

# STATION NEWS

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## VEGETABLE GROWERS

The thirty-third annual meeting of the New York State Vegetable Growers' Association and the sixteenth annual meeting of the Empire State Potato Club are being held jointly at the Onondaga Hotel in Syracuse today and tomorrow. Mr. Tapley is chairman of the Program Committee and Mr. Butts of the College of Agriculture is in general charge of the educational exhibits. Dr. Tressler is addressing a joint meeting of the two organizations this afternoon on "The Dehydration of Potatoes and Vegetables and the Part New York State Can Take in Supplying 1943 Goals". He will illustrate his remarks with samples of dehydrated vegetables and will demonstrate the method of handling to prepare them for the table. The Station bacteriologists and chemists have an exhibit on the packaging of dehydrated vegetables and on various dehydrated products. The entomologists will also have an exhibit on certain phases of their work on the control of insect pests of vegetables and there will be a publications exhibit. Transportation facilities, or rather lack of them, complicate exhibit activities considerably, both with respect to this meeting and the meetings of the Horticultural Society next week.

## ON FREEZING PRESERVATION

"The Freezing Preservation of Foods" is the title of a book published on December 23 by the Avi Publishing Company under the joint authorship of Dr. D. K. Tressler and C. F. Evers, technical advisor of the Production Department of the Frosted Foods Sales Corporation. The book, comprising of over 700 pages, is a comprehensive treatise on the subject and covers the freezing and freezing storage of fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish and shellfish, and dairy products, as well as the cooking and serving of frozen foods and much related information. It is copiously illustrated. Dr. Tressler has generously donated a copy of the book to the Station Library.

## OFF FOR CALIFORNIA

Miss Thressa Campbell and her mother, accompanied by Miss Jean Smith who is going along for the ride, left Geneva yesterday for Berkeley, California, where Miss Campbell has accepted a position in the Department of Fruit Products under Dr. W. B. Cruess, well-known food technologist. Miss Campbell has been employed as an Investigator in the Bacteriology Division and recently completed work for her Master's degree from Cornell. Miss Smith plans to visit relatives on the West Coast and will return to her duties in the Plant Pathology Division next month.

## MR. THOMAS TAKES OVER

Mr. Robert C. Thomas who has been engaged on the dehydration studies in the Bacteriology Division on a temporary basis since last May has been appointed an Investigator in Miss Campbell's place. Mr. Thomas recently received his M. S. degree from Bucknell University.

## DR. de TOMASI MARRIED

According to newspaper accounts, Dr. de Tomasi, who was at one time associated with Dr. Conn in the work of the Biological Stain Commission, was married on December 27th to Mrs. Davenport Harris, widow of Dr. R. G. Harris, former Director of the Cold Spring Harbor Biological Laboratory on Long Island, and daughter of Dr. Charles Davenport, now retired, formerly Director of the Laboratory and head of the Department of Genetics of the Carnegie Institute. Dr. de Tomasi is now with the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company of Rochester.

## WE SEE BY THE PAPERS

We note in the Geneva Daily Times that the engagement of Miss Evelyn Louise World and Dale A. Dahlberg was announced at a New Year's Day supper at Miss World's home near Penn Yan. Dale is employed in Memphis, Tenn.

## TESTING NEW DEVICE

The Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions are interested in testing a new quick-time heater designed for pasteurizing milk for cheese making. The device uses a minimum of critical materials and interest centers in the possibility of developing equipment which will contribute to the improvement of the quality of cheese for lend-lease shipments. Mr. W. J. O'Brien of Syracuse and Mr. N. E. Lazarus of Buffalo are cooperating with Station workers in the tests.

## DAIRY FOODS

Mr. Marquardt is to be speaker this evening before a group in Waterloo when he will discuss dairy foods with special reference to the present food situation.

## COMPETITION?

More and more people are finding that when they call the telephone operator and say that they would like to talk with the "Station" at Geneva they are connected with the Sampson Naval Training Station rather than with the Experiment Station, which they really wanted. Does this mean that we should revert to that old appellation of "State Farm" that we have tried to live down? More likely it is just another one of those things that we shall have to get used to for the duration.

## MR. BOWEN OUT

We never knew how much we could miss Frank Bowen until he took sick just before pay day with the consequent delay in circulating the checks. However, it is getting so what with payroll deductions for this and that and now for the "Victory Tax" that the ceremony of receiving a pay check will be little more than a gesture; at least there is not much left of the check.