



# STATION NEWS

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## FROZEN FOODS



The February Staff meeting was held in January when Dr. G. A. Fitzgerald, chief chemist for the Birdseye Laboratories of Gloucester, Mass., spoke last Monday afternoon on "Researches in Frozen Foods". Dr. Fitzgerald traced the development of the frozen food industry in this country and then supplemented his formal remarks with the showing of some excellent motion pictures illustrating the operations involved in preparing and freezing various commodities.

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## TO STUDY VITAMINS

Miss M. N. Kirk has come to the Station from the Bureau of Home Economics of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture to fill the position vacated by Miss Curran's death, and will be engaged in studies of the nutritive value of fruits and vegetables.

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## APPLE BLOSSOMS

The Director attended a meeting of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Monday when considerable time was devoted to a discussion of preliminary plans for an apple blossom festival for western New York. That sounds as tho spring must be just around the corner.

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## A SPLENDID MEETING

Everyone concerned with the eastern meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Kingston last week, including growers, speakers, and exhibitors, seemed well pleased with the affair. Perfect weather brought out a record crowd which always insures a successful meeting. Ulster County is also in the throes of apple blossom festival planning.

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## A VISITOR

Mr. Clifford Evers of the Production Department of the Birdseye Corporation is visiting the Station for several days. Mr. Evers has spent considerable time at the Station in the past in carrying on freezing experiments with fruits and vegetables.

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## THE NEW PRESIDENT

Our congratulations to Herman Jahn upon his election as President of the Geneva Garden Club!

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## A SPECIAL INVITATION

By courtesy of Professor Norman Kent of Hobart College, Station folks are especially invited to view an exhibit of linoleum cuts in color on display in the Art Building on Pulteney Street. The exhibition comprises the work of James D. Havens of Fairport, N. Y., and will be open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m., until February 16. This exhibition is the first of a series of six such events planned by Professor Kent who promises to keep us informed on dates for future displays.

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## MISSING

Vol. 15, No. 2, of the Journal of Pomology and Horticultural Science is missing from the Library. Information on its whereabouts will be appreciated by the Librarian.

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## JUST OURSELVES

Dr. and Mrs. Hedrick will be honored at a reception by the Staff in Jordan Hall next Saturday evening from 8:00 to 10:00.

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## IN DREAMLAND

A delightful communication from Mr. Stewart relates incidents of his leisurely trip thru Florida and tells of his future plans for the remainder of the winter. The letter comes from Dreamland Trailer Park, West Palm Beach, and is accompanied by a folder describing the many attractive features offered by the Park. Read midst Geneva's ice and snow, it sounds like "Dreamland" indeed.

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## THE SECOND EDITION

The Macmillan Company has just published a revised and much enlarged edition of Dr. Hedrick's "Cyclopedia of Hardy Fruits", a copy of which Dr. Hedrick has donated to the Station Library. Progress in fruit growing in the interval that has elapsed since the printing of the first edition in 1921 is strikingly indicated by the following changes: The Cortland apple has replaced the Baldwin as the frontispiece of the book; the first edition contained notes on about 1,600 varieties, the second edition on some 1,800 varieties; the first edition contained mention of eight or ten new sorts which originated on the Station grounds, while the new book lists 60 Station varieties, all of which are now offered by nurserymen.

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## THE STATE FAIR IN THE NEWS

Only it is to be known officially as the "New York State Agricultural and Industrial Exposition" henceforth. Announcement has been made of the superintendents of Departments for 1938 with the only change in personnel from last year being the appointment of Prof. N. A. Rutunno of Syracuse University as Superintendent of the Flower Department. Prof. Rutunno has had much to do with the landscaping of the grounds for the past two or three years. No mention of dates has yet appeared in the press, but the Grand Circuit races have been set for the week of August 29, which looks like an early Fair. In fact the Fair has already started so far as Mr. Hening is concerned as he is in Ithaca today scoring milk and cream samples in cooperation with representatives from the College and the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

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## TO TALK ON GOATS

Friday afternoon Mr. Marquardt will join Dr. S. A. Asdell of the College of Agriculture in a discussion of goats before the School for Missionaries in progress at Ithaca this week.

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## THE van ALSTYNE FAMILY

Among the awards to "Century Farmers" made by Governor Lehman at the meeting of the State Agricultural Society in Albany last month was one to a "Double Century Farmer", as the Governor expressed it, James E. van Alstyne, older brother of our own Lewis. In the brief historical sketch which the Governor read in making the citation he related how the first van Alstyne, one Jans Martense van Aelsteyn, came to New Netherlands in 1657 and ten years later acquired a tract of 1,200 acres of land about two miles south of Kinderhook. While this original domain has been broken up in settling estates down thru the 271 years that have intervened, 600 acres still remain in the hands of direct descendants of Jans and 200 acres in the old home place now being farmed by Lewis's brother. A remarkable record indeed and one of which the van Alstynes may be justly proud.

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## HEADS DO SWELL

At least Dr. Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian Institution believes that the human head swells as one grows older, not from an increasing ego but as a natural development following incessant and long-continued exercise of the brain. As supporting evidence for his theory, Dr. Hrdlicka cites a noted English archaeologist who kept track of his hat sizes for over sixty years. At twenty he wore a modest  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , at thirty a 7, at 40 a  $7\frac{1}{8}$ , at 50 a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  but after sixty no standard size would fit him. We shall be glad to supplement this data with any local information that may be available.