

# The Station News

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**THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION** : Tomorrow the Station will entertain Governor Roosevelt's Agricultural Commission, when a general survey will be made of the Station's activities and proposed new lines of research will be discussed. Those expected to be present are as follows: Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the commission, New York City; Hon. D. P. Witter, chairman of the Assembly committee on Agriculture, Berkshire; Hon. Seabury Mastick, chairman Senate committee on Taxation, Pleasantville; M. C. Burritt, Hilton; Hon. Leigh Kirkland, chairman Senate committee on Agriculture, Randolph; Miss Martha van Rensselaer, Director of College of Home Economics, Ithaca; Jared Van Wagenen, Lawyersville; C. R. White, President New York Federation of Farm Bureaus, Ionia; J. Roe Stevenson, Cayuga; C. P. Norgord, Albany; B. A. Pyrke, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany; Mrs. Eliza Keates Young, President New York Federation of Home Bureaus, Milton; C. W. Halliday, secretary Sheffield Producers' Co-operative Assn., Inc., New York; John Fallon, Constableville; Dr. C. E. Ladd, College of Agriculture, Ithaca; Paul Judson, president New York College of Agriculture, Kinderhook; Dr. G. F. Warren, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Ithaca; I. D. Karr, Almond; Fred Sexauer, president Dairymen's League Co-operative Assn., New York; and H. E. Babcock, manager G. L. F. Exchange, Ithaca.

While the exact procedure is not definitely known at this time, it is expected that a tour of the Station laboratories and grounds will be made in the morning, with a more formal session in the Director's office in the afternoon. The Commission will remain in Geneva only the one day.

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**WILL LIVE ON FRUIT DIET** : From one hundred to several hundred fruit growers are expected at the Station tomorrow for the two-day meeting of the New York Fruit Testing Association. The reason for the uncertainty of the numbers is that the Fruit Testing Association has never before attempted anything quite as pretentious as this year's effort. With a membership of over 1,500 and with an unusual array of new fruits to set forth this year, the Association has decided to abandon its one-day meeting and present a much more comprehensive program and a much larger exhibit of fruit. As an added feature, the members of the State Horticultural Society have been invited to the meeting, whether members of the Association or not, and in view of the fact that there was no summer meeting of the Society at the Station this year, a large number of fruit growers are expected, especially from nearby points. Leading off with a business session tomorrow morning, the afternoon will be given over to brief talks by several prominent horticulturists from this country and Canada. Friday morning, members of the Horticultural Division here will describe the Station's new seedlings, and Friday afternoon tours will be made of the Station orchards and vineyards. The fruit exhibit will be well worth a visit by all members of the Staff, whether particularly interested in fruit or not, as it will visualize one of the important activities of the Station in a most effective way. Not only will there be a large number of the Station's new varieties grown on the Station grounds, but members of the Fruit Testing Association from afar send in specimens of our new seedlings grown by them. Then too, the Canadian horticulturists are bringing a sizeable collection of their new offerings and exhibits are also expected from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, New Jersey, Iowa, and other points. The Association, and more particularly Mr. Wellington as Secretary and Mr. King as Manager, are to be congratulated on the splendid growth of the organization and the good work it is doing. Incidentally, it is proving to be a most important and worth while contact of the Station with its constituency.

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**SOME OF OUR GUESTS** : Professor Fred Smith, Principal of the Essex County Agricultural School has long been an interested and regular attendant on the meetings of the Fruit Testing Association. This year, however, he is not content with one or two days at the Station, but arrived Monday with Mrs. Smith to spend the week here. Prof. Smith conducts one of the important agricultural schools in Massachusetts comparable in many respects to the five secondary agricultural schools in this State. Other guests of the Station for this week of more than passing interest will include Dr. A. B. Stout, Director of Laboratories of the New York Botanical Gardens; C. P. Close and G. M. Darrow of the U. S. Department

of Agriculture; Dr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist of Ottawa, Canada; E. F. Palmer, Director of the Horticultural Experiment Station at Vineland, Ontario; B. D. Van Buren, President of the Fruit Testing Association; Roy P. Mc Pherson and Paul Judson, Secretary and President of the State Horticultural Society, respectively, and many others.

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THE SESQUI : In addition to the many other activities that mark this week as an especially busy one for Station folks, several among the Station group are taking an active part in the Sullivan Sesqui-Centennial celebration which culminates with the pageant next Saturday. Although not being able to make a complete check-up of all of those participating, we learn that Mr. Mann will function as a particularly wild and ferocious Indian, while "Vic" Hopkins and Mr. Hartzell play the part of the nefarious British. Then beginning tonight in the Woman's Building, the Colonial Exhibit will get under way and will remain open the remainder of the week. In one capacity or another, the following are helping on this exhibit: Dorothy and Janet Willaman, Mrs. Wellington, Miss Fahy, Miss Corcoran, Mrs. Newton, Mr. Van Alstyne, and Mr. and Mrs. Lockett. The colonial home and colonial handicrafts are the theme of the exhibit.

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GOING TO DAHLIA SHOW : Mr. Hall left today by automobile for New York City where he will visit the National Dahlia Show. Mr. Hall has his usual large collection of dahlias near Lyons, and in all probability will make a display at the show to be put on in Jordan Hall next week by the Geneva Garden Club.

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CALLED TO ALBANY : Dr. Hedrick has been called to Albany for a hearing on the 1930-31 budget next Friday, thereby having to forego the Sesqui festivities and a good share of the meeting of the Fruit Testing Association.

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BRINGS THE SPINNER : Dr. Breed returned from Albany today by automobile following a conference in the State Capitol on Tuesday. On his way back he stopped off in Syracuse for Mrs. Lois Beers, an aunt, who has consented to operate a spinning wheel in the Colonial Exhibit. Mrs. Beers participated in the spinning contest at the State Fair last month.

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PLANT BREEDERS VISIT STATION : Dr. D. F. Jones of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, and Dr. F. P. Bussel, of the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, were recent visitors to the Station where they were especially interested in the work with vegetables.

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THE JANUARY MEETING : With the State Fair put away for another year, the Station is being called upon to give consideration to another exhibit, this time the exhibit at the Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester in January. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Horticultural Society has been called for Thursday evening in the Seneca Hotel, when details of the annual meeting and particularly of the exhibits will be discussed.

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LEAVE WITH OUR BLESSING : Harold Tukey and his family leave next Monday for Chicago where the proverbial "head" of the family will enter the University of Chicago for a year of graduate work in botany, especially physiology. Harold's friends will be glad to know that while his family will be domiciled some miles distant from the wicked city, he will be lodged in the dormitory reserved for the students of Divinity at the University, thus insuring the best of environments at least. A successful and profitable year is our wish!

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THE PHIPPS PAY A CALL : Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phipps are spending two or three days in Geneva renewing acquaintances and making plans for a year of graduate work at Cornell, beginning this fall. Mr. Phipps was formerly a member of the Entomology Division here and is now on the staff of the Maine Experiment Station at Orono. Mr. and Mrs. Phipps are close neighbors of Dr. and Mrs. Jordan with whom they spend many hours reminiscing about Geneva and Geneva friends. Mr. Phipps states that Guy McCloud, also a former member of the Entomology Division, will be at Cornell this winter for graduate work.