



# STATION NEWS

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## RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CANNERS MEETING

Registration for the two-day Fieldmen's Conference which opened yesterday at the Station topped the 250 mark before the second session began. The fruit section, held for the first time, drew half a hundred listeners who unanimously asked that it be made an annual feature. The presentation of the annual Cannery and Freezers Association awards to FFA members for their proficiency in canning crop production were made to a dozen boys at the opening of yesterday afternoon's meeting. After the speaking program, the conference was adjourned to the Canandaigua Hotel for a get-together, banquet, and not-too-formal program. This morning's session is devoted to talks on irrigation, bean variety trials, mechanical bean pickers, the economic outlook, and estimating crop yields. Most of the final session, this afternoon, will be given over to insect studies, and this will be followed with a report on mechanical harvesting and storing of carrots, after which the conference will close. Attendance in previous years has consistently approximated 200. This year's additional enrollment may have been prompted by the important placing of pea production in the program, and the acute interest of processors and growers in this topic, plus the inclusion of fruit talks.

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## BRAUN YOUNGSTER IMPROVED

Four anxious days and nights of watchful waiting ended for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Braun on Monday when their son Kenneth, aged nine, regained consciousness for the first time since his collision with a moving automobile last Thursday afternoon. Suffering from a concussion and a punctured, broken arm, Kenny enjoyed temporary good spirits and was able to talk and read easily. We're keeping our fingers crossed for his rapid and complete recovery.

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## ITHACA ENTOMOLOGIST PASSES

On February 2nd, Professor W. E. Blauvelt of the Entomology Department at the College of Agriculture, died after a lengthy illness which was complicated by coronary thrombosis. The scientist was 49 years old and was well-known by Station staff members.

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## ROOTSTOCK RESEARCH

Professor Brase will be the speaker at next Tuesday's seminar for pomology grad students at Ithaca. His talk will concern rootstock research.

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## PEDERSON TO CHICAGO

Dr. Pederson will leave for Chicago, tonight, and will take part in a Quartermaster Food & Container Institute meeting tomorrow and Friday. The local scientist is a member of the Animal Products Subcommittee for the National Research Council.

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## RED TOP PLUGGED BY REDTOP

In his nationwide network program last Thursday, radio artist Arthur Godfrey made considerable mention of the Station's new paste-type tomato. Seems he had read about the new variety and was thinking of raising it on his farm. He expressed his closing sentiments in something along the following vein: "You know, it must take a lot of painstaking work to develop a brand new tomato.....and if there's anything I appreciate, it's a well-developed tomato!"

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## CERES COSTUME PARTY FRIDAY

Over 60 people are signed up for the shenanigans in Jordan Hall this Friday evening at 8 P.M. The Ceres committee asks that each participant send an outdated photo or snapshot of himself to Mrs. Lienk by tomorrow afternoon since one of the planned stunts requires them. They don't particularly want baby pictures because they presume we were all cute as babies. They would prefer a shot made during teen-age. All pictures will be returned after the party. It's also announced that prizes will be given for the best costumes. Everything is shaping up well and we hope the participants are, too.

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### CLASSIFIED

Someone left a hat in the Entomology Building a week ago last Friday. It's a size 7 1/8 and won't fit anybody in the building, so it can be claimed by properly identifying it.

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Klein is back at her home after undergoing minor surgery last Saturday. She's reported to be doing right well.....Mr. Natti had some adjustments made to his nose on Monday. Although he had no recollection of it, he was informed recently that his nose had been broken at one time. He's expected back momentarily.

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### JOINS FREDONIA FORCE

Harold J. Crowe has been named as field assistant to Dr. Taschenberg at the Vineyard Laboratory. The new assistant will be right at home because brother Don is Dr. Shaulis' assistant at Fredonia.

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### PROFILE

"Back in the 1920's, a New York State ketchup maker suddenly got very red in the face. Each time he or his customers opened a bottle of his product, the contents blew up. Damage suits for ketchup-ruined wallpaper, ceilings, drapes, furniture and dresses began piling in. In his distress, the ketchup man came to the agricultural experiment station at Geneva, for aid. 'I can't find out what's gone wrong,' he said. 'What makes it really bad is that everyone seems to open ketchup when wearing evening clothes and in rooms with expensive furnishings these days--never in the kitchen.' The station called in Dr. Friend Lee Mickle, the bacteriologist, to bloodhound the mysterious ketchup ailment.....Mickle traced the explosive force to a new bacillus.....since named the *Lactobacillus lycopersicum mickle*....."

Thus begins a lengthy success story in the December issue of the Health Officers News Digest. It came from California, marked for the Editor's attention. The rather humorous and intimate life story of Dr. Mickle traces his career from the day he was enraptured by the lowly bacteria in a class taught by one Dr. Robert S. Breed. It's a lively story, and should be particularly interesting to those who knew Friend Lee Mickle. The pocket-size magazine is at the Editor's desk.

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### CHIT CHAT

After the business portion of Monday's staff meeting, the group was treated to a showing of Kodachromes direct from South Africa. The collection was sent to Dr. Glass by Andre Myberg who spent the summer of 1951 with us. There were many shots of both horticultural pursuits and scenery.....The Szkolniks are spending a wintery vacation week in New Jersey.....Entomology again wins the orchid for being "fustest with the mostest" in the progress report line. They sent their final report in several days before the deadline.....Harrison Jahn is spending a 15-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jahn. Recently returned from sea duty, Harrison will report back to Ocean Park, California.....The Station Club's next Bridge Party is scheduled for February 20th in Jordan Hall.

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### FOOD FOR YOUR LUNCH-HOUR THOUGHT

Three men checked in at a hotel and the bellhop showed them to a room. Not knowing how much the room would be, each man gave the bellhop a \$10 bill and asked him to pay the bill. The room actually cost \$25 for the night but the bellhop figured to make something on the deal. He kept two dollars for himself and gave each man a dollar in change, stating that the room was \$9 for each occupant. He was seized with panic later when he realized that something didn't check. Each man had given him a \$10 bill. He had charged them \$9 apiece:  $3 \times 9 = 27$ , plus the \$2 he kept equals \$29. What happened to the other dollar?

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