

STATION NEWS

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WEEK'S WEATHER

| | Maximum | Minimum | Precipitation |
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| Feb. 24 | 37 | 19 | cloudy |
| Feb. 25 | 28 | 3 | clear |
| Feb. 26 | 38 | 10 | clear |
| Feb. 27 | 44 | 18 | cloudy |
| Feb. 28 | 41 | 20 | clear |
| March 1 | 36 | 30 | .9 inches of snow |
| March 2 | 42 | 26 | clear |

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ITS A PAIR

Gerry and Barbara Gibbs have twin boys. This is the story, Barbara woke up at 4 A. M. Sunday, feeling funny. Gerry called the doctor about 6. The doctor told them to stop by. They got to the doctor's about 6:20. The doctor took one look and said, "You had planned to go to Newark Hospital, hadn't you?". Gerry said yes. "Well," said the doctor, "you'd better go to Clifton because you'll never make it to Newark on time. You're going to be a father in about 20 minutes", Gerry dashed for Clifton. The first baby was born at 7 A. M. and weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces; the second was born 20 minutes later and weighed 5 pounds, 15½ ounces. The boys are identical twins and have been named Laurence Kirke and Roger Howard. Mother and sons are doing fine, although Barbara can't tell one from the other as yet.

UNIVERSITY CLUB SPEAKER

Dr. Kertesz will be the speaker at the University Club Dinner in the Seneca Hotel at 7.00 P. M. on March 9. Dr. Kertesz will speak on the subject of FOOD -- YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW.

Why do we eat what we eat? What do other people eat and why? How does our industrial civilization affect our food pattern? Can we expect radical changes in future years? What will space men eat? These are some of the questions Professor Kertesz will discuss. There are today great variations the world over in eating habits and foods of various peoples but all diet patterns are based on solid reasoning and often on dire necessity. Scientific Agriculture and food processing introduced many changes in eating habits and these often resulted in diets more suitable for industrialized nations. Nobody knows how continued industrialization and steadily increasing population pressures will effect our food and eating habits, but the speaker will indulge in some crystal-ball gazing and discuss some of the possibilities. The talk will be illustrated with color slides on the food problems as observed in various far-away countries.

FRUIT SCHOOLS

I have been informed that the article in last weeks Station News saying that most of the county extension meetings were over was a little previous. Mike Szkolnik participated in a combined meeting for Onondaga and Oswego Counties in North Syracuse on Tuesday. Mike spoke on the Apple Scab and Powdery Mildew and Fungicides Recommended for their Control. George Slate, George Schaefer, Al Braun, and John Tomkins will participate in a small Fruit School in Brant, New York today.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Doctor Jerry Marks from Wisconsin started work in Veg Crops on Monday. Doctor Marks will take Don Barton's place here while Don is on his sabbatic. Doctor Marks has just received his Doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin. Incidentally, he is looking for a large furnished room or a small apartment.

USDA INSPECTOR HERE

Floyd Foley, of the Processed Foods Inspection Service USDA, will visit the Station today to grade processed snap beans which were frozen this last season.

VISITORS TO ENTOMOLOGY

Bert Pickenson of the Niagara Spray Chemical Company visited the Entomology Department on Thursday, February 26. He discussed insecticides with various members of the Department.

Dr. Hommer of the Dow Chemical Company plans to visit the Entomology Department today. He was a former member of Entomology and he will visit with Doctor Chapman.

ATTENDING MICHIGAN MEETING

Karl Brase left by plane on Monday for Hartford, Michigan. Karl is attending a three-day meeting of the Dwarf Fruit Tree Association which is being held at Hilltop Orchard.

CONDOLENCES

We extend sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Cain on the sudden death of Mrs. Cain's mother at her home in Gainesville, Florida. Marie is in Florida and will remain there for about ten days to clear up affairs.

PRESENTS SEMINAR

Bob Gilmer is giving a seminar to the Department of Plant Pathology in Ithaca on Thursday. The title is Virus Research in England.

ATTENDS NE MEETING IN N. Y. C.

John Natti will attend a meeting of the NE 32 Sweet Corn Breeding Technical Committee in New York City March 4 through 7.

PROPAGATION SUCCESSFUL

Des Dolan's propagation of his echeveria plants has been successful and Des has distributed 40 plants to those Station people who put in a request for one. These plants will be evaluated as houseplants and reports sent to Des.

WATER TOWER IN OPERATION

The Station water tower is in use. (Accounts for the sudden increase in water pressure) It was filled last Friday Feb. 27 and will supply the water needs of the Station from now on.

GREENHOUSE NOTES

Bob Lamb will plant pear seed in the big beds in the greenhouse this week, probably today. On the basis of last year's experiments the pomologists are planting seeds from their fruit tree crosses in 2 inches of peat.

Also note that the flats planted with seeds of strawberry and raspberry crosses have been taken out of the cold frames and brought into the greenhouse to germinate. Can spring be far away?

ELUCIPATION

Incidentally, those of you who have wondered about the Kalani in Michael Kalani Boyle — it means 'child of heaven'.

NAMED TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION BOARD

Professor Damon Boynton, a pomologist at the New York State College of Agriculture will serve on an eleven man board under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation. This group of men held their first meeting in Berkeley, California on February 26 and 27.

In addition to evaluating present means of communications among scientists, they will investigate new methods of distributing research findings. It is hoped that the committee will develop new means of international communication as well as finding new ways of bringing biological findings to the American public.

VIRUS REPRODUCTION

Dr. G. H. Bergold of the Insect Pathology Laboratory, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, will address Sigma Xi next Wednesday, March 11th, in Jordan Hall, his Topic "Virus Reproduction".
