

The Station News

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DON'T BE : When the Station fire siren shrieks about 1:30 this afternoon and the
ALARMED : "chief" and his "deputies" make a break for the Chemistry Building, do
-----: not become unduly alarmed, for it will just be a try-out of the siren and
a routine inspection of the fire-fighting equipment in the several buildings.

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HOW TO : Mr. Holmes, Director of the New York State Employees' Retirement System,
RETIRE : was the speaker at the December Staff meeting last Monday afternoon and
-----: gave a very interesting and comprehensive account of the workings of the
Retirement System, particularly with respect to benefits and options provided by the
system. In the discussion that accompanied the talk, the speaker cleared up numerous
details that perplexed his hearers and left them with a much better understanding of
their privileges under the System.

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"TEACHING" : The County Farm Bureau Agents of the State are "going to school" in
ASSIGNMENTS: Ithaca next week, and several members of the Station Staff have been
-----: drafted to enlighten the Agents on the most recent developments in
their respective fields. Among those scheduled for this annual "school" are Messrs.
Sayre, Parrott, Hartzell, Harman, Chapman, Daniel, Reed, Glasgow, Hamilton, Horsfall,
and Hockett.

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MRS. NEBEL : Mrs. Nebel and the two boys left Saturday for Berkeley, Calif., where
IN CALIFORNIA : they will visit friends and enjoy the winter climate of the West
-----: Coast.

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HERE FOR : Dr. Eugene Davenport has returned to Geneva where he plans to spend the
THE WINTER : winter with the Tukeys.
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TEA PARTY : Word from the Kellys to the effect that they would not be able to close
POSTPONED : up their affairs in Portland in time to reach here tomorrow has made it
-----: necessary to postpone the welcome home tea which was planned for to-
morrow afternoon.

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CHICAGO : The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and
MEETINGS : meetings of affiliated groups to be held in Chicago this week will occupy
-----: the attention of several members of the Staff. Mr. Sayre and Mr. Luckett
left for the Windy City last night to take part in preliminary sessions today, while
Dr. Conn and Mr. Hofer are leaving Geneva today. Mr. Sayre's interests center in the
eleventh annual meeting of the National Joint Committee on Fertilizer Application be-
fore which he will present the results of some cooperative experiments carried on with
the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture on the canning crops farm, together with a more formal
paper on "The Effect of Placement of Various Fertilizer Materials." He will also ap-
pear on the program of the Crops Section of the American Society of Agronomy on
Thursday afternoon with a paper on "The Stimulating and Inhibiting Effects of Row
Placement of Different Fertilizers on the Root Systems of Beans and Beets." Dr. Conn
and Mr. Hofer are primarily interested in the meeting of the Soil Biology Section of
the Society where Mr. Hofer will present a paper Friday morning on "Variation---A Prob-
lem in the Production and Inspection of Commercial Legume Inoculants." Mr. Hofer will
also lead a round-table discussion on the subject of "The Cooperative Tests of Inoc-
ulation Cultures." Mr. Luckett will present a report as Editor of the Journal of the
American Society of Agronomy before the Society as a whole and will meet with various
committees of which he is a member.

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CONFERS ON : Mr. Roy McPherson, Secretary of the State Horticultural Society, called
ROCHESTER : at the Station yesterday to consult with Mr. Parrott on the details of
-----: the program for the January meeting of that organization in Rochester
and with Mr. Luckett and others on plans for the educational exhibits.

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WILL TALK : Dr. Dahlberg and Mr. Hening are planning to attend the annual meeting of
ICE CREAM : the Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers of New York State in Janes-
-----: town today and tomorrow. Here's hoping they bring back some new ideas
in frozen desserts to try out on the Station's official testers of new things.

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JOURNAL : The report of the special committee of the Experiment Station Section
PUBLICATION : of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges delegated to make a study of
-----: the publication of research has just been made available in mimeo-
graphed form and contains much material of interest to all experiment station workers.
The committee was asked to consider chiefly the feasibility of using the scientific
journals and the proceedings of national scientific societies more freely for the
publication of technical papers originating in the experiment stations. Space will
not permit any detailed review of the report, except to note the conclusions, as
follows:

1. That the final results of all major research projects be published in station bulletins.
2. That progress reports, significant minor phases of the work, and descriptions of technic be published in journals or proceedings with payment to be made by the stations for over-run in the text and for illustrations, where such payments are required by the journals.
3. That the stations adopt a more liberal policy in the purchase of reprints.

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CHEMISTS : The Geneva Chemists Club will meet in the Dairy Building on Monday
CLUB : evening, December 9th, at 7:00 o'clock, when Dr. Gortner of the Univer-
-----: sity of Minnesota, and who is now at Cornell, will speak on "Chemistry
Remaking the World."

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STATION CHEESE : Six samples of Trappist-type cheese made here at the Station were
SCORES AGAIN : exhibited at the Pacific International Livestock Show in Portland,
-----: Oregon, and also at the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Convention at Fon
du Lac last month. Altho no classes exist for this type cheese, the Station entries
were given silver awards in both instances and plans were initiated to provide classes
for Trappist cheese in future shows. While there is no particular significance to
be attached to the several gold and silver awards made to Station cheeses at the
Pacific Coast show during the past ten years, it is of interest because high scores
at the Portland show are uncommon and the cheese judging is regarded as the most
critical of any contest in the country. This makes for added interest in the fact
that a score of 97 received by a sample of cream cheese entered at the Portland show
in 1930 is still the all-time high score for that show. The cheese was made by the
new "Geneva Method", and altho a perishable product, was shipped to Portland without
refrigeration. Emil Sonnenburg of Cato, Wis., with a score of 95.5, and Gottfried
Galli of Sun Prairie, Wis., and Hugh Barber of Tillamook, Ore., with scores of 95
each, have more nearly approached the Station's record score of 97 than all other
contestants. The Station is resting on its laurels just at present, but plans are
under way to establish a "permanent" high score of 98.5 at Portland on a semi-hard
cheese before 1940.

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HADN'T HEARD : Mr. W. Paggendorff of the Rice Research Station, Yanco, New South
OF THANKSGIVING: Wales, called at the Station last Thursday morning and was very
-----: much disappointed to find that it was a holiday and that he could
not meet several of the Station celebrities he had on his list. He had never heard
of Thanksgiving Day, and it was quite evident that he catalogued it in his mind as
another one of those peculiar American customs. He was well acquainted with Mr.
Pont and was interested in learning of the latter's recent sojourn in Geneva.
