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GOVERNOR SMITH during the past week signed the supplemental bill which carried two or three items pertaining to the Station and which completed the Station budget for 1927-28. A summary of the new budget compared with that for 1926-27 is as follows:

	<u>1926-27</u>	<u>1927-28</u>
Personal Service	\$209,540	\$210,810
Maintenance and operation.....	64,275	62,925
Maintenance undistributed	9,800	23,250
Items immediately available	1,000	8,465
Total State Appropriations..	\$284,615	\$305,450
Federal funds	6,000	7,000
Income (estimated)	12,000	12,000
Total resources	\$302,615	\$324,450

THE APPROVAL of the supplemental bill makes available funds for the inauguration of special investigations on nursery stock production in anticipation of the federal quarantine against imported nursery stock which goes into force in 1930. The proposal that the Station undertake these investigations came from the New York State Nurserymen's Association and members of that organization were active in keeping the measure alive at Albany. Mr. Tukey has been selected to head up this work and is expected to take up his new duties about April 18. The NEWS takes pleasure in welcoming the Tukeys back to Geneva and extends congratulations on the promotion which these new duties signify. Mr. Tukey joined the Station Staff in 1920 as an assistant in the Horticultural Department and in 1923 was put in charge of the horticultural activities of the Hudson River Valley Fruit Investigations with headquarters at Hudson. His new position will carry the title of Acting Chief in Research (Horticulture). The bill also provides for an assistant who has not yet been chosen. Arrangements are being made for the lease of an 18-acre tract of land just west of the Station where the field work with nursery stocks will be conducted and several large cold frames have already been constructed south of the greenhouses. Mr. Tukey's successor in the Hudson River Valley has not yet been appointed.

MR. SAYRE gave an interesting account of the canning industry and of the work with canning crops under way at the Station at the Staff meeting last Monday. Mr. Pederson was designated as Secretary of the Staff to finish out the year begun by Mr. Dayton.

MISS ELIZABETH HOPKINS has been granted leave of absence for a term of study at Massachusetts Agricultural College. She plans to return to Geneva about June 15.

MR. DANIEL left Saturday for Fredonia where he will spend the summer in his special field of grape pest control.

MR. IR. K. Leendertz of Wagennigen, Holland, will take over Miss Hopkins' work in the Seed Laboratory during her absence. Mr. Leendertz arrived in this country early in the week and went direct to Washington where he will spend a few days in studying the methods of the U. S. D. A. Seed Laboratory. He will also cooperate with Mr. Mann in the formulation of International Seed Testing Rules as a representative of Dr. Frank of the Wagennigen Seed Laboratory, chairman of an international committee on seed testing of which Mr. Mann is a member.

DR. RICHARD Willstätter of the University of Munich will lecture on "Problems and Methods in Enzyme Research" at Baker Laboratory at Cornell University next Monday at 4:30 p.m.

HERMAN BREITFELD spent part of his spring vacation in the Station Library.

MISS DARROW's mother, who was operated upon last Sunday in the Geneva General Hospital, is reported to be making satisfactory progress today.

"JIM" LAWSON, our able museum preparator, has been reported as about to make his annual appearance at the Station.

MR. PARROTT attended a meeting of the Yates County Fruit Growers Association at Penn Yan yesterday.

"STRATEGY in Insect Control" is the title of one of the leading articles in FIELD for April and comes from the pen of Mr. B. B. Fulton, at one time a member of the Entomological Department of this Station.

WE HASTEN to make amends. We are informed that Miss Brennan did not annihilate mouse which she captured in her office, as reported in last week's NEWS, but very carefully deposited the cute little thing outdoors, none the worse for its experience.

AN efficiency expert reports that a study of the actual uses to which paper clips are put in the average office reveals that of 100,000 clips there are used for:

Lingerie clasps	7,160
Bobbed hair holders	10,801
Pipe cleaners	3,163
Emergency garter clasps	802
Ear reamers	5,534
Lamp shade holders	192
Shirt sleeve adjusters	4,183
Ford repair parts	5,308
Tooth picks	9,021
Bachelor buttons	7,200
Cuff links	5,302
Poker chips	19,413
Olive stabbers	406
Eversharp pencil repair kit	7,324
Toys to use while telephoning	14,163
Holding papers together	28
Total	100,000

THIS week's problem:

A benevolent employer has at his disposal for distribution in the form of salary increases \$1,100 for distribution among 53 more or less deserving employees. How much does each employee think he should receive and how much will he get ?