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Geneva, N. Y.

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EXPLAINED : Taking advantage of Mr. Parrott's visit "back home", the April Staff
THE FRUIT FLY : meeting was advanced a week, and the Staff called together Monday
-----: afternoon to hear an interesting account of the Mediterranean fruit
fly and of the state and federal activities aimed at its control and final eradica-
tion. Mr. Parrott explained the agricultural situation in Florida, with particular
reference to the wide range of important crops affected by the quarantine and the
eradication program, and described the methods followed in combating the fruit fly.
He said that the citrus fruit industry is now in a somewhat better situation than it
was a few months ago with the lifting of the embargo on shipments to the northeastern
and northwestern states. Mr. Parrott went to Orlando in January, at the request of
the Secretary of Agriculture, to serve on an independent board organized to act in an
advisory capacity to the Secretary in formulating regulations regarding embargoes and
control measures. He expects to return to Orlando in a few days.

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THE BUILDINGS : The Staff committee appointed to consider the naming of the Station
ARE NAMED : buildings presented a plan for voting on proposed names which it hoped
-----: would afford an expression of opinion from the Staff as a whole.
Three buildings were up for consideration, and as an outcome of the poll the follow-
ing designation were duly certified as the official names of these buildings: The
Chemistry Building, The Dairy Building, and the Entomology Building. The Administra-
tion Building, or, Jordan Hall as it is more generally called, was not on the ticket,
so presumably its status remains unchanged.

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PARKING COMMITTEE: The Parking Committee pointed with pride to the improved appear-
MAKES ITS REPORT : ance of the Station grounds since its recommendations went into
-----: effect, and elected to stand on the regulations drawn up by the
Director and the Committee and submitted to each member of the Staff last week.
Difficulties encountered by some of those located in the "Dairy Building" in finding
parking space in their prescribed area led to the suggestion that those on the first
floor of the building utilize the space near the greenhouses, while those on the
second floor use the space east of the "Entomology Building", at least for the
present. Parking back of Jordan Hall is still something of an adventure, as the
gravel is deep and loose, but it can be done and the road and parking space are hard
and dry at any rate, and will improve as the gravel is packed down. Running a heavy
roller or a tractor over the road two or three times might work wonders.

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THE MILK : While we are discussing matters for the good of the order, we are re-
BOX AGAIN : minded to mention again the inadequacy of the box for milk buckets in
-----: the rear of the Dairy Building--a reminder prompted not only by occa-
sional personal difficulties in finding room for our own containers, but by comments
from others as well. At the time that the distribution of milk was put on a once-a-
day basis the need for more space for milk buckets was recognized and relief promised.
With the approach of spring and a corresponding increase in personnel, and, conse-
quently, milk buckets, the present box will prove less and less adequate. The Dairy
Division hopes eventually to provide definite "parking spaces" for milk buckets,
either on the basis of buildings or by an alphabetical grouping, so that when the
buckets are filled they will be returned to the same place in the box each day. This
arrangement, however, must wait on provision for more space than is available at
present.

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MRS. FULMER: Word was received last week of the death of Mrs. Ellen Fulmer, Mrs.
DIES IN : Thatcher's mother, at the home of a daughter in Gibbon, Nebraska on
NEBRASKA : March 20, in her ninety-second year. Mrs. Fulmer made many friends in
-----: Geneva during her frequent visits here, and notice of her passing was
received with deep regret by those who had come to know her optimistic outlook on
life and her unusually keen interest in public affairs and in the daily activities
of her friends and acquaintances.

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PLANS FOR TESTS: Mr. Sayre returned the first of the week from a brief trip to the
ON LONG ISLAND : Vegetable Research Farm at Riverhead where he laid out an experi-
-----: ment with peas on soils possessing a wide range of acidities. The
tests have no bearing on the growing of peas on the Island, but are intended to
furnish information on soil acidity relationships in pea culture that cannot be
obtained on the soil on the canning crops farm.

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MORE POWER TO: The College of Agriculture radio station has been granted an increase
STATION WEAI : in power from 500 to 1000 watts by the federal authorities. Petitions
-----: from 276 state and local organizations supported the request of the
College for the change. It is estimated that the increase in power will extend the
distance of reception from the Station about one-third, and that it will double the
area served. The present territory is said to extend from Delaware County to
Allegany County (not quite the width of the State) and from central Pennsylvania to
Lake Ontario. The area is irregularly shaped rather than in the form of a circle,
however, and northern Chenango, Madison, Onondaga, and Monroe Counties have not had
satisfactory reception. It is hoped that the increase in power will remedy this
situation. With its present equipment, WEAI has a normal daylight range of about
20,000 square miles and a possible farm audience of 307,000. It is planned to sup-
plement the regular noon-hour farm programs with a home economics hour in the early
afternoon and a Cornell University program in the late afternoon.

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THE STATION : The suggestion has come to the NEWS that some of its readers would
ON THE RADIO: like to see advance notices of radio talks by members of the Station
-----: Staff. Under this head, therefore, we shall try to present each week
the scheduled talks for Station folks for the coming week. So far as we have been
able to discover the only talk scheduled from Geneva for the week beginning April 2
is one to be given by George Howe on Thursday, April 3, on "Advantages of Low-headed
Apple and Pear Trees".

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STATE BANKERS: Preliminary plans are under way for a conference of representatives
COMING HERE : of the State Bankers Association to be held here on May 14. The
-----: meeting is being sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the State
Bankers Association and the Department of Farm Management at the College of Agricul-
ture. A similar conference held at Ithaca last year was attended by seventy bankers,
representing nearly all of the agricultural counties of the State. At the conclusion
of the conference the bankers expressed a desire for a similar meeting this year to
be held at this Station in order that they might gain some insight into the function
and work of the Station. It is hoped that a tour of the grounds may be arranged that
will give the visitors as complete an idea of the varied activities under way here
as will be possible in the short time at their disposal.

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MONEY FOR THE: The usual conference of representatives of State institutions exhib-
STATE FAIR : iting at the State Fair was held in Commissioner Fyrke's office in
-----: Albany last week when the needs of the Station were presented and a
tentative allotment made of State funds appropriated for State Fair exhibits. As
noted before in these columns, the Fair opens on Labor Day and will continue thru
the week of September 1.

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THREE NEW : The Mailing Division is sending out this week three new publications,
BULLETINS : as follows:

Bul. No. 580. Geneva, A Greenhouse Cucumber that
Develops Fruit Without Pollination.
L. R. Hawthorn and R. Wellington.

Bul. No. 581. Electric Cooling of Milk on the Farm.
J. C. Marquardt and A. C. Dahlberg.

But. No. 582. The Rosy Aphid in Relation to Spray
Practices in 1929. F. J. Parrott and
Hugh Glasgow.

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A FURNISHED HOUSE: Mrs. Paul F. Gorman, 50 Highland Ave., wants to rent her house
FOR MAY AND JUNE : furnished during May and June. She can be reached by telephone
-----: by dialing 2929.

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VISITS DAIRY: G. R. Werner of the Draw-Rite Company, manufacturers of ice cream
LABORATORY : equipment, was a recent visitor to the Station Dairy Laboratory.

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MRS. HEDRICK: Mrs. Hedrick is confined to the house with a painful fracture of a
HAS PAINFUL : bone in her ankle sustained when she stepped from a car Monday
INJURY : afternoon.
