenes, blew in from Tomah and are en route to New York City and a trip to Norway. It's a return to her homeland for Miss Klavenes and a visit for Mr. Pederson. And coming from Milwaukee for a brief stay with the Geneva Pedersons were Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson who are brother-in-law and sister of the Station scientist.

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#### VISITING PROFESSORS

A survey of raspberry plantings in the Hudson Valley was made last week by Dr. John Tomkins. John spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the berry growing districts.... Dr. Tashiro is at Moorestown, N. J., conferring with staff members at the Japanese Beetle Laboratory.

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#### CHERRY GRADING

Frozen and canned cherries were scrutinized yesterday in Sturtevant as State Inspectors Foley and Cornish joined forces with Norman Healey of the Federal Agricultural Marketing Service. The preserved products were graded for subsequent comparison with similar readings made on the cherries before processing.

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#### SCIENCE STUDENTS

Members of three Geneva High School science classes will descend upon the Station tomorrow morning for a quick glimpse of agricultural research. Mrs. Glasgow, the instructor, will turn her charges over to Mr. Luckett and Mr. Wesselmann for a trip through the Seed Labs, the Greenhouses, and the Museum. Also included in the visit will be a showing of the 16mm sound-and-color movie on insects, "500,000 to 1".

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#### YOUNG PAT HENRYS

Professors Luckett and Hucker served as judges in an oratorical contest held in Jordan Hall on Monday afternoon. Youths of the Geneva FFA Chapter competed in the first phase of a national speaking contest. The winner was Ronald Morse who spoke about "Government Price Regulations". In recent years, Geneva entries in the annual contest have reached high rungs on the national ladder and the first elimination in Jordan Hall was the beginning of a climb to the national championship for at least one Geneva youth.

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It is much more important to be human than to be important.

--Will Rogers