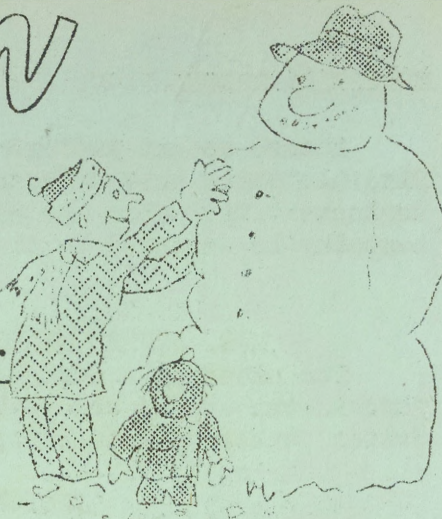


# STATION NEWS



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## HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL PLAN

Doctor Braun has announced that the next date for filing applications for the Blue Cross Hospitalization Insurance and/or the Genesee Valley Medical Care Plan is December 12th. New members of the Station family and old members who haven't yet joined, may take advantage of the reduced rates for groups at this time. Changes of address or spouse should also be taken care of by contacting Doctors Braun, Gambrell, or Dearborn.

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## CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES TO MEET

A short meeting of the Civil Service Employees' Association has been scheduled for a week from today in Daguerre Hall. The time is 5:00 P.M. when the list of new nominations will be read.

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## COUNTY AGENTS SCHOOL AT ITHACA

According to the program, New York State's County Agents are really getting the latest dope thrown at them from all angles at Ithaca this week. Just in the Fruit Conference alone, they've heard lectures galore from the authorities at Ithaca and Geneva. That session is lasting for the first three days of this week and includes several talks by Chapman, Hamilton, Palmiter, Glass, Dean, Smith, Braun, Taschenberg, Shaulis, and Slate. The vegetarians will hold forth the last two days of the meeting with Vittum and Dearborn talking tomorrow and Hervey, Butler, and Howe giving their spiels on Friday.

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## BATTLE OF THE YEAR

It was just eight years ago that the attack on Pearl Harbor flooded our newspapers with photos of smoke, fire, and noise. There'll be a repetition of the conflagration (on a slightly smaller scale) in the Masonic Temple Sunday evening when the two Station bowling teams will play off their twice-postponed match. Up in Plant Pathology, Harry Young and Al Braun have quit speaking to each other and have taken to vengeful glares. The situation is very tense and we hope it doesn't lead to anything rash----before Sunday night. Anyway, the two captains are busy juggling the starting lineups for the clash. Opening gun will be fired at 7:00 P.M.

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## OUT-OF-STATE SPEAKERS

Don't know if they have to travel that far to get anyone to listen to them but we note that Nelson Shaulis spoke yesterday at a meeting of the New Jersey Horticultural Society in Atlantic City and next Tuesday, Professor Sayre is scheduled to speak on "Quality in Canning Crops" at a Cannery Conference at State College, Pa.

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## MORE MEETINGS AT ITHACA

In addition to the County Agents' School which is going on at Ithaca this week, Monday saw two other meetings in which local scientists participated. Professors Sayre and Vittum sat in on a fertilizer conference and later joined Professor Dearborn at a Vegetable Crops Seminar which featured M. E. Anderson of the Rogers Brothers Seed Company. Anderson's topic dealt with "Research in Breeding Peas, Beans, and Sweet Corn".

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## HOSPITALIZED

Miss Janet MacKenzie, sister of Mrs. George Hucker, is in the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, recovering from fractures of the left leg and right ankle. The injuries were sustained in a fall at her apartment last Friday. We're also hoping to hear some encouraging news concerning Mrs. Ralph Stearman who has been under observation in the same hospital for about two weeks.

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## LEFEVRE TAKES PULPIT

Rufus H. LeFevre, who completed a temporary appointment in the Entomology Division last April, has accepted the pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church in Tamaqua, Pa. Reverend LeFevre was a missionary in China for several years and left that country during World War II. He taught at a mission college and also at Sampson before his appointment here.

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## FRANK G. PHILLIPS

A former agronomist at the Station, Frank G. Phillips, passed away a few days ago, at the age of 88 years. Mr. Phillips retired in the early '20s after 35 years at the Station. He is survived by three daughters and two sons.

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MRS. NINA ROHNER

A more recent employee of the Station died a week ago at the home of her son. Nina C. Rohner served for only a few weeks late this summer as accountant in the Business Office when she was forced to leave because of ill health. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

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MRS. JENNIE ALBRO

The widow of a former Station carpenter is the third former associate to have passed away during the week. Mrs. Jennie Albro, wife of Edgar L. Albro, died last Friday at her home in Phelps. Three sons, a daughter, and a sister survive.

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DOCTOR SCHROEDER'S FATHER DIES SUDDENLY

Family and friends were shocked by news of the death of Doctor Schroeder's father last Thursday. Doctor Schroeder left immediately for the family home in Des Plaines, Illinois, where the death occurred. Their many friends sincerely sympathize with the family.

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CERES CIRCLE TO MEET

The Ceres Circle will hold its December meeting next Monday, Dec. 12th, at the home of Mrs. Heinicke. Activity for the evening will include the wrapping of gifts for the coming Station Christmas Party, and the singing of carols. Each member is asked to bring a small wrapped gift for distribution by the Salvation Army. Please state on the outside of the gift the age and sex of the child for which the gift is intended.

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MISCELLANY

We were happy to see Dorothy Cass back at her table in the Seed Lab this week. Dorothy will be helping out on a part-time basis during the annual rush of seed-testing.....Doctors Avens, Pearce, and Kertesz attended the Sigma Xi lecture at Ithaca last Thursday evening.....Bob Holley is back from a weekend trip to his parents' home in Franklin Grove, Illinois.....A reminder that the annual Station Christmas Party will come off a week from tomorrow. Santa promised to have presents for all children up to eleven years of age. In addition, there will be a demonstration of legerdemain. There will also be a magician. The party will start at 5:30 prompt, December 15th.....You can't prove it by us but the photo business must be pretty good over in Entomology. At any rate, we notice that Gertrude Catlan is sporting a brand new 1948 chevvy.....The "till" for receiving your estimate on when the new pond will overflow is located in the Pomology Office. To join, just put your guess, your name, and fifty cents in the box. On the day when water flows from the outlet, the box will be opened and the nearest guess takes the ante. Tie guesses will split the proceeds and the deadline for entries is midnight, January 31, 1950. E. A. Carleton is introducing politics into the scheme. For a small fee, he will give anyone the benefit of his years of experience at estimating the time required for the pond to fill. As soon as there's enough water to do so, methinks we'll wash our hands of the whole affair.....Our first word from Doctor and Mrs. Carpenter, currently on sabbatic leave, comes postmarked "Santiago, Chile". They report mountains that rise to 25,000 feet without stopping..."This is a very cheerful city although it's getting warmer....Hear that snow has come to Geneva. Best regards".

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MORE MEETINGS!!!!

If it hadn't been for all of the conferences, meetings, schools, and what-nots to report, we could have gotten this issue out in half the time. Here are two more, both taking place this Friday. Doctors Reinking and K. G. Parker will attend the Northeastern Regional Division Conference on stone fruit virus projects at New York City. Doctor J. G. Horsfall, Director of the Connecticut Experiment Station and formerly of this Station, is Chairman of the meeting. And heading westward on Friday will be Doctors Pederson, Hand, Moyer, and Holgate to attend a meeting of the New York State Cannerymen in Buffalo.

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STRICTLY EXCLUSIVE

Just to illustrate how uppity has become the list of subscribers to "Farm Research", we noticed a copy of the latest issue returned from a Canadian Post Office with the notation, "Addressee diseased". Let this be a warning to other subscribers!

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"There is not enough darkness in the whole world to put out the light of a single candle"