

# The Station News

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AGRICULTURE : The ancient agriculture of Yucatan in the light of present-day agri-  
IN YUCATAN : cultural practices in that part of the world will form the subject of  
-----: an address at the April meeting of the Station Staff to be held at  
3:30 next Monday afternoon, April 6, with Dr. R. A. Emerson, head of the Department  
of Plant Breeding at Cornell, as the speaker. Dr. Emerson, who is already well known  
to many members of the Staff as a most entertaining speaker, recently spent consid-  
erable time in Yucatan in connection with an archeological expedition to that region.  
Dr. Emerson's chief interest was to attempt to reconstruct the agriculture of pre-  
historic Yucatan. He has also traveled extensively in South America in quest of the  
forerunners of our modern maize.

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CONFER ON : Geneva mosquitos are in for a hard summer of it if anything comes out of  
MOSQUITOS : a conference of State and local officials held at the City Hall yesterday  
-----: on a community project for mosquito control. Among those present were  
Dr. Robert Glasgow, State Entomologist; Dr. A. F. Dappert, representing the State  
Conservation Commission; Mr. Parrott, the Mayor, the City Engineer, and representa-  
tives of the Common Council and of several civic organizations.

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IT MIGHT HAVE : The slumbers of the residents of the three apartments west of  
BEEN DANGEROUS : Jordan Hall were rudely interrupted early yesterday morning by the  
-----: arrival of the Geneva fire fighters who had been summoned to ex-  
tinguish a brush fire that the rising wind had whipped into something of a menace to  
Station property. Fortunately, a little lost sleep was all the damage that resulted.

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MILK ON : The Dairy Division evidently believes that summer is just around the cor-  
SUNDAYS : ner. In any event here is a notice that they have asked us to pass along  
-----: to their patrons: "Beginning Sunday, April 5, and continuing thru the  
summer months, milk will be distributed Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m."

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GOING : Last week Dr. Kelly and Mr. Marquardt figured in the news with a trip to  
TO ROME : Cuba, and now they are off for Rome, but it is all in the Empire State.  
-----: This latest venture is for the purpose of collecting linburger cheese  
samples in factories in and around Rome for use in studies here at the Station. Just  
why they selected April 1 for this jaunt is not explained--certainly they are not  
going to fool themselves or the rest of us even tho they say the samples will be  
well bagged.

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COOKING : Miss Fenton, Assistant Professor in the College of Home Economics, is  
TESTS : spending the spring vacation here at the Station in a continuation of  
-----: studies begun last summer on the effect of cooking on the loss of vitamin  
C in vegetables in cooperation with Dr. Tressler.

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NAMES HIS : Dr. Tukey as Chairman for the Station group in the Community Chest cam-  
COMMITTEE : paign April 13 to 16 has named the following committee to assist him:  
-----: Miss Updyke and Messrs. Cooley, Enzie, Gambrell, Hofer, Marquardt and  
Traphagen. President Bartlett of Hobart is general chairman of the professional  
division.

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SPOKE IN : Last Saturday Dr. Breed addressed the Bacteriological Club at the Massa-  
BOSTON : chusetts Institute of Technology on proposed changes in the standard  
-----: methods of milk analysis. This group is reputed to be the oldest bac-  
teriological organization in America.

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MORE ABOUT : The Station Parking Committee issued a statement recently about the  
PARKING : parking regulations. Now we have a request that members of the Staff  
-----: desist from parking in the space reserved for the mail truck in front  
of Jordan Hall, for very obvious reasons. Heretofore, this space has been designated  
by a no-parking sign, but there has been objection on esthetic grounds to replacing  
this sign, which disappeared during the winter. Instead, those who must park in  
North Street are asked to leave ample room for Mr. Hershey.

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GETTING : Mr. Collison was in the Hudson Valley last week assisting Mr. Anderson in  
STARTED : laying out a number of fertilizer experiments in orchards in that section  
-----: of the State. Reports from the Valley are that the season is opening up  
quite early with the result that those who carry on experimental work there will have  
their hands full for the next few weeks.

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KNOWN : Among those around the Station who read Time were several who had more than  
HERE : a passing interest in an article in the last issue on the life of Mr.  
-----: Cornish, with his picture. Time's chief interest in Mr. Cornish lay in the  
fact that he had recently been named chairman of some board or other having to do  
with the lead industry, but local interest centered around the fact that he is also  
a well-known Jersey breeder and a visitor to the Station on Dairy Day.

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HOPS IN : Mr. Harlan is the author of a little brochure published by the New York  
NEW YORK : State Hop Growers Association entitled "Where Does New York Fit Into  
-----: World Hop Production?" In the pamphlet Mr. Harlan undertakes to show the  
relative production of hops in the world and in this country, the position of New York  
State in the present picture of hop production, factors which make New York a good  
hop-producing area, and steps which should further the interests of hop growers in  
this State.

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ON TWO : Mr. Hening has recently been named a member of two committees of the  
COMMITTEES : American Dairy Science Association. One of these is the Editorial Com-  
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of the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, and of the International  
Association of Milk Dealers which is directing the new abstract service covering lit-  
erature on milk and milk products now being published as a part of each monthly issue  
of the Journal of Dairy Science. In his capacity as Editor of the Journal, Dr.  
Dahlberg also has a hand in the publication of the abstracts. Mr. Hening's other  
appointment is to the Sub-committee on Milk and Cream of the general committee of the  
American Dairy Science Association on Methods of Chemical Analysis of Dairy Products.

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MAKING : The other day the New York Times devoted considerable front page space to  
HEADWAY : a report on his work on the chemical composition of the tuberculosis or-  
-----: ganism made by Dr. R. J. Anderson, formerly biochemist at this Station,  
before the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology at its meeting  
in Washington last week. Dr. Anderson and his associates at Yale and at Columbia  
have isolated and identified 170 chemical substances produced by the T. B. organism.  
Three of these substances were found to be exceedingly toxic to animals, producing  
characteristic symptoms of tuberculosis. While Dr. Anderson states that "they have  
only scratched the surface", the hope is expressed that these findings may provide  
a new approach to the treatment of tuberculosis by devising substances that will  
counteract the effects of these poisons produced by the organism.

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NOT ALL : The following excerpt from a letter dated March 11 from Director Susa of the  
JINGOES : Aomori Horticultural Experiment Station in Japan is a reminder that not all  
-----: of the citizens of Japan are working in the munitions factories and ship  
yards or drilling for the "next war" but are contending with much the same things as  
the rest of us. He says, "There is still a heavy snow blanket, about 3 feet deep, all  
over the orchards here, and the apple growers are having a busy time in pruning."  
Might well have been western New York. Director Susa's institution, it may be re-  
called, is the one that is trying out a number of the Station's new fruits, to the  
delight of Japanese royalty.