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THE STATION Club card party mentioned in last week's NEWS will be the social event of the current week, and will be held Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Library. Mr. Van Eseltine is in charge, and a number have already indicated their intention of participating.

THE "SCHOOL" for field men of New York State Canners held here last week was declared by Mr. John P. Street, Secretary of the State Canners Association, to be the most successful meeting of the kind attempted by the organization, both from the standpoint of attendance and profitable discussion. In all, 102 persons registered at the "school". It was announced that the Association would hold its regular June meeting here, when it is expected that many of the lines of work under way on the Canning Crops Farm will be at ~~xx~~ a stage for profitable observation.

THE DIRECTOR has received a formal protest from the Seneca Castle Grange against the parking of cars on the south side of West Castle Street. "No Parking" signs are being made by a local sign painter and will soon be erected at intervals along the south side of the street. Presumably, parking space for Station cars that are now parked in the street will be provided elsewhere.

MRS. L. K. JONES is recovering from an operation performed at the Geneva General Hospital last week for the removal of her tonsils.

"DOC" GLASGOW'S name has also been erased from the sick list, following a siege with a severe throat infection.

THE LIBRARIAN is seeking a duplicate copy of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Extension Service Handbook which was borrowed from the Library some time ago. The copy in question is unbound and is in very much of a loose-leaf condition. Its return will be appreciated.

MR. PARROTT speaks today before the Seneca Falls Rotary Club on the elm leaf beetle and its control. This pest occasioned considerable disturbance in Geneva and nearby towns last summer when its depredations assumed rather alarming proportions in some districts.

"HORTICULTURE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY" is the title of a feature article which appeared in the Valatie ROUGH NOTES for March 16. The article is adorned by a picture of Mr. L. C. Anderson, Station horticulturist in charge of the Hudson Valley fruit investigations, and gives a brief review of the various lines of horticultural work under way in the Valley.

C. A. EDSALL, F. A. Newkerk, C. W. Fox, and H. L. Page, New York City dairy and milk inspectors, spent most of last week at the Station studying the methods followed in Geneva in controlling the quality of the City's milk supply. Dr. M. C. Schroder, of the New York City laboratories, and W. L. Daugherty, in charge of milk inspection in New York, also spent some time at the Station.

DR. CLAVI Meurman of the University of Helsingfors, Finland, was a recent visitor in the Horticultural Division, and will return to the Station next month for a stay of several weeks. Dr. Meurman holds a fellowship with the International Education Board and at present is making his headquarters at Cornell.

MR. HARTZELL addressed a group of pear growers at Penn Yan last week on recent developments in methods for combating pear psylla.

MR. HARLAN received recently from Mr. Collison a rather full account of their travels thru the Southwest. Writing from Albuquerque, Mr. Collison states that they did not find Texas very interesting but New Mexico was extremely interesting. Near Santa Fe they saw a regular Indian dance, but the Indians are sufficiently modernized to get the "long green" from the spectators. The Indians around Albuquerque and Santa Fe live in pueblos and come into town in their bright colored blankets. They visited Bandelier National Monument fifty miles from Santa Fe. Here in a wonderful canyon between walls of highly colored volcanic tufa, an ancient civilization lived in caves. These people vacated these caves 1200 to 1500 years ago for unknown reasons. The caves still exist and run along the cliff for over two miles. Surrounding canyons contain many similar rooms. In the narrow valley these ancient people grew corn and Hubbard squash and held their religious ceremonies in special ceremonial caves. The Collisons camped nearby and had to carry their water 600 feet up the trail. Mr. Collison states that water is something more than H₂O here, but fails to say just how high the percentage runs.

THE NEW schedule upon which the Rochester and Eastern cars now operate is not at all to the liking of Station employees who have depended more or less on the cars for transportation to and from work. For example, in the morning, there is nothing between 6:48 and 8:18 from downtown. Also, to go "down street", it is necessary to leave the Station at 11:35 in the morning, or 4:35 in the evening. There is a car up about 1:18 in the afternoon that will prove useful.

THE STATION horticulturists make an effort from time to time to disseminate information to the housewife on how to buy apples in order to get away from the practice many of us have of asking for "just apples". The Marketing Research Council of New York City has recently made known the results of a survey of consumer preferences for apples as revealed by the New York City market. It was found that the Jewish people of the City were more selective in buying their apples than were the people of any other race, which means of course that a very substantial proportion of the City's population buys apples intelligently. It was estimated that 58% of the Jewish families surveyed preferred the MacIntosh (spelled Mackintosh, by the way, in the survey) to all other varieties for eating out of hand. Practically everyone else in the City buys "eating" apples or "cooking" apples, and 51% of the housewives interviewed admitted that they could not identify a single variety of apple.