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WELL : Dr. F. C. Blanck, Chief of the Food Research Division of the Bureau of
PLEASED : Chemistry and Soils in Washington, who has been spending the past few
-----: days at the Station reviewing work under way here on fruit and vegetable
products in cooperation with his Division, has expressed himself as well pleased with
the progress that has been made in this work and discussed with Dr. Hedrick possible
further developments of these and other projects. Last night Dr. Blanck addressed
about sixty members of the Geneva Chemists' Club on chemistry research in the Depart-
ment of Agriculture.

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COMING : Dr. Hedrick continues to gain steadily and except for the disagreeable
ALONG : weather and a slight cold would probably have been out of the house the
-----: first of the week. As it is, he is holding court at home and keeping in
touch with Station affairs generally.

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CAME BACK : Dr. and Mrs. Hucker returned from a month in Florida just a bit too soon,
TOO SOON : for Geneva put on its biggest snow storm of the year yesterday with a
-----: fall of $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Also, we are sorry to relate that Mrs. Hucker has
been ill since their return with a severe bronchial infection which we trust will
soon yield to treatment. George saw considerable big league baseball at various
training camps and has the 1935 pennant winners lined up already.

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ALSO UNDER : We are sorry to note, too, that Mrs. Hervey is confined to her home
THE WEATHER : on account of illness.

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ON : Mr. Van Eseltine is making the grand tour. Last night he spoke before the
TOUR : botanical faculties of the Colleges of Forestry and Liberal Arts of Syracuse
-----: University on "Problems Associated with the Flora of Onondaga County", and
tonight he speaks at Keuka College before the Yates County Conservation Group and
nearby garden clubs on "Preservation of Wild Flower Sanctuaries".

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WANTED: SOME : The Station badminton team needs your moral support, or perhaps a
MORAL SUPPORT : little physical support would be even more to the point, in the
-----: third of a series of matches with representatives of the Plant
Pathology Department at the College of Agriculture to be played at the Hobart gymna-
sium next Friday evening. The score to date--2 matches to 0 in favor of Ithaca.

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IN THE : In his capacity as Chairman of the Biological Stain Commission, Dr. Conn
MAIL BAG : receives some curious requests for aid. One day last week brought a
-----: letter from the Fogg Art Museum, for example, asking for suggestions as
to how to standardize artists' paints; while recently, a criminologist wrote to en-
quire about the chemistry of perspiration and possible chemical tests to be used in
detecting finger prints.

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ON TO A NEW : What the Seed Laboratory regarded as a good season's work last year
RECORD : turns out to have been just a tuning up for this year's activities. We
-----: had occasion several weeks ago to note the rapid "pick up" in requests
for services this spring and now Mr. Munn tells us that the number of samples tested
this season has reached the unprecedented total of 10,600, with several weeks still to
go. Changes in the seed law, the acute seed situation this spring, the TERA, subsis-
tent gardens, and many other factors are responsible for this increased activity which
must be handled expeditiously by the same staff that was turning out more than a "nor-
mal" amount of work last year.

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ABOUT AS : Captain-Major-Colonel Tukey, who is heading up the Community Chest cam-
USUAL : paign for the Station, reports that pledges are coming in at about the
-----: usual rate for this stage of the "drive" and that all indications point
to the Station fulfilling its designated quota. The Captain has been ably supported
by a corps of workers in the different buildings, to whom we are sure he is deeply
indebted.

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NEW GOLF : Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce and their friends are rejoicing in the arrival
STAR? : at the Geneva General Hospital last week of Mallory, an 8-pound aspirant
-----: for his father's golfing laurels. Congratulations!

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ALL BY : So far as we can make out, Foster Gambrell is the sole representative of
HIMSELF : the Station on the WESG farm radio programs for the spring quarter. Dr.
-----: Gambrell is scheduled to speak next Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock on the subject
of "Control of Insect Pests on Nursery Stock and Ornamentals".

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ON APPLE : Bringing the list of new publications up to date, we note delivery by the
GROWING : printer of Mr. Howe's Circular No. 158 on "Apple Growing in New York".
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MOVING : Last week's mail brought requests from Successful Farming in Iowa and
WESTWARD : Better Fruit in Oregon for permission to reprint certain articles from
-----: the April number of Farm Research.

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A VALUED : While on the subject of Farm Research, we also received a letter last
OPINION : week from "Jimmie" Rice, probably the best known and certainly one of the
-----: best loved figures in New York agriculture. Professor Rice retired re-
cently as head of the Poultry Department at Cornell and is now living on his farm
near Trumansburg. Here is his letter, which we prize highly:

"Until I recently received Vol. I-No. 3 of your publication of 'Farm Research', I did not know of its existence. You are to be congratulated upon the excellent quality of the material and fine appearance...For many years the Station and the State have suffered on account of failure to present the research findings in popular form of seasonal needs. Truth is none the less true if practically expressed. I count it a privilege to reside between the two great agricultural educational and research institutions, the New York State College of Agriculture and the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. I have known the Directors and many of the staff of your Station for 45 years."

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THE NEW : The improved appearance of the NEWS the past few issues should be
MIMEOGRAPH : credited to a new mimeograph with an up-to-date slip-sheeting device
-----: attached which makes possible much faster and much neater work, par-
ticularly where the job is "printed" on both sides. The new machine is also es-
pecially adapted to card work, a service much in demand at certain seasons of the
year.

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HE MEANS : In his dual capacity as Station Director and member of the Geneva Police
BUSINESS : Commission, Dr. Hedrick has issued an edict against Station employees
-----: parking cars on the north side of West North Street. Another accident
in front of the Station yesterday that had possibilities for serious consequences
focused attention once more on the perils of North Street where it passes the Station
grounds.
