

# The Station News

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FRUIT GROWERS : The summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society for western  
MEET AT ITHACA:  
-----: New York is to be held at the College of Agriculture on Thursday,  
August 7, according to an announcement made by Roy P. McPherson, Secretary. A meet-  
ing for the Hudson River Valley will follow on Saturday, August 9. It is planned to  
make the Ithaca meeting largely a tour of inspection of the College orchards, with an  
address of welcome by Dean Mann and brief comments on the horticultural work at the  
College by members of the College faculty. Several members of the Station Staff are  
planning to attend the meeting in Ithaca, while Mr. Parrott will also participate in  
the Hudson Valley meeting.

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OSWEGO COUNTY : A group of Oswego County Farm Bureau committee men will visit the  
FARM BUREAU :  
-----: Station next Tuesday when they will hold a meeting at which a repre-  
sentative from the Extension Department at the College will speak on the work of the  
Farm Bureau to be followed by a tour of inspection of the Station. The interest of  
this group lies chiefly in dairying and cash crops, such as canning crops, altho they  
have asked to see something of the fruit work under way here as well.

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NECTARINES : Mr. Einset the first of the week received a shipment of nectarines  
FROM THE COAST: grown in trial plantings at Chico, California, and sent to him for  
-----: comparison with the collection grown on the Station grounds. He was  
kind enough to ask us to sample the several kinds represented in the shipment; and  
while not qualified to speak with authority on the subject, our personal opinion is  
that they are all a fine lot of fruit, including color, size, and flavor. Of parti-  
cular interest, too, was the excellent condition in which the fruit arrived. Mr.  
Einset is planning this year to make a special feature of nectarines in the fruit  
exhibit at the State Fair, and if New York fruit growers can approach the California  
product in appearance and taste, which Mr. Einset believes is entirely possible, the  
nectarine should prove a welcome addition to the fruit trade, particularly the road-  
side stand, at least as soon as the consuming public becomes acquainted with the fruit.  
An effort in this direction will be made at the State Fair.

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THOSE STAFF : Once more we ask that those who have not faced the ordeal at the  
PICTURES : photographer's do so at an early date. So far, 16 members of the  
-----: Staff are accounted for in the collection on file in Jordan Hall, and  
in the event that you have not been solicited personally before this, please accept  
this statement as an invitation to appear at Mr. Tuttle's studio at your own conven-  
ience and let him do the best he can. He has done remarkably well with the material  
thus far placed at his disposal.

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SEEKS ADVICE: Mr. H. R. Cole of the Department of Agriculture and Markets conferred  
ON EXHIBITS : recently with members of the Dairy Division on suitable exhibit mater-  
-----: ial for the Dairy Building at the State Fair. Mr. Cole was particu-  
larly interested in the application of certain of the Station's dairy researches to  
exhibits that might be erected in the Dairy Building.

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LIKES THE : Mr. James West, of James West & Sons of Rochester, was a recent visitor  
NEW GENEVA : to the Station where he inspected the raspberry plantings and particu-  
-----: larly the new Geneva seedless cucumber. The Wests are one of the  
largest forcing house operators in the Rochester area, and have on their grounds one  
entire house devoted to the Geneva cucumber. Mr. West states that the new variety  
has held its own on the market.

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LUMINIOPHOR: The set of Luminiphor plates ordered by Dr. Hedrick have arrived and  
PLATES HERE: are in the vault in the Director's office. These plates are designed  
-----: for the making of photostatic copies of books, etc., and the set is to  
be available to all Divisions at the Station. If the plates are taken out of the  
vault, a memorandum should be left at the office until their return.

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PERFECTING : It would seem that nothing could be simpler than the straining of milk,  
A STRAINER : particularly when we think back to the times we have used a piece of  
-----: cheesecloth and let it go at that. For some time, the Dairy Division  
has been cooperating with representatives of the Dairymen's League and manufacturers  
of dairy equipment in an effort to perfect a strainer that will meet the ideas of  
all concerned. Recently, Dr. John Drew of the Dairymen's League spent a day at the  
Station for a final check-up on the proposed strainer. Tests on dairy farms are now  
under way which it is hoped will give the last word on the most exhaustive study of  
milk straining that has ever been attempted. If an agreement can be reached in time,  
the Station will publish a description of the new strainer and an account of the  
straining tests from which it was developed for use at the State Fair where the  
strainer will also be on display.

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RECENT VISITORS: Dr. H. D. Brown, head of the Department of Vegetable Gardening at  
-----: Ohio State University, spent Monday afternoon at the canning crops  
farm and in going over the vegetable variety tests here. Prof. O. R. Overman of the  
University of Illinois and his family visited friends at the Station during the past  
week. Prof. Overman, a graduate of Cornell, is a member of the Dairy Department at  
Urbana.

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"MORE THAN : Here's REAL Service! Mr. Munn recently received the following reply  
ASKED FOR" : to a letter which must have rung the bell for this "customer": "I  
-----: have received your letter of the 18th inst. Please accept my sincere  
thanks for the more than I asked for service you have done for me; as I have received  
the desired information from the Cornell University." We have put down a mark in  
the book for the Seed Lab.

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ASKED TO REPEAT: Mr. Marquardt has been asked to repeat before the Eastern Branch  
-----: of the American Dairy Science Association at their meeting in  
Springfield, Mass., in September, the paper he gave before the summer meeting of the  
Association proper at Ames, Iowa, in June, on the "Value of Solubility Indexes of  
Skimmilk Powders."

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MR. TUKEY WRITES: The leading article in the last issue of the Rural New-Yorker is  
ON THE DUNES : an interesting account entitled "In the Dune Country of Michigan"  
-----: by Mr. Tukey. Mr. Tukey is a member of the editorial staff of  
the RURAL NEW-YORKER and a frequent contributor to the paper on horticultural  
subjects.

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"PADDING" : We have been accused of padding the NEWS! One of our esteemed readers  
-----: asserts that he doesn't object to reading through our so-called news  
items, for which we give humble thanks, but that he does resent having to wade  
through a lot of "padding" in the expectation that it might hide some grain of know-  
ledge. We infer that he has in mind the "padding" described by Webster's Interna-  
tional as that "Material of inferior or no value, added to or incorporated with a  
literary composition, merely to fill space." Well, we must plead guilty to an  
occasional lapse, particularly in hot weather, when it is much simpler "to fill  
space" than to garner "news". And all of the best papers do it, even to the extent  
in certain extremities of using "news items" from the State Experiment Station! And  
then, too, one man's "padding may be the only bearable spot in the week's issue to  
another, so varied are the tastes and interests of our host of readers. But then,  
here we are "padding" again, and with the second page almost full at that. Thus,  
do our sins find us out!