

# STATION NEWS



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## A FUTURE DATE

Jordan Hall will be the scene of a meeting on Tuesday of staffmembers from Geneva and Ithaca and representatives of the State Cannery and Freezers Association. The conferees will discuss plans and map out the speaking program for the winter's Cannery Fieldmen's Conference which is traditionally held at the Experiment Station. The dates of February 9th and 10th have been decided upon for this year's conference.

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## NE 9 GETS UNDERWAY

The tract of Station land which borders Castle Street and runs southward from Collier Drive is being modified to provide tile drainage. The area is being planned for use in the new plants project under NE 9. The adjoining field which is used by the Seed Department has been previously fitted in this manner.

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## NEW APPLE FOR JAPAN

The Pomology Department has received a letter from Japan which states that a test planting of Monroe apple trees has fruited there for the first time. Early reports carry considerable enthusiasm for the Geneva introduction. The fruit of the Monroe, as it develops in Japan, has many of the characteristics of that country's present leading variety, the Jonathan, but is far less susceptible to the Jonathan's physiological disorders.

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## VISITORS

Between-holidays visitors numbered three at the Station and all put in their appearances on Monday. Calling on the entomologists were Arthur Boller, a professional apple grower from Sodas, and J. H. Newton, entomologist at the Colorado Station....Pectins came up for discussion when Mr. L. Koldinsky of Kentville, Nova Scotia, met with Dr. Kertesz. Mr. Koldinsky is manager of the fruit division of Canada Foods, Ltd.

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## MR. RANSFORD LEAVES

Bob Ransford bade farewell to his erstwhile coworkers on Monday. He is leaving the Food Science Department for a position with the Red Wing Canning Company at Fredonia.

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## WORD FROM ALUMNI

Miss Ricke Stroh, who spent several months as an assistant in Plant Path, sends holiday greetings with a card which informs us that she has arrived safely home in Austria....Knud Swenson arrived home, too, but not as safely. We don't have the details but understand that Knud incurred a crushed finger and dislocated shoulder on his first day away from Geneva. The family arrived at DeSmet, S. D., in time to spend Christmas at his home.

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## HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

Mrs. L. P. Webb and Lewis Webb, mother and brother of Mrs. Ed Glass, are spending a few days as guests of the Glass family. The visitors live in Boydton, Va...., Mrs. Wesselmann's mother came up from Mahopac, N. Y., to spend Christmas at the Wesselmann home....Dr. K. C. Li spent Christmas in New York City....Dr. Ronwin visited friends in Boston over the long weekend....Dr. Gilmer visited his parents in Washington, D. C. for Christmas....And a card from J. C. Cain tells of his arrival in Florida just in time to witness an unseasonable frost.

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## NOTE OF THANKS

Tom Gainey has asked the NEWS to record his gratitude to the members of the Entomology Department for their thoughtfulness at Christmastime. The sunshine baskets served their purpose in brightening the day for Tom. Until his recent retirement, Tom was the custodian of the Entomology Building. Shortly after his retirement he was committed to bed by illness. Though his spirits are strong, his recovery is slow but the well-remembered Gainey humor persists. We're pulling for you, Tom.

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## CHIT CHAT

Seventy-five percent of the secretarial staff on the 2nd floor of Hedrick left Mrs. Gray holding the fort alone, yesterday. Miss Warren is on vacation in New York and Miss Smith and Mrs. O'Hara fell victims to the bug which is making the rounds in many circles these days....The Sondheimers are in process of moving to the Station apartment recently vacated by the Swensons on Castle Street.

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## CLASSIFIED

Joe Pettrone has a pair of practically new 6.00x16 tires (regular tread) for sale. Joe's newly-acquired Pontiac can't use the shoes which he bought for his former buggy. Used less than 3,000 miles, says Joe.

Someone who recently used the Station 2x2 projector left in it a Kodachrome slide showing huge piles of red fruit which appear to be apples. Can be claimed at the "visual aids" office.

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## POPULARITY CONTEST

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Geneva is planning a popularity contest for members of the fairer sex in line with the annual March of Dimes campaign. Favorite gals of various Geneva industries will be the candidates and contributions to the collection boxes entitle the donor to cast a vote. A grand prize and a possible trip to New York City for a T-V appearance await the winner.

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## EXHIBITS AT HORT MEETING

The winter meetings of the New York State Horticultural Society will be held at Rochester on January 20, 21 and 22, and at Kingston on January 27, 28 and 29. The Departments concerned have already begun work on the exhibits for use at Rochester. One of the worst insect pests confronting fruit growers, the plum curculio, will be the subject of an entomological exhibit. How an efficient spray program is designed to give protection against all major apple pests will be illustrated, along with experimental evidence on the safety of some of new spray materials from the standpoint of fruit injury. Information about thinning sprays and magnesium deficiency in fruit trees will also be revealed to the growers. And, of course, the progress in fruit breeding at the Experiment Station will be depicted with another large exhibit of new and promising apples, plus frozen small fruits. The Publications Department will also be represented in the exhibit area.

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Two London women psychologists have reached the "interim conclusion" that men are more intelligent than women. The tests involved verbal, numerical and diagrammatic problems and 600 men and women undergraduates were the guinea pigs. Their conclusion states that "...women are poorer at solving all the problems requiring reasoning power, especially where figures are involved." Our chief editor tells us that he realized a good many years ago that men were the best authorities on "figures".

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"Shall I boil the missionary?" asked the cannibal cook.  
"Boil him?" cried the chief. "Are you crazy? That's a friar."

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"It says in the paper that a man is run over in Los Angeles every half hour", observed an elderly lady.  
"Tsk, tsk," commented her companion. "Poor fellow".

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The end of the year is usually a time for statistics and a recapitulation of the year's events. We're too lazy to go through 52 issues of the NEWS to total up the births, weddings, and deaths, and besides we've steered shy of statistics ever since the untimely death of a young statistician a little while back. The poor guy was drowned while wading across a river which averaged only two feet deep.

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H A P P Y 1 9 5 4 TO ALL OF OUR READERS