



# STATION NEWS

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## SEMINAR MOVIES

The Station Seminar Committee sends out a reminder that the time-lapse movies by John Nash Ott will be shown in Jordan Hall on Friday evening at 7:30. The three reels are in sound and color and will be of popular interest, especially to flower lovers.

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## APPLE GROWERS ORGANIZE

The fruit committees of the Ontario and Seneca County Farm Bureaus will meet in Jordan Hall this afternoon to discuss the recently organized Western New York Apple Growers' Association. Guest at the meeting will be a member of the Wayne County unit of the association who will explain its objectives to the group. To date, the growers have set four definite principles for the organization. These are to promote the use of apples, to inform growers on market conditions, to present growers' views to government agencies, and to perfect relationships with processors. Costs of the program will be met by a levy on the grower's marketed produce.

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## SIGNS OF SPRING

With snow fences being taken down on all sides, robin jargon filling the air, and pedestrians dodging the showers of passing automobiles, keener interest is being generated in the Station pond out on Gates Road. The weekend thaw has been delivering a maximum flow and the pond bed took its last breath of air on Monday. At present, that pool of bets is smiling on the optimistic guessers.

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## GLAD TIDINGS

Three Station gladiolus enthusiasts will take part in the Empire State Glad Society Convention to be held this Saturday at Lima. "Mulching versus Clean Cultivation" is the topic which will be given by Leo Klein, and George Slate will present an illustrated talk on "Garden Lilies". Participating in a question box panel will be Foster Gambrell and Leo Klein. After the evening banquet, the gladiolus growers will see the John Nash Ott time-lapse movies which will be shown here on Friday evening. Incidentally, our thanks go to the glad boys who are making it possible for us to see these movies.

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## TRUE TO NAME

A clipping from the Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar came in the mail a couple of days ago. The story tells of the glories of the Longred tomato, as experienced by a grower in the southern city. The grower, Mr. Joseph Eakin, boasted fresh firm tomatoes at the end of January, using only home basement conditions for storage. A letter from Mr. Eakin gives a sequel to the story. It seems that he had set one of the fruits, wrapped loosely in paper, atop a kitchen cabinet in order to save the seeds. On the fifteenth of this month he unwrapped the package and the fruit "walls, color, and all, looked just like when I picked it last Fall, and I ate all but the seeds". Giving due credit for the tomato to the Geneva Experiment Station, the Southern reporter prefers the name as "Long Red".

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MRS. FRANK SHANNON

Our condolences are extended to Jack Shannon whose mother, Mrs. Frank Shannon, passed away at her home in Stanley on Monday.

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"BOBBY" ROBERTS LEAVES

Florence Roberts, research assistant to Doctor Cain, will terminate her duties here on Friday. She has served in this capacity for two years. She plans to return to the home of her parents in Philadelphia.

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FROM THE INFIRMARY

Arthur Mason returned from the hospital to his home last Saturday. It's good to know that he's on the road to recovery....Doc Pederson is getting on top of his illness. He has hopes of being back on his feet in time for a Washington conference next week.

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FLORIDA FABLES

There are at least two refreshed people in Veg Crops this week. The Sayres and Nancy Becker returned on Monday from their excursion to the land of sunshine... just in time to cash in on Geneva's advent of spring. By way of coincidence, a former Station bacteriologist bumped into the Sayres in a restaurant at Daytona Beach. She is Genevan Mrs. Robert Clise.

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ALLEY TALK

Ed Glass has been chosen to captain the Lutheran bowling team next season. The team is in a clinch for sixth place by virtue of a three-point tally last week. George Pearce has joined the regulars to fill the gap left by Harry Young.

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BY WAY OF CULTURE

The Schola Cantorum of the Colleges of the Senecas will render a choral concert on Thursday evening at 8 P.M. in Coxe Hall. Presentation will include Bach's Cantata No. 4, "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison", and Fauro's "Requiem". Admission is free to the public.

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HITHER AND YON

Ed Glass spoke to the Young Fruit Growers of Orleans County at Albion last Friday....A.C. Davis, newly-appointed entomologist who begins work in April, will move his family into the Shaulis home when it is vacated for Nelson's sabbatic..... The Jordan Hall gang officially welcomed spring at the annual luncheon "Chez Luckett". And it didn't take any spring tonic to pep up their appetites. It's a mystery to us how some people can eat so much strawberry shortcake.....Certainly gives one a lift to see the sun and the birds back with us. Concerted projects are underway at the greenhouse as the snow gives way to mud. For a while, it looked as if Entomology was making its own Station pond----until we learned that a clogged drain in the basement wasn't running as fast as the incoming water.....And while we're reveling in the warm weather, things aren't so rosy elsewhere, as evidenced by a card received at Harry King's office, viz...."Dear Sirs: Please to not send me to sun we have winter, bouth 5-th of April we have snow yeat." (Don't blame it on Miss Ryan--that's the way the card read!)

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THE ART OF PLAIN TALK

Two independent items relating to the use of words have been presented for possible use in the NEWS. We, therefore, pass them on for your consideration. In blaspheming the use of technical and cumbersome terms back in the early 19th century, Joseph A. Alexander wrote "Think not that strength lies in the big round word, or that the brief and plain must needs be weak. To whom can this be true who once has heard the cry for help, the tongue that all must speak when want or woe or fear is in the throat." And our Joe passed away in 1860, long before the "adjuvants", "replications", "sequestering", and "organoleptic examinations" of our 68th Annual Report. An irate editor of the New York Times sets an example for "Jargantuans" by quoting a familiar essay by a ten-year old boy. Asked to write a composition on a bird and a beast, the lad expressed his ideas very clearly with the use of familiar words: "The bird I am going to write about is the Owl. The Owl cannot see at all by day and at night is as blind as a bat. I do not know much about the Owl, so I will go on to the beast which I am going to choose. It is the Cow. The Cow is a mammal. It has six sides--right, left, an upper and below. At the back it has a tail on which hangs a brush. With this it sends the flies away so that they do not fall into the milk. The head is for the purpose of growing horns and so that the mouth can be somewhere. The horns are to butt with and the mouth is to moo with. Under the cow hangs the milk. It is arranged for milking. When people milk, the milk comes and there is never an end to the supply. How the cow does it I have not yet realized, but it makes more and more. The cow has a fine sense of smell; one can smell it far away. This is the reason for the fresh air in the country. The man cow is called an ox. It is not a mammal. The cow does not eat much, but what it eats it eats twice, so that it gets enough. When it is hungry it moos, and when it says nothing it is because its inside is all full up with grass."

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