

WITH THE passing of Mr. Patchin the Station has lost an efficient and loyal official and his host of friends a genial companion. Mr. Patchin had served in his capacity as Financial Clerk for nineteen years. In recent months failing health made it more and more difficult for him to perform his duties but did not diminish his interest in the Station and its welfare. To Mrs. Patchin and Miss Sperry and to other members of the family, we extend sincere sympathy.

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THE STATION picnic has been postponed to next week.

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A GROUP of Canadian farmers visited the Station last week as part of a tour of this region. The party was traveling in a "Pullman" bus.

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MR. WILSON, Research Director of the Board of Estimate and Control, and Mr. H. M. Earing, Superintendent of State Printing, called at the Station yesterday to discuss various matters relating to publication. Among other things, they approved the award of the contract for 1926-27 for printing the Station bulletins to W. F. Humphrey of Geneva.

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MR. AND MRS. SAYRE plan to leave for Watertown the latter part of the week where Mr. Sayre will spend the next two weeks in an artillery camp nearby. Mr. Sayre holds the rank of colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps.

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MISS JONES is moving the first of the month from her home on Argyle Street to an apartment at 61 High Street.

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DR. THATCHER is leaving tomorrow for St. Paul to attend a meeting of one of the committees of the Land Grant College Association.

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MR. STREETER reports a visit with Fred Clark while calling at the New Hampshire Experiment Station. Mr. Clark was at one time an assistant in the Horticultural Department here and is now teaching botany at New Hampshire State College.

CUPID invaded the Chemistry Building the past week for the second time within the month of roses and brides. On this invasion, also, he made a double killing, bringing down two stalwart chemists one of whom had proved particularly resistant to his darts. The marriage of Miss Eleanor Smith and Mr. Dayton took place in Penn Yan last Saturday, while Miss Bertha Shanahan of Syracuse and "Bill" Walsh are to be married today. The Daytons announce that they will be at home on Cherry Street after September 1, while the Walshes will reside in "Smith Park." The NEWS extends congratulations and very best wishes to all concerned.

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AMONG the pre-nuptial events leading up to the happy culmination of the two weddings noted above was a dinner tendered the bridegrooms-elect by about twenty members of the Staff at "Alley's Inn" on Keuka Lake last Thursday. Much able advice was forthcoming from those who know, and a good time was had by all.

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THE GENESEE Valley Nurses Association held a picnic on the Station grounds yesterday. Dr. Hedrick told of his trip abroad.

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DR. AND MRS. Carpenter left last Friday for a visit in Michigan.

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DR. AND MRS. NABENHAUER were callers at the Station last week.

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MR. WELLINGTON, accompanied by John Wellington, spent the week-end at his home near Boston. Mr. Wellington addressed the strawberry growers of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society on Saturday.

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THE HAIL storm of Saturday wiped out the vegetable variety tests being made at Oaks Corners by Mr. Hall and Mr. Hawthorn.

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SEVERAL changes of interest to the Staff are scheduled to go into effect July 1. Some of these we note below.

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FIRST of all, we regret to note the retirement on July 1 of Mr. Taylor who has served so long and so efficiently in the Horticultural Department.

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MR. BENDER completes his work in the Chemistry Department on the first. Miss Mildred McGuigan becomes a "regular" member of the stenographic force. Mr. Prickett assumes his duties as an assistant in the Bacteriology Department. Mr. and Mrs. Prickett, by the way, are making their home for the present in the Hadlow residence at the corner of Castle and Brook Streets. Dr. Berger is promoted to Associate in Research. George Slate receives a promotion without change in title and will take over the small fruit work in the Horticultural Department. Mr. Louis Van Alstyne of Kinderhook, N. Y., and a recent graduate of Massachusetts Agricultural College has been appointed an assistant in the Horticultural Department.