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A FRIEND : The deep sense of personal loss and of loss to the Station group as
TO ALL :
THE STATION : a whole in the lamentable death of Mrs. Parrott in her home on Castle
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Street Monday night makes it exceedingly difficult for us to record her passing here.

It is hard indeed to visualize the Station life of the future without her active and friendly participation. We shall always take pleasure in recalling Mrs. Parrott's cordial and friendly advances upon our first coming to Geneva, an experience that we know to have been shared by every new-comer on the Staff. Mere expressions of sympathy seem empty phrases at such times, but the heart of the Station goes out to Mr. Parrott, to Margaret, and to John in our mutual sorrow.

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THE HOLES : Dr. W. C. Dorner gave the Staff a very interesting description of the
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SWISS CHEESE: practical side of dairying in Switzerland at the Staff meeting Monday
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afternoon, illustrating his remarks with lantern slides. With this introduction it was easy for him to pass on to a brief discussion of some of the bacteriological problems in the manufacture of Swiss cheese which have brought him to this country for a year's study of the effect of the sanitary quality of milk on the quality of Swiss cheese. It seems that the "eyes" or holes in Swiss cheese are important indicators of the type and form of bacteriological activity in the cheese, and that the organisms responsible for these and other characteristics of Swiss cheese are receiving special attention from Dr. Dorner. His comments were supported by a generous section of Swiss cheese that was passed around for sampling. Dr. Dorner has promised to give an illustrated talk on Switzerland at a later date.

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THE WILLAMANS : Dr. and Mrs. Willaman and their two daughters have arrived in Geneva,
REACH GENEVA : and for the present are making their home in the house formerly
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occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Shear at the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and Pleasant Street. The NEWS takes this opportunity to extend a welcome to the Willamans, and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable sojourn in Geneva.

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FIRE FIGHTERS : When the siren on the top of the horse barn sounded its insistent
RESPOND TO : call to duty last Friday afternoon, it found most of the Station fire
TRIAL ALARM : fighters wholly unsuspecting that they were to be given a trial run
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to a rubbish fire back of the dairy barn. A creditable performance was turned in, however, even though some of the apparatus was left behind in the rush of the force to the scene of action. With the new water mains prepared to give a sufficient volume of water for the city pumper and with the Station force at hand for "first-aid", the Station's fire protection is much more adequate than it has been at any time in the past.

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PROCEEDINGS : The Proceedings of the Seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the New
OF THE : York State Horticultural Society has just come from the press.
HORT. SOCIETY : This is a report of the meetings held in Rochester and in Pough-
-----: keepsie during the past winter. Mr. McPherson, Secretary of the
Society, has supplied the Station with a few extra copies which will be found on
the Editor's desk and which may be had, as long as the supply lasts, by members of
the Staff particularly interested in their contents.

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CONGRATULATIONS: The announcement of the engagement of Miss Rachel Haynes to Dr.
IN ORDER : Ralph Shriner came as a pleasant surprise to their many friends in
-----: Geneva. For the past few years Miss Haynes has been employed as
histologist for the Commission on the Standardization of Biological Stains under the
direction of Dr. Conn, although she has always been regarded as one of the "Station
Crowd". Dr. Shriner was associated with Dr. Anderson in the Biochemical Laboratory
here, and is now in the Chemistry Department at the University of Illinois.

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EASTER : Dr. and Mrs. Conn have as their guests for Easter week Mrs. Conn's
GUESTS : sister, Mrs. E. B. Brannigan, with her husband and son, Groton,
-----: Massachusetts.

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ACTING SUPT. : During Mr. Hadlow's forced absence from his duties as Superinten-
OF : dent of Buildings, due to illness, Mr. Bowen has been named Acting
BUILDINGS : Superintendent by the Director. With the opening up of the work
-----: on the farm, Mr. Bowen has also taken over Mr. Churchill's duties
with reference to supervision of work to be done in the shop or by Mr. Bowers in the
several buildings and laboratories. The Director requests that hereafter all calls
for Mr. Bowers' services be made to the Director's office.

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TWO NEW : Mr. L. P. Wilkins has been appointed to serve as general care-
JANITORS : taker of the Chemistry Building and Mr. Thomas Gainey as janitor
-----: for the Biology Building. Mr. Pease, for some time a member of
the Station labor force, has been substituting for Mr. Hoag in Jordan Hall. Mr.
Hoag is making a slow but satisfactory recovery from the injuries sustained when he
fell from a ladder in the auditorium several weeks ago.

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DR. CARPENTER : Dr. Carpenter resumed his speaking engagement the first of this
IN SYRACUSE : week when he addressed the Syracuse Section of the American Chemi-
-----: cal Society on his work at Upsala.

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NEW BOOKS IN : The following books have been added to the Station Library during
THE LIBRARY : the past month:
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The Pear and its culture, Tukey.
The crab apples and nectarines of Japan, Asami.
Principles of forest entomology, Graham.
Physical optics, Wood.
The insects of Australia and New Zealand, Tillyard
Tomato production, Work.

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THE CLEAN-UP : Visible results of the Director's efforts to clean up the Station
PROGRESSES : grounds and make them more attractive to the casual visitor and a
-----: source of pride to the Staff are more and more in evidence. Dr.
Hedrick mentioned in the Staff meeting Monday that members of the Staff could aid
materially by exercising care in driving about the grounds not to cut the corners
so sharply as to spoil the lawns and also in crossing the lawns on foot not to make
beaten paths. He also called attention to the installation of trash cans in the
rear of all the buildings with the request that they be patronized. Removal of the
spray platform, with all its tanks, pipes, odors, etc., to the vicinity of the old
goat barn is now an accomplished fact, and is the first of several projects under
consideration in the scheme for beautifying the grounds.