

# STATION NEWS

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THEY ASKED FOR MORE



The reverberations from the summer meeting of the New York State Nurserymen's Association held at the Station last Thursday and regarded by many of the nurserymen as the most successful meeting held in recent years, are of the kind that sound pleasant to Station ears. There were about 150 in attendance, including several fruit growers and gardeners as well as prominent nurserymen of this State and of nearby states. Those in attendance expressed themselves as more than pleased with the work of the Station and evinced a desire to hear and see more at future meetings. The program and tours were arranged by Dr. Tukey, Dr. Gambrell, and Mr. Brase.

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## CONSIDERING THE STATION FOR 1937

The summer meeting and tour of the State Horticultural Society at Point Breeze last week brought out about 1,200 fruit growers from the western fruit section. Among other items of business considered by the Executive Committee was the possibility of coming to Geneva for the 1937 summer meeting. Final decision in the matter will depend somewhat on seasonal developments next year.

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## ASSISTING THE FARM BUREAU

The Station is loaning its automatic Balopticon to the Yates County Farm Bureau for the display of a series of slides relating to alfalfa growing in an exhibit at the Yates County Fair.

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## BACK FROM THE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre returned to Geneva Monday following a trip thru the West that included a visit with Mr. Sayre's mother at Takoma, Washington. In all of their travels they failed to find any rain, altho they did observe considerable degrees of drouth damage in different sections of the country. Their return trip brought them East thru Nebraska and Illinois for a visit with Mrs. Sayre's mother at Champaign at a time when they could "enjoy" some of the 110-degree heat of the Middle West. While on his travels, Mr. Sayre acted as confidential political observer for the NEWS, altho probably not aware of that fact, and has several interesting comments to offer on trends in different sections of that country that he visited.



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## SHOULD THE NEWS RUN A POLL?

Mention of political observations prompts us to ask whether the NEWS should conduct its own Presidential ballot among its readers? Several persons have indicated that something of the sort would be fun, at least. How about it?

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## WORD FROM PORTLAND

Returning from a trip thru New England, Dr. and Mrs. Hucker tell of a visit with Mrs. Streeter and the girls, both in their home in Portland, Maine, and again at Gloucester, Mass., where they spent a brief time with the Tresslers. Mrs. Streeter is making a very marked success of her work with children and older persons afflicted with speech defects, and of course Anne and Joyce are quite grown up.

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## JUDGING SEASON BEGINS

A sure sign of fall is the arrival of requests for judges at the county fairs. The 1936 season will open this week for at least two Station judges--the two Vans. Mr. Van Alstyne left yesterday for Lockport where he will judge fruit at the Niagara County Fair. He will proceed from there to Penn Yan to judge the fruit and Grange exhibits at the Yates County Fair. Mr. Van Eseltine will also go to Penn Yan tomorrow to act as flower judge.



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## INTERESTED IN PARASITES

Dr. Chung Lo Liu, Professor of Entomology and in charge of the Division of Entomology of the Institute of Agricultural Research of the National Tsing Hua University at Peiping, China, spent Monday and Tuesday at the Station conferring on work under way here on the biological control of insect pests. Dr. Liu completed undergraduate work at Cornell in 1923 and received his Ph.D. degree there in 1926. He is visiting a number of American experiment Stations and universities where insect parasites are receiving special attention.

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## INTERESTED IN PROPAGATION

Dr. V. T. Stoutemeyer of Iowa State College stopped at the Station Thursday and Friday of last week to look over the work on plant propagation and rootstocks. Dr. Stoutemeyer is credited with reviving interest in propagation by leaf-bud cuttings and with certain new conceptions in the rooting of apple stocks.

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## GOING TO ALBION

Mr. W. C. Haynes, who does considerable assisting in the Bacteriology Division, will spend the next few weeks in the laboratory of the Snider Packing Company at Albion on a cooperative project with that company and the Station having to do with new developments in field and laboratory technic.

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## WITH FOOD LABORATORY

A recent communication from Albany conveys the information that Mr. James E. Mensching, formerly associate in research in the old Division of Agronomy at the Station, is now connected with the State Food Laboratory. Dr. A. H. Robertson, also an "alumnus" of the Station where he was a member of the Bacteriology Division, is in charge of that Laboratory.

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## "ACTION" EXHIBITS

Two recent acquisitions have been made by the Entomology Division which are expected to supply action in the State Fair exhibit of that Division. These are an "Ant Palace" and a "Cricket House". They are clever devices which reveal to the observer all of the details of the daily lives of these interesting insects. Final touches are being put on the various exhibits which will go over to Syracuse next week in time for the opening of the Fair on September 6. An innovation this year is the designation of Friday of Fair week as "Press Day" in recognition of the annual convention of the State Press Association which is to be held in Syracuse during State Fair week. The management announces a special rodeo and vaudeville for the entertainment of the visiting editors.

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## DISCUSSES SEED CONTROL

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, Director of the Feed, Hay and Seed Division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, spent Friday forenoon in the Seed Division going over details of the proposed plan to put into effect the verified-certified plan of seed control in interstate commerce.

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