

# The Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

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A GOOD WEEK : Despite an "old-fashioned" winter and roads more or less blocked with snow, the Farm and Home Week program drew a very satisfactory crowd, if not a record breaker. So far as we have learned, frequent trips between Geneva and Ithaca by the twenty-odd members of the Staff who participated in the events of the past week produced no serious difficulties, altho one or two did run afoul of snow banks which slowed them up a bit. But it might have been a lot worse and at times looked as tho it would be. The Station took particular pride in the achievements of the "Young Farmers" from the Geneva High School who won two first in contests with an unusually large number of entries. One of these firsts was in the identification of diseases of fruits and vegetables, the other in poultry. Mr. Stewart and Dr. Hamilton evidently did some effective coaching, but also must have had some keen boys to work with as well.

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CANNERS' SCHOOL : The next event on the Station's schedule is the 13th annual Extension School for canning factory field men and canning crops growers which will meet here on March 3 and 4 with speakers from the College, the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the Station on the program.

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WHAT TO PLANT AND WHERE : Prof. Allen of the Department of Floriculture at Cornell will address the Geneva Garden Club at its regular monthly meeting in the Geneva Free Library tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock on the subject of "Plants for Unusual Places". All persons interested in Prof. Allen's topic are invited to be present.

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YOUNG PEOPLE : Six girls and six boys have been placed at the Station by the National Youths Administration. The girls are working in various capacities in different offices, while the boys are all employed at tasks in the greenhouses. Since each one works only two days a week, this additional help is not very much in evidence, altho it is proving useful in catching up on a number of odd jobs.

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THE SCIENCE LECTURE : Tickets are going well for the first Science Lecture to be given in the High School next Wednesday evening with Dr. H. Howe, editor of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, as the speaker. Members of the Geneva Chemists Club, which is sponsoring the lecture along with other civic organizations, met at Dr. Tressler's residence last night to discuss plans for the entertainment of Dr. Howe during his stay in Geneva. Anyone not yet supplied with tickets may obtain them from members of the Chemists Club.

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FARM BUREAU MEETINGS : If you cannot find the person you are looking for this week, he is probably addressing some Farm Bureau meeting. Thus far we have accounted for the following persons who are engaged on this task: Mr. Wellington in Chautauqua County to talk on grapes before three groups; Mr. Gladwin at Bath to talk on grapes; Mr. Sayre in Chautauqua and Niagara counties to talk on canning crops; Dr. Glasgow in Niagara County, and later in the week with Dr. Horsfall in Monroe County; and Dr. Chapman and Dr. Hamilton on a ten-day tour of Hudson Valley meetings.

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ON PROGRAM COMMITTEE : Dr. Kertesz has recieved word that he has been appointed a member of the program committee of the American Society of Plant Physiologists for the meeting of that Society to be held in Rochester in connection with the summer meeting of the A. A. A. S.

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BACK IN : Miss Stella Gould returned to Cornell to resume residence work in the  
ITHACA : Graduate School for the spring term. Miss Gould has been employed for the  
-----: past several months on an investigatorship sponsored by Frosted Foods.  
Miss Fenton, who is on the teaching staff in the College of Home Economics, has also  
returned to Ithaca to resume her duties at the College after two weeks here at the  
Station.

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EXPECTED HOME : The last word received from Mrs. Hening was to the effect that she  
THIS WEEK : and her mother hoped to arrange matters so that they could reach  
-----: Geneva the latter part of this week.

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A TOUGH : Dr. and Mrs. Gambrell and their guest had an uncomfortable time of it  
EXPERIENCE : when their car was in collision with another car on the Preemption  
-----: Road near Oaks Corners during a snow storm the other day. Fortunately,  
no one was seriously hurt, but Foster is still nursing a cracked rib.

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MILK ON : The Dairy Division is notifying customers that milk and cream will be  
SATURDAY : distributed between 8:30 and 9:30 Saturday morning (George's birthday),  
-----: but not on Sunday.

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HE MUST BE : Mr. Stewart recently established a record which has never been equalled  
SLIPPING : by anyone else during our 15 years of service as Station Editor, namely,  
-----: to publish a bulletin without incurring any expense for author's al-  
terations. This record was made on Bulletin No. 655, but alas Mr. Stewart was to  
enjoy only a fleeting claim to fame for now comes the bill for his second publication  
for this year, Bulletin No. 658, in which we find a charge for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour author's cor-  
rections! But even this is in strong contrast to that other all-time record of sev-  
eral years ago where the cost of alterations actually exceeded the cost of printing  
the bulletin! Mr. Stewart asserts that he finds it just as hard to write a bulletin  
now as he did when he first began back in the '90's, but apparently practice has  
made perfect if it has not made the task any lighter.

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STATE FAIR : The current number of the Rural New-Yorker contains an item about a  
BUILDINGS : measure now before the Legislature to authorize the State to issue  
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grounds, including the proposed horticultural building. The plans for this building  
call for \$238,000. The other proposed buildings include a pure food building and a  
farm machinery building.

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WANTED: : We are indebted to our society editor for the following item:  
Ph. D'S :

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A justice of the highest court of Canada, an English Lady, and a  
College Professor were listed among the judges at the famous  
Westminster Dog Show held in the Madison Square Garden last week.  
This may not be significant news, but the following is: This year  
the Garden has decided to have only "doctors" as its stewards, the  
men who call the numbers, service the kennels, and act as flunkies  
generally. The report does not specify whether or not the qualify-  
ing stewards must be doctors of science or medicine, but it is our  
speculation that the Ph D degree is required. Our sympathy is ex-  
tended to more than 3,000 dogs. Nevertheless, the show is to be  
congratulated upon this forward movement which will ultimately  
result in a higher standard among the stewards. This will undoubt-  
edly set an example for the racing fraternity; and it is a con-  
servative prediction hereafter that "horse swipes" will also be  
required to have a doctor's degree before applying for work.

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