

THE STATION NEWS

Vol. X, No. 13.

March 27, 1928

Geneva, N.Y.

ABOUT forty members of the Station Club turned out Friday evening for the second card party of the season. Miss Hoefle and our genial president, Col. Sayre, carried off the honors for the evening, with Mrs. Harlan and Mr. Clark participating in the consolation awards. The Club's next venture will be a spring party set for April 20.

THE APRIL Staff meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 6, when the "Hucker System" of inspection trips will be resumed with a visit by the Staff to the Chemistry Department and the Seed Testing Laboratory.

A JOINT project between the Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Station to perfect methods for controlling the European corn borer in sweet corn in this State has been set in motion by funds made available at the recent session of the Legislature. The project is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Parrott, and Mr. G. E. R. Hervey has been employed to conduct the work in the field. Operations have already been inaugurated by Mr. Hervey in Chautauqua and Erie Counties. Both Mr. Parrott and Mr. Hervey are scheduled to broadcast on corn borer from Buffalo early next month.

DIRECTOR MORRISON appeared both yesterday and today on the program of the Annual Conference of Extension Workers being held at Ithaca all of this week.

MISS ELIZABETH Hopkins paid a brief visit to the Station last Saturday, and was surprised to find her radio talk, given from Springfield last night, so widely advertised in Geneva. Miss Hopkins says she is enjoying her work at Amherst and finds the farmers of Massachusetts quite responsive to the efforts that the State is making to protect them thru the new seed laboratory, of which she is the head.

DR. C. R. ROBERTS of the Sheffield Farms Co., important milk distributors in New York City, spent several days in the Bacteriology Laboratory and with Mr. Eglinton in a study of the methods used in controlling the Geneva milk supply.

PROF. R. E. McGinty, Associate Horticulturist at the Colorado Experiment Station and last summer associated with Mr. Sayre in the field work with canning crops, has been appointed Horticulturist at Clemson College, South Carolina. Prof. McGinty assumes his new duties on July 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS have been received by several Station folks of the marriage of Dr. Bernhard Nebel to Miss Mabel Ruttle of Berkeley, Calif., last week. Dr. Nebel will be remembered as the energetic "Fellow" of the International Education Board who spent several months at the Station in horticultural investigation during the past year.

MR. GAMBRELL has had word from Rodney Cecil, well-known expert on Mexican bean beetles and fisherman par excellence, that he expects to return to Geneva in about three weeks. Mr. Cecil winters in Columbus, Ohio.

"THE Fundamentals of Dairy Science" is the title of a recent volume which endeavors to set forth the present status of scientific knowledge pertaining to dairying. It is gratifying to note that work done at this Station is prominently mentioned thruout the text.

IT IS A common plaint that "corrections" in the press never receive the prominence accorded the original statement. The physical make-up of the NEWS precludes any such criticism of its columns, as all items must of necessity receive equal display. All of which is leading up to a question relative to a statement in last week's NEWS about parking in front of the Station buildings. A prominent representative of the local press parked his car in front of Jordan Hall yesterday and practically beneath one of the new "No Parking" signs, and when objection was raised by a Station employee, pointed out that the NEWS specified "West Castle Street" and that he was parked on "West North Street". Documentary evidence was produced by the Editor in the shape of the Geneva City Directory to show that the Experiment Station is located on "West Castle Street". Also, the telephone directory shows that Dr. Van Slyke lives on Castle Street, altho we must admit, reluctantly, that this same document lists Mr. Churchill as residing on North Street. So much for consistency. The parking situation resolves itself into the simple question of whether or not one believes in signs. If so, parking on the north side of "West Castle-North Street" is not now regarded by Station officials as good form. Parking on the south side of the above-mentioned street will be eliminated "by request" when provision can be made for parking space on the Station grounds for the cars of Station employees now using the street.

INCIDENTALLY, one reader of the NEWS has recalled that Dr. Jordan protested vigorously, as Dr. Jordan would, against the City allowing the electric railway to monopolize a very considerable part of the highway when the present paving was laid. The wisdom of Dr. Jordan's objections are brought home to us every day with the increasing traffic along West Castle-North Street.

MR. A. L. STEWART should be listed among the prominent visitors calling at the Station recently. Mr. Stewart made his first visit this winter to the Biology Building a few days ago.

MR. W. HANSEN, chief analyst for the Eastern States Milling Corp., spent the weekend in the Seed Testing Laboratory studying the Laboratory's technic and the provisions of the State seed law with reference to seed labeling.

THE editorials appearing recently in prominent papers are commended to the consideration of those members of the Staff who may have a few moments to spend in the reading room. One, in the RURAL NEW-YORKER for March 17, deals with the use of charts and graphs for popular presentations of information, and the other, in the WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR, is entitled "Farmers Interested in Application of Scientific Knowledge". The latter develops a thought on presenting the results of research to farmers which should be helpful in the preparation of material for the Station News Service.

THE SEED Laboratory recently completed analyses of samples of 67 tons of farm crops seeds submitted by the low bidders who were awarded contracts to supply seeds to the several State Institution Farms.