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HARD : The thirteenth annual Extension School for canning crops growers and canners' AT IT : field men got off to a good start yesterday and will continue thru today.
-----: The attendance at the opening session was well over a hundred and broke all previous records. An interesting exhibit from the Associated Seed Growers of New Haven, Conn., and exhibits from plant pathology and entomology combined with a joint display of publications from the College and the Station add materially to the interest of the meeting.

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RESEARCH IN : Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk, Associate Chief of the Soil Conservation Ser- CONSERVATION : vice of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and directly in charge
-----: of the research activities of the Service spoke on the research attack on the problem of soil conservation before the March meeting of the Staff last Monday. Dr. Lowdermilk outlined the major lines of investigation now under way and told something about the experimental methods employed in soil conservation research. He illustrated his remarks with a few slides showing the effects of long-time erosion in sections of China, where he has made a study of the subject, together with the influence of forest cover as a preventive of severe erosion. Dr. Lowdermilk was accompanied by several members of his force, including Dr. A. L. Patrick, regional director for the northeastern states.

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CHEMISTRY : The Geneva Chemists Club held a meeting in Jordan Hall Monday night AND FRUITS : when Dr. E. M. Chase, Director of Field Stations and of the Chemical
-----: Laboratory of the Food Research Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture spoke on "The Role of Chemical Research in Fruit Utilization". Dr. Chase is spending two or three days at the Station reviewing the work under way here with fruit juices and other fruit products.

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THE SCIENCE : The Science Scholarship Lecture inaugurated by the Geneva Chemists SCHOLARSHIP : Club and presented last week by Dr. H. E. Howe was well received by
-----: an excellent crowd in the High School auditorium. The funds realized from the Lecture will go to the outstanding student in the sciences graduating from the High School in June to enable the boy or girl winning the award to continue the study of science in the college of their choice. The success of this first venture should encourage those who initiated it to repeat another year.

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WANT MORE : Resolutions adopted by the State Vegetable Growers Association at their RESEARCH : annual meeting in Oswego in January and published in the February
-----: Bulletin of the Association which has just come to hand, protest against curtailment of funds for vegetable research. The particular resolution pertaining to this subject reads, in part, as follows: "We protest curtailment of funds available for vegetable research. We ask immediate appropriation of \$40,000 (including \$15,000 for greenhouses) for research by the Cornell and Geneva Experiment Stations dealing with vegetable problems, both muckland and upland, and including vegetable varieties and breeding for New York needs, insect and disease research, and research on the marketing, grading, and handling of vegetables."

At a later meeting of the Directors and the Executive Committee of the Association in Ithaca during Farm and Home Week, a committee was appointed to discuss with Dr. Ladd and Dr. Hedrick the continuation of the vegetable variety work that has been in progress here at the Station in connection with the writing of The Vegetables of New York.

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SPOKE IN : Mr. Tapley spoke on the general subject of vegetable research before the SYRACUSE : annual meeting of the Onondaga Vegetable Growers Association in Syracuse
-----: Monday night. Bill also enlightened the Hopewell Grange recently on what the Station is doing in vegetable crop studies.

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COUNTY : The Ontario County Farm Bureau has announced a series of meetings in
MEETINGS : various sections of the County, some of which will be addressed by mem-
-----: bers of the Station Staff. Mr. Parrott is to speak next Friday in
Canandaigua before a fruit meeting and Mr. Sayre early next week before a group of
vegetable growers. Mr. Sayre's topic is announced as having to do with fertilizer
"replacement", but we believe fertilizer placement is what he will actually discuss.

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RUSSIAN : Among visitors to the Station last week were Prof. E. N. Podkletnov of
VISITORS : the Leningrad Chemical Technological Institute, with his interpreter,
-----: Mr. Boris Sklaire, and Mr. D. A. Granikoff of Kuidgan, Siberia. The
latter called at the Station for a conference with the Dairy and Bacteriological
Divisions. He is from an experimental cheese factory making Cheddar, Swiss, and
similar types of cheese and was particularly interested in the cheese investigations
and in the direct microscopic technic developments here. Incidentally he informed
members of the Staff that he planned to introduce the Geneva Method for making cream
cheese into Russia having learned the method at the University of California, and in
a large cheese plant in Wisconsin.

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RECENTLY : Dr. Hucker has just been notified of his appointment as a member of the
APPOINTED : Committee on Research of the Association of New York State Dairy and
-----: Milk Inspectors. Dr. J. M. Sherman, head of the Dairy Department at
Cornell, is chairman of the Committee.

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MORE NEW : Just in time for the Cannery School, the printers sent up a supply of
BULLETINS : Bulletin No. 664 on "The Quality of Vegetable Seeds on Sale in New York
-----: in 1934 and 1935," by Mr. Munn.

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NOT AMONG : The Station was well represented in Rochester's Invitation Badminton
THE SURVIVORS : Tournament last week--at the beginning. A careful perusal of the
-----: sports pages of Rochester newspapers failed to reveal any of our
athletes among the survivors in semi-finals and finals, however.

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THE PROOF IS : A well-known photo-engraving concern in this State has as its slogan,
IN THE EATING : "Your Story in Pictures Leaves Nothing Untold". Evidently it was
-----: something of this sort that Mr. Marquardt had in mind when he selected
an illustration for his article on "The Making of Dairy Butter on the Farm"
which appears in a recent number of the Rural New-Yorker. Above a caption reading
to the effect that "Butter Is Health Insurance For Growing Children" appears an
excellent picture of young Charles Marquardt evidently consuming with considerable
relish what we take to be a piece of well-buttered bread. At any rate Charles cer-
tainly bears out the idea expressed in the caption.

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HAIL TO : Milk pails have been a burning issue in the Station dairy for many years
THE PAIL! : Can they be kept clean or are they hopeless, sanitarily speaking? Fre-
-----: quently has our ire been raised when we have complained meekly about
the taste of fly spray in the milk to be told, that if we washed our pails properly
there would be no odor or taste to the milk. Now come workers in a dairy laboratory
in a Midwest institution with a great mass of data to prove that 1-, 2-, and 4-quart
milk pails of all types may be properly or improperly cleaned. We thought the find-
ings of these scientists most enlightening and called them to the attention of head
pailer Bill Lydon with the suggestion that the study be extended to $\frac{1}{4}$ -, $\frac{1}{2}$ -, and
1-pint pails. Bill dismissed the whole project, however, with the statement that he
always employs when he regards a situation as hopeless,--"And they killed men like
McKinley."
