

# Be Our Guest

## The History of Plant Science Day



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**1894**



# Early Station Plantings



Undated photo



# Johnson Laboratory 1910





# First Field Meeting

...it was 49 years ago that a small group of farmers gathered at the old Farm (which is now Norwood at the intersection of Whitney and Washington Avenues in Hamden) for the first Field Day. Need we say that on that first Field Day there was no tent, no tractor tours, no committees, and no automobiles. The staff and guest came on the trolley or drove a horse (Ernest M. Stoddard. *50 Years in Retrospect*. Frontiers Plant Science. November 1959).



# Mount Carmel Farm Purchased

The Station has bought [late 1910] a farm of twenty [19.6] acres at Mount Carmel [for \$6,000 from Annie McLaughlin with monies provided by the Lockwood Trust est. in 1896], not far from the city, including a small house for the caretaker, has set out an orchard of apples and peaches for experiment, has begun an experiment on the effect both on the crop and on the soil of fertilizers and manures, and another on the handling of an old and neglected orchard.





Mt. Carmel Farm  
19.6-ac purchased 1910  
Mt. Carmel Field Day 1913

Whitney Avenue  
Trolley New Haven to  
Centerville, expanded to  
Mt. Carmel in 1903

Centerville Farm  
Site of 1<sup>st</sup> Field Day, 1910  
Given up spring, 1912  
Now a residential area



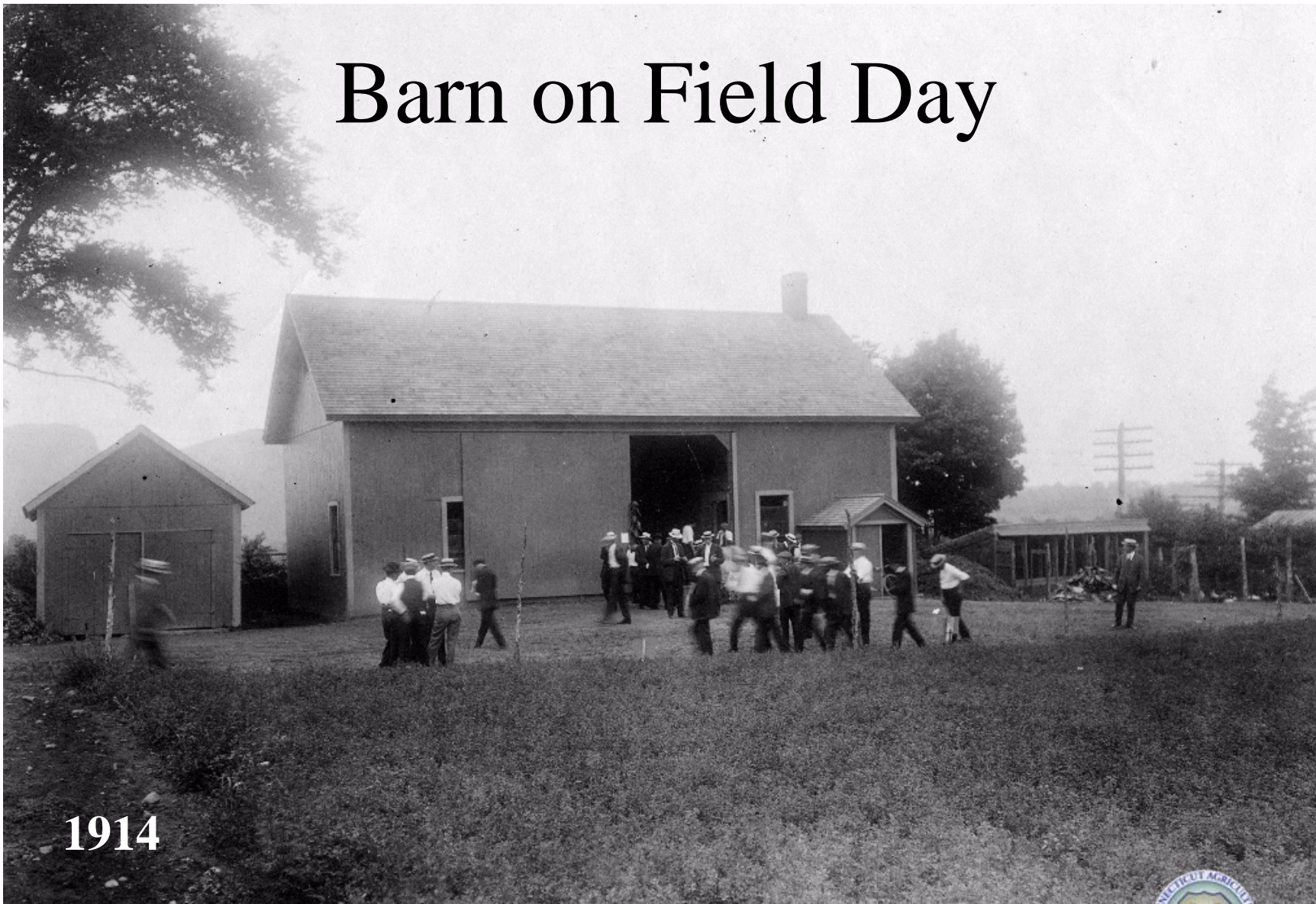


# 15.4 acres adjoining original 20-ac purchase bought in 1915 with funds from Lockwood Trust

Land leased 1913



# Barn on Field Day



1914



# 1914 Field Day

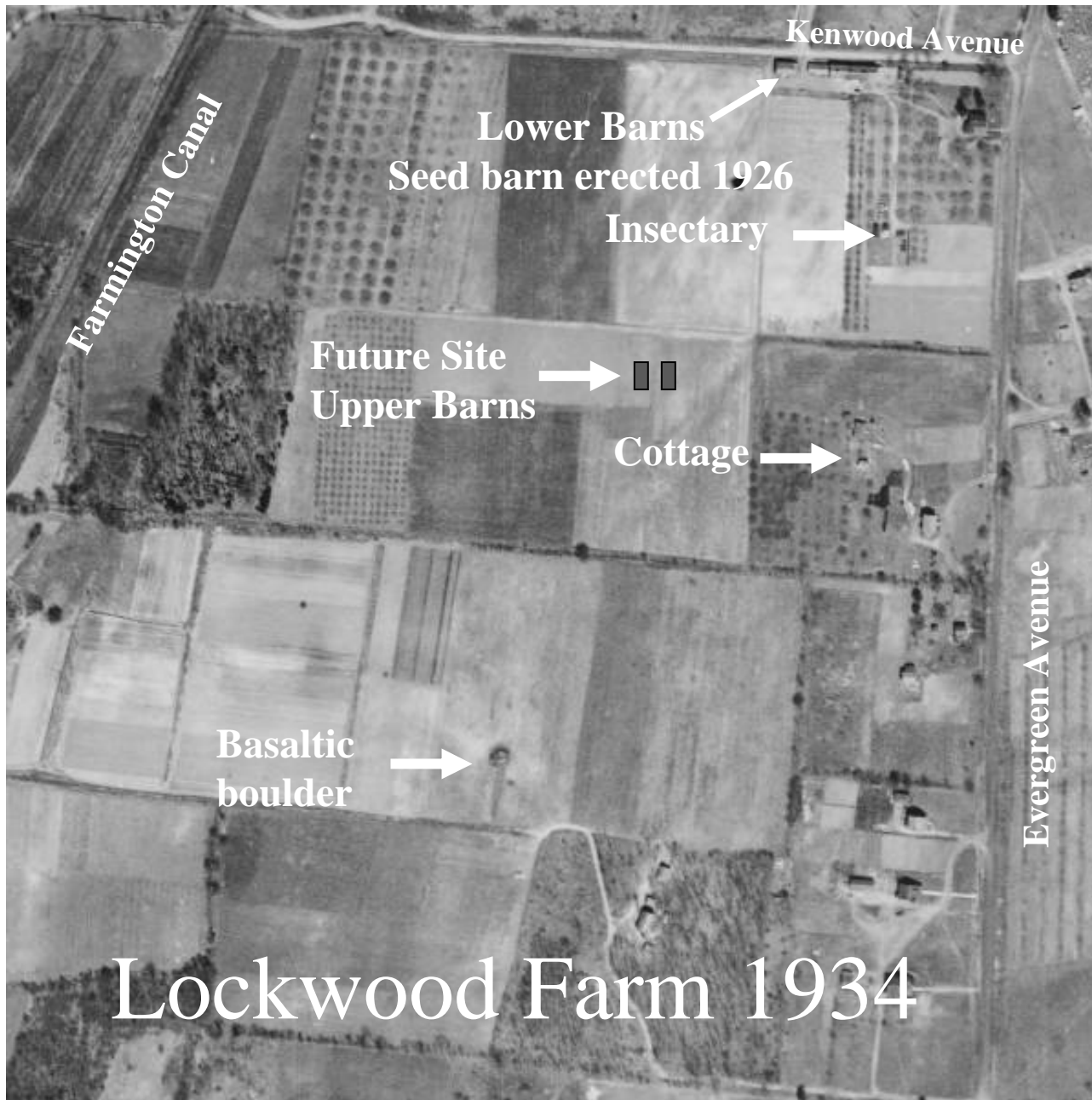


# Field Day, 1924



# Talk under tent, 1924





# 1940 Field Day



**Connecticut  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
New Haven**



**STATION FIELD DAY**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1940  
MOUNT CARMEL FARM  
Evergreen Avenue, Hamden

**PROGRAM**

*(Daylight Saving Time)*

Guests are requested to register and obtain a printed guide at information booths on the parking space or in the tent.

- 10:00 A.M. Inspection of plots and exhibits.
- 12:00 Noon. Basket Lunch. Food on sale.
- 1:30 P.M. Tent meeting.

**Greeting and Introduction of Speaker:**

Director W. L. Slate.

**Address:** "Northeastern Agriculture and the Present Emergency." Dr. W. H. Martin, Director, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

- 2:30 P.M. Inspection of plots and exhibits. Orchard Tour.

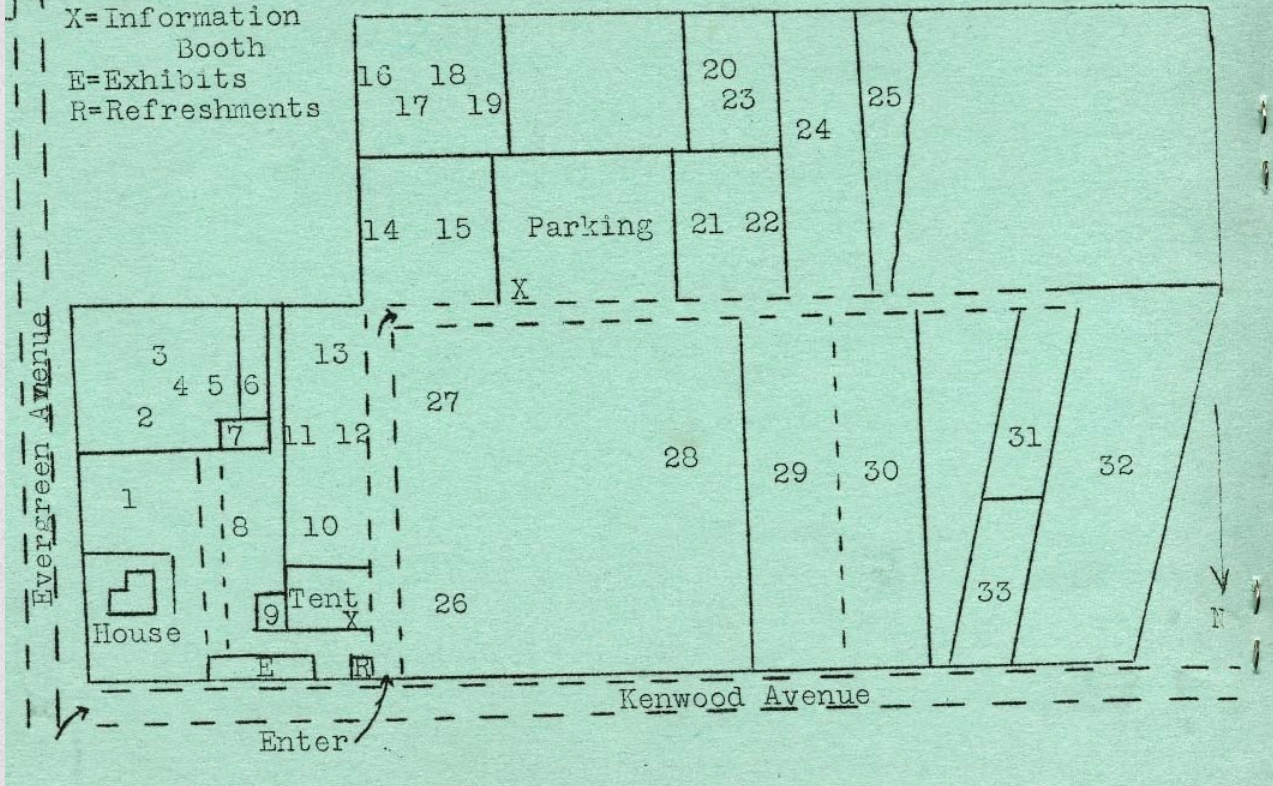
**DEMONSTRATIONS**

**Control of the European Corn Borer:** The methods of treating corn, as well as the materials and tools used for control, will be shown in detail. There will also be a discussion of a profitable commercial-scale control experiment conducted in 1940. Corn from this acreage sold for more than \$300 an acre.

**Pest Control on 10 Common Vegetables and Flowers:** Plots on left and right of the grass path show contrast between treated and untreated crops. Included is a plot of early sweet corn sprayed for control of the corn borer and left untouched so that growers may

**GUIDE TO PLOTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST - MT. CARMEL FARM  
FIELD DAY - August 21, 1940**

X=Information Booth  
E=Exhibits  
R=Refreshments







# Visitors at Plot, 1940



# Field Day, 1946

## No Field Day War Years, 1942-1944



# Tractor-Trailer Tour: Innovation for 1949



# View Upper Barns & Sleeping Giant



July 10, 1961



# Story of Hybrid Corn



Donald F. Jones on  
Field Day August 18, 1931





August 16, 1955

Left to right: John T. Moss, Director James G. Horsfall, Henry A. Wallace, and Donald F. Jones





Photo taken October 19, 1993

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