

# The Station News

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**MILK INSPECTORS COMING** : Inspectors employed by the New York City Department of Health to make periodical examinations of the dairy farms supplying milk to the metropolis are to assemble at Ithaca this week and next for a "school" having to do with primarily formulation of standards of inspection that will prove satisfactory to the dairy farmer and at the same time meet the requirements of the public health officials. The corps of inspectors is to be divided into two groups, one group meeting this week and the other next week. On Thursday of this week the "school" will move in a body to the Station where recent developments in sanitary milk production will be discussed. The morning session will be devoted to the following program:

A word of welcome, by Dr. Hedrick.

Common-sources of bacteria and dirt in milk, by Dr. Breed.

How the inspection force can make best use of a control laboratory, by Dr. Breed.

Cooling milk on the dairy farm, by Mr. Marquardt.

Sampling milk for bacterial analysis, by G. J. Hucker.

Strainers and strainer cloths, by J. C. Hening.

State laws governing the making of butter fat tests and bacterial counts used as a basis of payment to dairy-men, by A. H. Robertson, Dept. of Agr. and Markets.

The afternoon will be given over to an inspection of the herd and demonstrations in the dairy and bacteriological laboratories. The program will be repeated on Thursday of next week.

**CANNERS TO HOLD "SCHOOL"** : With the close of the milk inspectors' school next week, the New York State Cannerymen are sending their field men to the Station for a three-day session, beginning March 6. This "school" will be similar to the one held at the same time last year, when those working with canning crops on the Station and College of Agriculture Staffs reviewed the progress of the investigations under way at the two institutions in addition to special features in the way of lectures and demonstrations.

**"DOC" GOING TO SHERIDAN** : Dr. Glasgow will participate in a two-day vegetable conference at Sheridan in Chautauqua County tomorrow and Thursday.

**WITH THE TRI-STATE CANNERS** : Mr. Sayre left yesterday for a three-day meeting of field men employed by members of the Tri-State Cannerymen Association at College Park, Md. This Association holds a "school" for its field men modeled somewhat after the one held in this State for the past few years. Mr. Sayre expects to return to Geneva Friday.

**MRS. HEDRICK TO RETURN THURSDAY** : Mrs. Hedrick is expected to return to Geneva next Thursday following several weeks spent in the South. Leaving Geneva with the hope of benefiting from a vacation under southern skies, she had the misfortune to fall ill soon after reaching Florida. Although not wholly restored in health, she has been spending some time with friends in Georgia and now feels equal to the trip north.

**ON THE SICK LIST** : Others on the sick list the past week or still out on "sick leave" include Miss McGuigan, Mr. Hadlow, and Mr. Clark. The last two are still very much under the weather, though making progress.

**IT MIGHT BE WORSE** : When bemoaning the persistent covering of snow and ice in the vicinity of Geneva, pause to consider the "news" report purporting to come from South Dakota where it snows. "Snow so deep farmers have to jack cows up to milk them."

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WANTED: A NEW : Perhaps those who are confined to their homes by illness or who are
CUSS WORD : sufficiently recovered to totter around their offices may be inter-
-----: ested in a "contest" announced by The Fertilizer Review as follows:

"One of the crying needs of this country is for a particularly vicious, crackling cuss word which may be enunciated without putting an uncomfortable strain on vocal cords rendered supersensitive by coughing incident to the flu. 'Damn' expresses the general idea, but is too harsh on the throat. See what you can do."

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VISITS THE : Dr. E. B. Holland, research professor in chemistry at the Massa-
STATION : chusetts Agricultural College, was a recent visitor to the Chem-
-----: istry Division here.

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THE NEW MAIL : To expedite the delivery of mail to the several offices and to pro-
SCHEDULE : vide for Station letters reaching the post office as promptly as
-----: possible, a change has been made in Mr. Brown's afternoon schedule.
The mail is now brought up from the post office about 2:30 and distributed at once.
Mr. Brown then makes a trip down at 4:30 with all mail ready at that time. Mail is
also carried down to the post office on the 2:30 trip.

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NEW BOOKS IN : The following books have been added to the Library during the past
THE LIBRARY : month:

- Enzyme actions and properties, Waldschmidt-Leitz.
Dairy bacteriology, Hammer.
Bacteriology--A text book of micro-organisms, Tanner.
Wm. Bateson, Naturalist; Beatrice Bateson.
Handbook of N. American Uredinales, Bartholomew.
Molecular rearrangements, Porter.
Radiation in chemistry, Morton.
Statistical mechanics with applications to physics and chemistry, Tolman.
X-rays and electrons, Compton.

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WHAT A LIFE : Apropos of mention in the NEWS recently of subscriptions to new
: journals, it has been hinted to the Editor that the American Nut
-----: Journal must be a house organ for experiment station workers,
while a member of the Chemistry Division wants to know if New Silva and Flora is a
fashion magazine!

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ROOMS TO RENT : The NEWS cannot be bought or sold; it is priceless! So we are glad
-----: to pass along with our expectation of remuneration information about
rooms to rent, etc., that come to us with the request that we acquaint Station folks
about such accommodations. There is a "Large, pleasant, east room; with double or
twin beds; next to bath; very warm; in a new modern home at 26 Maxwell, 'phone 3209;
also garage." Then there is a room available in the new Schumman residence in "Smith
Park" which has the advantage of proximity to the Station.

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FARMERS READ : Being interested primarily in the dissemination of news, particular-
THE PAPERS : ly agricultural news, we quote again from The Fertilizer Review
-----: concerning a survey made by their representatives in thirty-five
states on what farmers read. Briefly, 48,207 farmers have been interviewed. Eight
out of ten took one or more farm papers, seven out of ten took a daily newspaper,
and more than half took a local weekly paper as well. With regard to the figures
for New York State, nine out of ten read a daily paper. Taking the entire group,
eight out of ten said they were interested in farm news in the newspaper.

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SIGNS OF : Despite the weather outside, there are certain sure signs of spring.
SPRING : The buds are swelling, the maple sugar vender has put in an appear-
-----: ance at the Station, the baseball schedules are out and the "big
league" teams have started South, and then the bird lists are be-
ginning to grow. John Einset has established a substantial lead with 19 birds iden-
tified thus far, while Mr. Hartzell has 18 on his list, and Mr. Gambrell 16. Of
special interest to bird lovers just now is the unprecedented number of snow flakes
or snow buntings seen about Geneva this winter. Prof. Eaton states that, although
these little birds usually visit this region every winter, never before in the 21
years of his observations has he seen such flocks as are to be found this season.