

# The Station News

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Geneva, New York

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MERCHANTS EN-: A group of 18 local merchants, members of the Geneva Merchants Trading  
JOY VISIT : Association, visited the Station yesterday on one of the "official"  
-----: tours of local enterprises sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Dr.  
Hedrick acted as host and master of ceremonies, giving a brief account of each divi-  
sion of the Station work as the various departments were visited and introducing those  
in charge who then spoke briefly of their special fields of effort. Unfortunately,  
the time allotted to the visit was not sufficient for anything like a complete survey  
of the Station work, but the visitors seemed well pleased with what they saw and  
heard and it is to be hoped that on another occasion they will have an opportunity to  
make further acquaintance with the Station activities and personnel.

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CAYUGA CO.: About 100 Cayuga County Farm Bureau committeemen and their families vis-  
FARMERS : ited the Station Monday. Following a picnic lunch on the lawn, visits  
-----: were made to the canning crops farm and to the dairy herd and laboratory.  
the two lines of Station work in which Cayuga County farmers are especially interest-  
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THE RANKINS: Dr. Rankin and his family are about to take up residence in Ithaca where  
LEAVING : Dr. Rankin will be engaged in graduate work for the next six months. The  
-----: Rankins have given up their house on Brook Street, and the residence has  
been rented by Mr. Tukey who is expected back in Geneva the latter part of this week.

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PLEASE : In an unguarded moment permission was granted employees of the Station to  
DESIST! : glean the leavings in certain fruit plantings, and it seems that now the  
-----: privilege has been imposed upon to the extent that serious inroads are  
being made into test plantings of the Pomology Division. Director Hedrick asks that  
no fruit whatsoever be taken by any employee of the Station unless specific directions  
are received from some member of the Pomology Division.

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THIS YEAR : Certainly a bigger and in all probability a better Station exhibit will  
AT SYRACUSE: unfold itself before the thousands of visitors to the State Fair next  
-----: week, for in addition to the usual line of exhibits from the several  
Divisions a number of unusual features have been planned for this year's event. Cele-  
brating the second year of a unified exhibit, in which an effort is made to give the  
visitor as complete a picture of the varied activities of the Station as possible,  
special emphasis this year is being placed on the dairy work. After considerable  
speculation, arrangements have been made for the transportation of two of the Station's  
silver medal cows, one a State champion, and for their display as representatives of  
the Station herd. This is the first time that the herd has ever been featured in a  
State Fair or any other exhibit, and in view of the interesting history of this herd,  
it is expected to prove especially attractive to dairymen visiting the Fair. Incid-  
entally, the eastern section of the American Jersey Cattle Club is holding its meet-  
ing and show in Syracuse during Fair week. Naturally, Dr. Dahlberg is in charge of  
this part of the exhibit, while John Flannagan will give his undivided attention to  
the comfort of the two cows.

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BABY FOODS: With the cows occupying the center of the Station exhibit, they will be  
ON PARADE : flanked on one side with an exhibit from the Dairy Division showing the  
-----: ingredients that go into commercial ice cream and a continuous movie  
showing the operations of a modern ice cream plant. On the other side, Dr. Hucker  
will show what the Station has done in the study of prepared baby foods, particularly  
with regard to the development of standards that should prevail in the manufacture  
of these products. Mr. Eglinton will show how market milk is examined under the  
microscope in the sanitary control of the product, and farmers have been invited to  
bring in samples of their milk for bacteriological examination.

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NECTARINES : Under the supervision of Mr. Einset, the Division of Pomology will make  
AND PLUMS : a special display of nectarines, this being the first year when the sea-  
-----: son and the crop seem to have hit it off so that there is sufficient  
fruit for a really worth while effort to interest New York fruit growers in these  
fuzzless peaches. The nectarines will be shown in "flats" along with peaches for  
comparison, while a background of purple plums will help lend color to the fruit  
display. Varieties of such other fruits as may be available, together with a collec-  
tion of filberts, will complete this part of the exhibit. Mr. Collison and Mr. Har-  
lan will show "bottle fed" trees to illustrate how they study the nutritional needs  
of fruit trees, while Karl Brasc will again demonstrate the "making" of a fruit tree  
from the seedling rootstock to the finished nursery product. This exhibit proved  
especially popular last year, and in addition to the fruit stocks will have as a  
special feature next week the making of a blue spruce.

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PESKY PESTS: The Entomology Division, under the general direction of Mr. Harman, will  
-----: show the latest in the control of insect pests, with a miniature screen  
door for electrocuting flies as a special feature in their display provided by Mr.  
Collins and Mr. Nixon. Pests of evergreens and their eradication will be Mr. Gam-  
brell's contribution, while Mr. Daniel will show something of his parasitic work on  
the peach moth. Closely related to the Entomology display will be the exhibit  
arranged by Mr. Streeter on chemical investigations of insecticides, while Mr. Gloyer  
will supply the necessary aid to meet the numerous questions on diseases. Mr. Gloyer's  
exhibit will have to do chiefly with the control of aster diseases, a problem he has  
been studying, but he will probably be called upon to answer queries covering the  
whole field of plant ailments.

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VEGETABLE : Messrs. Sayre, Tapley, Hawthorn, and Traphagen have laid out an ambitious  
RESEARCH : exhibit depicting the vegetable variety work and the canning crops inves-  
-----: tigation. Corn and beans, being the crops under test this year, will  
form the material for the variety exhibits and this display will include, among other  
things, recommendations for the best corn and bean varieties for New York. Interest-  
ing and important results obtained in fertilizer tests with cabbage and tomatoes will  
be illustrated by the ingenious use of these two products in the exhibit, while con-  
siderable space is to be given to the comparative yields of sweet corn when harvested  
for the new "whole kernel" type of pack and the present "cream style" now used by  
canners. The new method is said to give a very much superior canned product.

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THE INSPECTION : The chemical and seed inspection laboratories will present their  
LABORATORIES : usual display of activities in which they are engaged for the serv-  
-----: ice and protection of the farmer. Mr. Clark, Mr. Sweeney, and Mr.  
Walsh will divide the honors and duties for the exhibit on the fertilizer and feeding  
stuffs inspection, while the seed laboratory exhibit will be set up by Mr. Munn who  
will supervise the exhibit State Fair week with the assistance of Miss Hoefle.

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CANNING PROBLEMS: This has to do with troubles in the home canning of vegetables and  
-----: fruit and is an outgrowth of the interest stimulated in other years  
by Dr. Pederson's exhibit on his catsup work. Dr. Pederson will be in charge again  
this year, and judging from the inquiries as to his whereabouts on the part of his  
"public" at the State Fair last year he should have a busy week ahead.

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FRUIT BY- : An entirely new line of effort at the Station will be illustrated for  
PRODUCTS : the first time this year in an exhibit being arranged by Mr. Green in  
-----: which will be shown the great array of products made from New York State  
fruit. This exhibit is intended to center attention on the work on fruit by-products  
under way here.

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FOR THOSE WHO : The publications exhibit this year will center about the means em-  
WANT BULLETINS: ployed by the Station to distribute its publications to all of those  
-----: who want them. Recent bulletins and circulars will be available for  
distribution at the Fair, while an opportunity will be afforded those who visit the  
exhibit to place their names on the mailing list if they so desire. Mrs. Hening  
and Mr. Lockett will be in charge.

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BY WAY OF : Finally, by way of decoration and adornment, which after all plays no  
DECORATION : small part in the success of any exhibit, Mr. Jahn is undertaking to  
-----: supply a touch of color in the way of flowers, while Mr. Van Alstyne  
has agreed to stand responsible for the arrangement of a center piece which is to  
feature an 8 x 10 foot map of the State illustrating the widespread application of  
the various lines of research under way here. Also, in this center space will be  
shown enlarged portraits of the four distinguished guests at the Fair; namely, Wm.  
Green, President of the American Federation of Labor; Alexander Legge, Chairman of  
the Federal Farm Board; Fred J. Freestone, Master of the State Grange; and Governor  
Franklin D. Roosevelt. Enlarged photos of the four Station buildings will also occu-  
py this position of honor.

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BY WAY OF: Lacking instructions to the contrary from the State Fair office, mainten-  
REMINDER : ance allowance in Syracuse State Fair week will be the same as that author-  
-----: ized by the Station on other occasions. It is important, too, that a  
"Notice of Proposed Travel" be filed with Mr. Bowen, if an expense account for time  
spent at the State Fair is to be honored.

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JUDGING : Mention has previously been made in the NEWS of Dr. Breed's duties as one  
-----: of the milk judges for the State Fair. Mr. Wellington has been asked to  
judge the fruit, beginning on Monday. Mr. Van Alstyne will judge the  
fruit at the Yates County Fair today. Mr. Tukey and Mr. Sayre have been asked to  
judge the fruit and vegetable exhibits, respectively, at the Rochester Exposition  
next week.