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RESPONSE PLEASES : The special committee delegated to deal with the parking situation
PARKING COMMITTEE: around the Station grounds has expressed itself as well pleased
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with the quick response on the part of nearly everyone to the suggestions offered last week for more orderly parking. With the improvement of the road and parking space back of Jordan Hall, practically completed and with the space opposite the Chemistry Building to be put in shape at an early date, the last obstacles in the way of full adoption of the committee's recommendations will soon be removed. The greatly improved appearance of the grounds with the elimination of cars from the driveways and from North Street has been remarked upon by many, and when the committee's wishes are fully complied with, the parking problem will approach a solution which, even if it does not meet with universal satisfaction, will at least afford relief from a situation that was rapidly becoming intolerable.

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NEWS FROM : Several recent communications from Mr. Parrott at his winter quarters
FLORIDA : at Orlando, Florida, tell of his plan to spend the next two weeks in
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Geneva, arriving here next Saturday. Margaret is also expected home for spring vacation within a few days. We have received from Mr. Parrott a copy of the Florida Clearing House News, the official publication of the Florida Citrus Growers Clearing House Association, said to represent more than 10,000 growers of oranges and grapefruit. The number is devoted almost altogether to the recent hearings before the Congressional committee sent to Orlando to gain first-hand information on the fiscal needs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in its proposed campaign against the Mediterranean fruit fly. The Department is asking for an additional \$15,000,000 to continue its efforts of eradication. As an illustration of the difficulties under which research workers are laboring in their studies of the fruit fly is a statement in the Clearing House News from Dr. A. C. Baker, representative of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology in charge of the research laboratory at Orlando, that "There is not in Florida any living larva, pupa, or any living fly so far as anybody knows", only to have the Plant Board inspectors find a small infestation of larvae in the fruit of a sour orange tree near Orlando the very next day.

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DR. HAMILTON: With the departure of Mr. Shear from the Hudson Valley Fruit Investi-
DUE SOON : gations laboratory at Foughkeepsie for his new work in the Pacific
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Northwest, his successor, Dr. J. M. Hamilton, is expected to arrive in Geneva early in April to take up his duties as Associate Plant Pathologist. Dr. Hamilton comes from the University of Wisconsin, and will spend a large share of his time at the Station with frequent visits to the Hudson Valley where his chief interests will be found.

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ON VISIT TO : Mr. Sayre and Mr. Hawthorn left the first of the week for a visit to
FERRY SEED CO.: the D. M. Ferry Seed Company in Detroit to discuss problems of mutual
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interest in the vegetable field. The D. M. Ferry Company has prepared a mass of material on vegetable varieties similar in some respects to the information accumulated here in connection with the vegetable variety testing. The inspection of this material is one of the purposes of the visit by Messrs. Sayre and Hawthorn.

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MR. GAMBRELL: Foster Gambrell paid a brief visit to the Station last week, chiefly
ON : in order to supervise some early spray treatments to his evergreens.
BRIEF VISIT : Foster is registered in the graduate school at Ohio State University
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for the school year and has returned to his studies at Columbus. He will complete his residence and course requirements for the Ph.D. degree this year.

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TWO RECENT : W. T. Tapley of Revere, Mass., was a recent visitor to the Station.
CALLERS : Mr. Tapley is at present engaged in market gardening, and at one time
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was head of the vegetable gardening department at the University of Minnesota. Prof. Muneo Kikuchi of the Hokkaido Imperial University, Japan, and a personal friend of Dr. Hirano, who spent several months at this Station, called to pay his respects to Geneva Monday. Prof. Kikuchi is engaged in graduate work at Cornell just at present with an assignment at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research later in the spring. He expects to visit the Station again within the next few weeks.

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TOO MUCH MAY: The Dairy Laboratory is confronted with an embarrassment of riches.
BE TOO MUCH : For some time the Laboratory has been cooperating with the Dry Milk
-----: Institute of America in certain researches into the mysteries of dry
milk and has been receiving for these studies from various manufacturers modest the
quite adequate samples of dry milk ranging from 1 to 60 pounds. Recently, however,
one manufacturer submitted a 1,000-pound sample in ten 100-pound bags. Our corres-
pondent is still attempting to compute just how many years the project can be carried
on with this sample, but when last heard from he had reached the retirement age long
before he had exhausted the possibilities of the first bag.

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MRS. W.W.FISK: The many friends of Prof. W. W. Fisk, formerly a member of the Dairy
DIES SUDDENLY: Department of the College of Agriculture and now with the Sodus
-----: Creamery Company of Wolcott and a frequent caller at the Station,
were grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Fisk last Saturday. Frequenters of
the State Fair in the days when the "Big Cheese" was one of the special features of
the exposition will recall that Mrs. Fisk often supervised the girls employed to sell
the cheese to State Fair visitors.

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TO ASSIST : James Cox, not the former Democratic candidate for the Presidency but
MR. DANIEL : a senior in Ohio State University, will be Mr. Daniel's assistant in
-----: the oriental fruit moth work for the next few months.

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TO ADDRESS : Mr. Marquardt is to be one of the "speakers of the evening" at a banquet
MILK DEALERS: of the Syracuse Milk Dealers Association in that city tomorrow night.

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STATION HERD: A recent report on the country-wide herd improvement competition spon-
RANKS THIRD: sored by the American Jersey Cattle Club shows the Station herd ranking
-----: third in the United States with no other state-owned herd among the
first ten. Competition is based entirely on butter fat production, and the rating is
computed from the performance of the entire herd, all of the members of which must
be entered in the test. This is one more evidence of the high standards to which the
herd has attained thru the program of breeding and selection that has prevailed thru
the years.

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SOME MORE : The following have been added to the Station library since our last
NEW BOOKS : report:

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Standard Methods: Water and Milk Analysis
Nature and Properties of Soils - Lyon & Buckman
Major Soil Divisions of the U. S. - Wolfanger
Handbook of Chemistry and Physics - Hodgman
Laboratory Construction and Equipment.

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AN ARTIST AT: Considerable interest has been aroused of late in the truly remarkable
HIS TRADE : skill displayed by Volney Steele in felling trees around the Biology
-----: Building. His ability to put 'em where he wants them to fall is almost
uncanny to one who has considerable difficulty in doing a satisfactory job of split-
ting kindling wood for the fireplace.

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THEY TAKE THEIR: That "no news is good news" goes without saying in an editorial office.
PENS IN HAND : for one is usually quick to hear of mistakes of commission and omis-
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yet been discovered. It is especially gratifying, therefore, when words of praise
are voluntarily offered by the clientele. All of which is to say that, altho we can
assume no personal credit in the matter, we were pleased nevertheless to receive from
a fruit grower in western New York the following comment: "Some time ago we received
a whole flock of bulletins from your Station which we glanced thru and laid aside
until we had more time. That time came during the past week, being laid up with an
injured knee. The bulletin on pollination (No. 577) and the one on fertilizers in
apple orchards (No. 574) are very helpful. Thank you." Then too, comes a comment
from Iowa requesting a publication on pruning grapes prepared by Mr. Gladwin and
reviewed in a recent news story. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Gladwin comments
on the mystery that supposedly surrounds the pruning of grapes and goes on to say
"Divested of much that is but jargon, etc., etc." He was quoted to this effect in the
news note, and now our Iowa correspondent writes, "You're doing us a world of good
if you put out a bulletin on grapes and Without Jargon! Let's have a copy and thank
you. Yours for more common sense."

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TALENT IN : Critics are loud in their praise of the musical show put on under the
OUR MIDST : auspices of the Geneva Business Women's Club in the High School last
-----: night in which Miss Rogers and Miss Fahy distinguished themselves. The
performance will be repeated tonight.