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#### AN INVITATION TO THE LADIES

The Agricultural Circle at Ithaca is inviting Ceres Circle members to take part in the April 7th luncheon meeting on the Cornell Campus. The time is 12:30 and the place is the Green Room of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. Tickets are \$1.25 apiece and those planning to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Heinicke by Friday afternoon, March 28th.

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#### CHEMISTS MEET IN BUFFALO

The American Chemical Society opened a two-day meeting in Buffalo on Monday morning. The Station contingent making the trip was made up of Doctors Kertesz, Lee and Holley and Mr. Berglund.

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#### ATTENDS CANNERS' MEETING

Professor Sayre was in Rochester, yesterday, at a meeting of the Special Projects Committee of the Canners Association. Purpose of the conference was to discuss trial plantings of pea varieties.

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#### GROWERS' MEETINGS

Dr. Vittum spoke at a Vegetable School for Steuben County growers in Bath, yesterday.....At Canandaigua, Dr. Hervey addressed a meeting of Ontario County dry bean growers.....Tomorrow, Dr. Schroeder and Prof. Tapley will appear at a Vegetable School in Fredonia.

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#### KEEP THE DATE OPEN

A talk on "Low Temperature Germination of Sweet Corn" will be given by Dr. Clark at the next Station seminar, which is scheduled for "the first rainy day in April". The date is probably subject to change, since the first rainfall may occur on a Sunday. However, when the hour is imminent, word will be passed to each Division.

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#### PLANNING THE SPRING WORK

Representatives from several commercial organizations called on the Entomology Division last week to talk over experimental work to be conducted during the coming season. Among the visitors were Gordon Brandes of Rohm and Haas, William Wagner of the Geary Chemical Co., J. P. Horsfall and Ray Barron of American Cyanamid, and F. L. Fletcher of the Dow Chemical Company.

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#### BETTER BEHAVE

In case you're contemplating any nefarious activities, be advised that the Station boasts a fingerprint expert among its personnel. Tony Bruni, formerly of the Geneva constabulary and now a member of the Pomology force at the Station, has kept in close contact with the art of fingerprint analysis and was recently made a member of the International Association for Identification, a group composed of leading criminal investigators, including specialists in handwriting, toxicology, fingerprinting, photography, and criminology. So if you're tempted to be light-fingered, better make 'em plenty light.

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#### THOMAS HOGAN

A former Station employee died in Geneva last Friday. He was Thomas J. Hogan, a member of the Entomology Division from 1925 to 1928. Mr. Hogan passed away at his home at 23 Park Avenue and the funeral took place on Monday. Among the bearers was a former fellow-worker, Victor Hopkins.

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## BACK IN OPERATION

A spirit duplicator, in the custody of the Publications Division, has been returned to service after a long period of inactivity. The machine can be used for producing upwards of 100 copies of typewritten or hand-drawn material, or a combination of the two. It's also possible to reproduce copy in two or more colors. The duplicator should prove a boon in cases where several copies of graphs or typewritten material are required but where ordinary carbon copies are inadequate and where mimeographing is not justified. Material for preparing the master copies can be obtained from the editorial offices.

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## OFF-SEASON

Trying to drum up news around the Station this week is a hopeless task. A large proportion of the personnel is squeezing vacation time under the March 31st wire, and the list of vacationers would probably be more lengthy than the list of those still on duty. To mention a few persons who are, or were, out of state, we note that the Slates motored to Massachusetts over the weekend to take his mother home.... Doctor Hamilton is using up his time at his home in Toronto.... The Watsons are back home in Massachusetts.... And the Wellingtons have motored to the South to visit relatives.

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## CLASSIFIED COLUMN

We have an urgent request for a 5-6 room apartment or a house for rental. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball are the seekers and they'd like to locate something by the first of May. Anyone knowing of a suitable house or apartment would earn the undying gratitude of the Kimballs with the information.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Wayne Howe sends the following word: "We really look forward to getting the STATION NEWS every week and reading of the activities of the old friends up there. This is supposed to be the sunny Southland but we've had some mighty chilly weather here lately--even snowed a bit last Sunday (March 16). Wayne is very busy, as usual. Right now it's report-writing and planning for this season's work." Mail addressed simply to Holland, Va., apparently finds the Howes.

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## ODD BITS

Professor Lamb has begun his peach tree pruning work and reports that there was very little, if any, peach bud injury in this area during the winter.... The highly-touted Lutherans have finally been ousted from the top rung in the bowling league. They dropped four points to St. Peters last week. The Station team continues a seemingly vain struggle to get above the water table, and took three points in last week's encounter.... The badminton season is drawing to a close. There'll be activity at the North Street School gym tonight but none next week. Only one more session will follow and that's scheduled for two weeks from tonight, April 9th.... The eager beavers you may have seen at work on Saturday morning were some of the Veg Crops boys who had to hand-unload 27 tons of fertilizer, separated from the barn by one of our many trenches.

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## FILLER

Now that we've disposed of the formalities, we come to the overworked department of the NEWS, the quotable quotes and filler items. Our Greek friend, Mr. A. Nonymous, tells us that "Anybody who talks by the yard and thinks by the inch should be moved by the foot". The Mayor of Saskatoon is the authority for the following bit of information. He reports that the five-day week is not a brainchild of the twentieth century. The inception of the idea is attributed to Robinson Crusoe who managed to have all of his work done by Friday. Winston Churchill probably blew a fuse when these two bits of British official decorum were uncovered. On a form issued by the Supply Ministry was the printed notation: "This memorandum consists of one sheet, of which this is Sheet No. 1". A Customs and Excise report bore this inscription: The shipping particulars, which will not be known at the time, should be omitted".

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A man met a bum who asked for a dollar to buy a meal. "No, you'll only spend it on drink", he admonished. "But I don't drink", the hobo replied. "Then you'd spend it on tobacco". "Oh, no, Sir, I don't use tobacco". Whereupon the gentleman made the beggar a proposition. "I still won't give you a dollar but I'd like you to come home and have dinner with us". "What? You'd take a tattered tramp like me into your home?" "Yessir", replied the would-be host. "I just want to show my wife what happens to a fellow who doesn't drink or smoke."

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A pedestrian is a man whose son is home from college.

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