

# The Station News

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THE FARM : Commissioner Peter G. Ten Eyck of the State Department of Agriculture and  
PROBLEM : Markets delivered a most interesting address before some seventy-five mem-  
-----: bers of the Station Club on Monday evening when he discussed the underly-  
ing factors affecting the well being of New York State farmers and the relation of  
the Experiment Station and other State agencies to those problems. Drawing on his  
long experience in The New York State Farm Bureau Federation, as a member of the Com-  
mittee on Agriculture while he was a member of Congress, and his close contact with  
all types of farm problems in his present position, he dwelt on the need for real co-  
operation among all types of farmers to obtain better conditions, particularly better  
marketing conditions, for agriculture as a whole. The Commissioner concluded his re-  
marks with a very appropriate and well-phrased appreciation of Mr. Stewart's forty-  
one years of service to New York farmers. Following the address, refreshments were  
served by the Social Committee and President Kertesz presented Mr. Stewart with a  
silver coffee pot as a token of appreciation from the Club for all that he and Mrs.  
Stewart have done for the social life of the Station. The gift was accompanied by a  
scroll signed by all members of the Club.

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TOMORROW : Tomorrow evening in Jordan Hall the Staff will hold a reception for Mr.  
NIGHT : and Mrs. Stewart. The hours are 8 to 10.  
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FLOWER : Considering the rush of the season and the little opportunity given the  
SHOWS : Garden Club to get going, the tulip show held in Jordan Hall last week was  
-----: quite creditable, altho there was room for considerable more flowers than  
were entered. Future exhibit plans include a rose show and one or two fall shows.

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SPEAKING : Western New York's apple blossom festival will be held next Saturday at  
OF SHOWS : Brockton, with the Vice-Director probably representing the Station. Old  
-----: Mother Nature played a rather mean trick on the sponsors of the festival  
when she hurried up the season and brought out the apple blossoms almost two weeks  
ahead of schedule, but any dearth of blossoms will be amply compensated for by the  
gorgeous spectacle of the queen and her court. Seven judges, of which the Vice-  
Director was one, attempted last Saturday to agree on a selection for queen of the  
festival from among twenty-seven aspirants. We have it on good authority from one of  
the judges that the selection hinged very largely on the personal tastes of the indi-  
vidual judges. His choice, for example, was a tall, dark beauty whom he believed  
would add dignity as well as charm and grace to the "court". The other judges evi-  
dently did not agree fully in this selection, however, for the young lady was finally  
made a "princess", which of course, is the next thing to being queen.

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STATE : State Fair officials have now definitely decided that regardless of what may  
FAIR : be done in the way of a new horticultural building this year, the horticul-  
-----: tural exhibits, including the Station exhibit, will be housed in the same  
quarters as last year. This simplifies things for us and makes possible definite  
planning for this year's display. A meeting of exhibitors in the horticultural build-  
ing has been called for tomorrow morning at the State Fair office when additional de-  
tails about the Station's space will be decided upon. Mr. Luckett and perhaps one or  
two others interested in exhibits in that building will attend the meeting.

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CHANGES IN : With the acceptance by Mr. R. B. Dearborn of a position with the Eastern  
CHEMISTRY : States Farmers Exchange at Springfield where he will supervize the plat  
-----: testing of seeds for the Exchange, Mr. Ralph Jenkins has been appointed  
to the Frosted Foods Investigatorship formerly held by Mr. Dearborn. Also, this shift  
brings Dr. Alfred Avens, who has been assisting Mr. Pearce for the past several months  
on to the Staff to assume Mr. Jenkins position as Assistant in Research. Dr. Avens  
will work especially with vegetable crops.

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BACK : We are glad to note that Dr. Hedrick returned from Clifton Springs last Sun-  
HOME : day and is greatly improved, altho he has not attempted to come over to his  
-----: office as yet.

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PAINFULLY : Mrs. Hoag is nursing a sprained wrist and painful bruises sustained in  
BRUISED : a fall while working around the bulletin stacks last week. Fortunately,  
-----: no bones were broken, and despite considerable discomfort she is on the  
job in the mailing room.

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OFF FOR : Dr. and Mrs. Dahlberg left by auto this morning for Miami, Florida, where  
CUBA : they will take a boat for Cuba for several weeks' vacation in the eastern  
-----: end of the island. It sounds like a mighty fine outing and doubtless Art  
will return with a new line of movies and, of course, a new line of stories.

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SET DATE : The Station Club has settled on Friday, June 26, as the date for the  
FOR PICNIC : Station picnic, with Cayuga Lake State Park as the place. We shall hear  
-----: much more about this annual event as the date approaches

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INDIVIDUAL : Word has been received in the "front office" that the Community Hos-  
MEMBERSHIPS : pital Association of Geneva is now open to individual memberships.  
-----: Heretofore, membership was possible only by groups organized by their  
employers. For details about the individual membership idea, consult the office.

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OFFICIALLY : It is sometimes difficult to interpret in terms of concrete facts the  
ACCEPTED : results of researches at institutions such as this, hence evidence that  
-----: a piece of research has attained its ultimate goal by being given practical  
application is most satisfying to the investigator and to the Station. For  
this reason Dr. Kertesz was pleased to receive word from the Food and Drug Adminis-  
tration at Washington that his proposed method for judging the maturity in peas by  
the determination of the alcohol-insoluble solids has been adopted as the official  
standard and that all packers and distributors of peas have been so advised. It is  
also of more than passing interest to note that a method for differentiating between  
different types of calcium arsenates, heretofore generally regarded as a single stable  
product, developed by Mr. Pearce and Mr. Norton, is being applied by the U. S. Depart-  
ment of Agriculture this year in the selection of all calcium arsenates entering in-  
to their extensive spraying experiments in all sections of the country. Then, too,  
Dr. Chapman has just been advised that a method for destroying apple maggots in fruit  
by cold storage worked out by himself and already recognized as "official" in Canada,  
is receiving consideration in Washington as a federal standard of procedure. All of  
which naturally makes the boys feel like they are getting somewhere with their work.

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AMONG THE : Station folks who have occupied the rostrum during the past few days in-  
SPEAKERS : clude Mrs. Nebel who addressed the seminar of the Biology Department at  
-----: the University of Rochester last week on sexuality in parasitic fungi;  
Dr. Tukey who spoke before the Plant Physiology Seminar at Cornell on embryogeny and  
developmental morphology of tree fruits and the fathers and sons banquet of the Futur  
Farmers of America at the Geneva High School on development of fruit in relation to  
orchard practice; and Dr. Carpenter who yesterday afternoon gave an account of his  
recent studies at the California Institute of Technology before members of the Chem-  
istry, Bacteriology, and Dairy Divisions. Dr. Carpenter is to give a popular account  
of his work in California before the local Rotary Club today.

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IN HIGH : There are a few newspaper in the land that enjoy almost universal esteem  
SOCIETY : regardless of political bias, religious beliefs, journalistic preferences,  
-----: or what not. One of these is the Christian Science Monitor, and so it was  
with considerable interest that we found one of our news releases made the subject of  
an editorial in that paper last week. The item was headed "Maybe It Isn't the Gar-  
dener" and the editorial has to do with a story about some of the things that Mr. Mun  
found in recent tests with flower seeds. Space will not permit setting it forth here  
but suffice it to say that it was an exceedingly able and witty commentary on a sub-  
ject of interest to a great many people during these days of garden making.