

The Station News

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THE STATION AT POUGHKEEPSIE: The good name of the Experiment Station will be upheld at the eastern meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Poughkeepsie this week by several able members of the Staff. Mr. Van Alstyne left on Monday to supervise the arrangement of the Station exhibit, and will be assisted in this by Mr. Anderson, the Station's representative at Hudson in the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations. This exhibit will be made up of collections of apple varieties of seventy-five, fifty, and twenty-five years ago for comparison with present-day commercial varieties and new seedlings produced by the Station. A small display of filbert varieties will be taken care of by Mr. Slate, and there will also be an exhibit of recent Station publications relating to the Hudson Valley. Dr. Hedrick and Mr. Wellington are expecting to attend the meetings, the latter making a report on the pollination work done at the Station. Mr. Parrott is also expected to come up from Orlando, Fla., and discuss spray problems of the past seasons with the Hudson Valley fruit growers. (Incidentally, Mr. Parrott may pay a brief visit to Geneva before returning South.) But one of the most important aspects of the Poughkeepsie meetings from the Station point of view is the opportunity that it affords the members of the Staff assigned to work in the Hudson Valley to make a report on their projects for the past year. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Shear, and Mr. Munding will appear on the program for this purpose.

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BACK HOME, BUT NOT "BROKE": Mr. and Mrs. Sayre arrived in Geneva yesterday after several months spent at Berkeley, Calif., where Mr. Sayre carried on graduate study in the University of California closely related to some of his canning crops problems. He is enthusiastic about his work at the University and the benefits derived from his time spent on the West Coast. A brief interlude spent by Mr. Sayre in a hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska is not such a pleasant memory, but a rapid recovery from an operation which promises to result in greatly improved health more than compensates for the discomfort and inconvenience of this unwelcome experience. The NEWS joins with their friends in welcoming the Sayres back to the Station.

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WILL ADDRESS VEGETABLE MEN: Mr. Hawthorn will spend three days next week in Chautauqua County making a series of talks before vegetable growers at a Farm Bureau "School" to be held in Sheridan, Westfield, and Ripley. He will discuss vegetable varieties and the fertilizer experiments with tomatoes conducted on the canning crops farm. Mr. Gladwin will also take part in the "school", discussing certain topics relating to grapes.

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"SAM" BROWN : February 1 will mark the retirement of another familiar figure at the
RETIRES : Station in the person of Sam Brown, for nineteen years a member of the
-----: dairy barn force. Mr. Brown came to this country from Scotland where
he was engaged in dairy work, and found employment on the Crittenden farm, which was
later acquired by the Station. Mr. Brown enjoys the reputation of being the earliest
man to work on the Station payroll, his duties requiring his presence in the dairy
barn at 3:30 each morning. He also has an enviable reputation for promptness and
attention to duty. Mr. Brown is the father of "Andy" and John, both of whom have
been in the Station employ for several years, and is, we believe, the only great-
grandfather on the Station rolls. The NEWS had occasion not long ago to note the
celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and we take
pleasure now in congratulating Mr. Brown on his splendid record of service to the
Station and in wishing him the best of health and happiness in the years to come.

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A PAINFUL : A misfortune that he regards as a warning against further indulgence
WARNING : in manual labor befell Harry King the other day, when a heavy "chunk"
-----: of wood he was conveying from the backyard to the house fell on his
foot, crippling him badly for the time being.

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GOES TO : Dr. Breed is in Syracuse today attending a meeting of the State
SYRACUSE : Breeders' Association where he will present a report on proposed future
-----: policies of the Association on behalf of a committee of which he is
chairman.

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CHANCE FOR : Perhaps the last week in January is not too soon to begin to look
SUMMER HOME : ahead to plans for the summer, hence we pass on herewith an announce-
-----: ment received in our office recently of a seven-room apartment for
rent by the week or month in a large farm house 2 1/2 miles from the Station on Sene-
ca Castle road. The rooms are partly furnished, have a private entrance, electric
lights, and use of a telephone. There is a garage and a large shady yard. For fur-
ther information call Mrs. G. P. Parmelee, Geneva 23-F-14.

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CORTLAND APPLE: The Cortland apple came in for considerable publicity at the old-time
AT FARM DINNER: farm supper given by the State Agricultural Society in Albany last
-----: week. Quantities of the apples were placed on each table, and a
brief account of the variety given on the printed menu supplemented by remarks from
Commissioner Pyrke in introducing Dr. Hedrick. The apples were said to come from the
first commercial crop of the variety ever produced and were grown by W. H. Hart of
Poughkeepsie.

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RESENT : Protests have reached this office over the disappearance of foreign
STAMP "ACT" : stamps from personal mail addressed to various members of the Staff.
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they labor under the impression that they should have first refusal on the stamps
on their mail.

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RECENT : Added to the Library during the past month are the following:
BOOKS :

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History of Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 1929.
Ornamental Dwarf Fruit Trees, Abjornson.
International Congress Plant Science, Proceedings.
Mosquitoes of North America, Matheson.
Manual of Determinative Bacteriology, Bergey.
Anatomy of Dessert, Bunyard.