

# The Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

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WILL OPEN : At last, real progress is being made on the new laboratory building and  
BIDS TODAY : today at 3:00 o'clock bids will be opened in the office of the State  
-----: Architect in Albany for the four main divisions of the contract; namely,  
heating, electrical construction, sanitary construction, and the erection of the  
building proper. The specifications state that the contract is entered into with the  
understanding that all work is to be completed by September 1, 1931, which would  
indicate the necessity for considerable activity on the part of the successful  
bidder during the next few months. It is confidently expected that work will be  
pushed as rapidly as the weather permits.

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THE FIRST : Attractive decorations, a congenial crowd, and bountiful and delicious  
CLUB PARTY : refreshments combined to make the first Station Club party of the year  
-----: a success in all respects. Cards and dancing were the diversions of  
the evening, and from the studious attention given the former and the apparent enjoy-  
ment of the latter by those sufficiently accomplished in the art to participate, all  
found amusement to their special liking.

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THE NEW : With the resignation of Mr. Hawthorn, the Station Club was without that  
VICE-PRES. : important official, the vice-president; hence the Board of Directors  
-----: have designated Mr. Daniel to discharge the duties of the office and to  
enjoy the perquisites and emoluments thereof, effective at once.

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THE HORT SHOW: Plans for the combined exhibit of the Station and College at the  
TAKING SHAPE : meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester in January  
-----: are beginning to take on definite form with the decision by those  
directly concerned as to just what they will show. Outstanding features this year  
will be a joint display on orchard soils, an apple variety exhibit to be set up in  
the commercial bushel basket, and a contest to be sponsored by the Entomology Division  
for the identification of insect injuries in apples. Other Station activities to be  
represented will include the pollination work, the insecticide investigations, the  
Seed Laboratory, nursery stock investigations, fruit product studies, and publications

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DR. THATCHER: Dr. Thatcher has been granted an extended leave of absence from his  
GIVEN LEAVE: duties as President of the Massachusetts Agricultural College on  
-----: account of ill health. Following a brief sojourn in a Boston hospital  
for observation and treatment, Dr. and Mrs. Thatcher are planning to go to Florida  
for the winter where it is hoped that golf and freedom from all responsibility will  
enable him to regain his health sufficiently for him to resume his work at Amherst.  
Dr. Thatcher's many Geneva friends will look forward to good news from Florida.

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THE STATE : In the event that there may still be some interest in the 1930 State  
FAIR BILLS : Fair accounts, since hope is said to spring eternal in the human breast,  
-----: we would say that a telephonic communication with Albany early in the  
week revealed that the accounts were "moving along". They have reached the Comptrol-  
ler's office, where the checks will be made out, but the Comptroller's office is in  
the process of moving into the new State office building. Beyond these simple facts  
we dare not go, even though Albany thought that the checks might come through next  
week.

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THE HAWTHORNS : Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorn leave tonight on the first stage of their  
LEAVE FOR TEXAS: journey to Winter Haven, Texas, where Mr. Hawthorn will take charge  
-----: of the vegetable work at the most recently created sub-station in  
the winter vegetable area of southern Texas. With a brief stop-over at Mrs. Hawthorn's  
home for Thanksgiving, they will proceed to Washington where Leslie will participate  
in a conference with a number of other field workers in the office of the U. S. Dept.  
of Agriculture with which he will be closely associated. This conference, which  
convenes on Monday, will last five days, and the Hawthorn's will then go to their  
sub-station by way of the Texas Agricultural College, probably arriving in Winter  
Haven about December 18. Once more, we extend best wishes for every success in the  
new work and for happiness in the new home.

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A GOOD RECORD : Word has been received at the Station that the sample of cream cheese entered at the Pacific International Dairy Products Show held at Portland, Oregon, in October, was the highest scoring (97 points) sample exhibited at the show. The cheese was made by Mr. Marquardt by a new method developed at the Station, and is particularly interesting since cheese made by the old method would not be fit for consumption after traveling from Geneva to Portland without refrigeration. This is the third time that cheese made at the Station has won honors in National Competitions, and in each case the cheese was made according to a special technic developed in the Dairy Laboratory by Dr. Dahlberg.  
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UNUSUAL ACTION : What we believe is rather unusual action on the part of an industrial organization has been brought to light by communications received recently from the International Association of Milk Dealers stating that resolutions had been passed by the Association thanking personally those members of the Station Staff (Dr. Breed, Dr. Dahlberg, and Dr. Carpenter) who contributed papers to their meeting held in Cleveland in October. The dairy work at this Station was also highly commended by resolution, together with an expression of appreciation of what the Station was doing for the dairy industry.  
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CHAPMANS RETURN : Dr. and Mrs. Chapman have returned to Geneva from Poughkeepsie and have taken up their residence in Miss Brook's apartment on Castle Street. Dr. Chapman was engaged during the past summer in investigations of the apple maggot in the Hudson Valley.  
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THIS WEEK'S SEMINARS : For the week beginning today, seminars will be held by the Divisions of Chemistry and Bacteriology. On Friday, Mr. G. W. Pearce will discuss "The Rise of Electro-chemistry" before the chemical group. The Bacteriology Division will hold a seminar Monday afternoon, but no topic has as yet been assigned. The Horticultural seminar scheduled for today has been postponed to next week.  
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ONE TALK OVER WEAI : Mr. Tapley will be the sole representative of the Station over WEAI this week when he speaks on Friday on "How Vegetable Seeds are Grown."  
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SAVE DEC. 9 : The program committee of the University Club is calling attention to the fact that the December meeting of the Club is to be on Tuesday evening, December 9, rather than the usual Monday evening date. A symposium in honor of the Vergil bi-millennium will form the program for the evening.  
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NO MILK ON THANKSGIVING : The Dairy Division would once more call attention to the decision to dispense with the giving out of milk and cream on Thanksgiving day. Instead, ample supplies of these dairy products will be available today to take care of the needs of the customers over the holiday.  
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MR. STEWART RECOVERING : We are glad to note that Mr. A. L. Stewart is making good progress toward recovery from his recent illness and will doubtless soon be able to return to his home.  
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DR. WILSON HONORED : Dr. J. K. Wilson, at one time a member of the Bacteriology Division at this Station and now Professor of Soil Technology at Cornell, was one of three soil scientists to participate in the annual \$5,000 Nitrogen Research Award made by the American Society of Agronomy as administrator of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Nitrogen Research Award fund. The award is made for outstanding work in nitrogen research and this year will be shared by Dr. Wilson with Dr. J. J. Skinner of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and Dr. L. G. Willis of the North Carolina Experiment Station.  
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A REAL "STORY" : One of the objects of our visit to Washington last week was to consult with Mr. C. E. Gapen, chief of the Press Service of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, on ways and means of disseminating agricultural news. This conference proved highly profitable, as in the midst of the conversation a telephone call advised Mr. Gapen that Sidney Franklin, America's one and only bull fighter, was calling on the chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and that meant but one thing to the Press Service--a picture and interview with Mr. Franklin. Therefore, the rest of the morning, which was to have been spent in much more prosaic pursuits, was devoted to an inquiry into the details of bull fighting with the result that we are now able to pose as something of an "expert" on this highly entertaining sport. We might add that Mr. Franklin was in Washington to obtain a permit, which was granted to him, to bring bulls in from Mexico for a proposed fight to be held in New Jersey next month.  
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