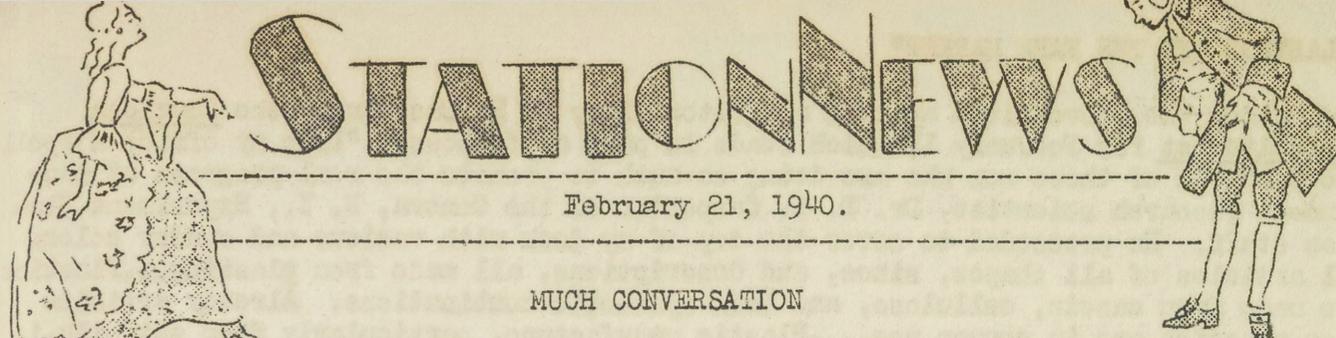


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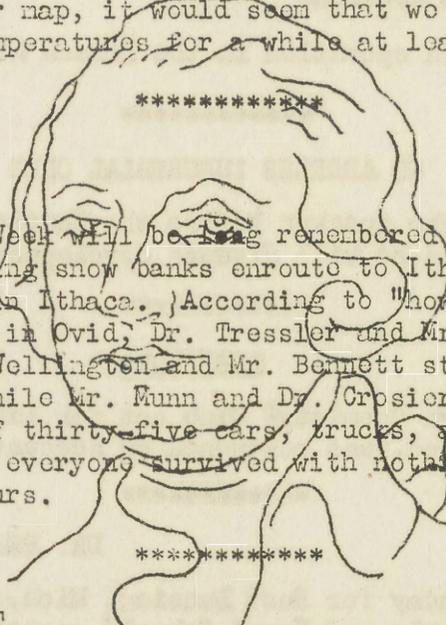
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MUCH CONVERSATION



The past week has furnished an abundance of that favorite topic of conversation--the weather. With the Station and the town scarcely dug out of last week's storm of some 14 inches of snow which the wind managed to pile up many feet in some places, this week's storm with its heavy, wet snow promises to be a subject of still more conversation for days to come. "Trap" and his road gang have had their hands full keeping the Station roads and walks open--a job which everyone appreciates who has business at the Station. Much interest has centered around the effect of the two storms on the drouth that has prevailed in this section for so long. We are indebted to Mr. Slater and Mr. Ansley for the information that last week's snowfall of 14 inches contained only 0.73 inch of water, whereas the storm of the past few hours had deposited 2.76 inches of water! This total precipitation of 3.49 inches of water represents 406 tons of water per acre; but with a thick layer of frost in the soil, it is questionable what this tremendous amount of water on the top of the ground will mean to wells and to soil moisture in general. A slow thaw may make it possible for the soil to take up a lot of this surplus, but a quick thaw might mean something else. From the looks of the weather map, it would seem that we are due for a lot up in the storm and rather moderate temperatures for a while at least.

SNOWBOUND



The 1940 Farm and Home Week will be long remembered by several Station folks who spent many weary hours fighting snow banks enroute to Ithaca last week or were marooned in farm houses and in Ithaca. According to "how we heard it", Mr. Sayre spent the night of the storm in Ovid, Dr. Tressler and Mr. DuBois found refuge in a farm house near Covert, Mr. Wellington and Mr. Bennett stayed in Ithaca over night after once reaching there, while Mr. Munn and Dr. Crosier were interned in Interlaken their car comprising a lot of thirty-five cars, trucks, and buses stalled just south of that place. Fortunately, everyone survived with nothing more serious than the memory of a strenuous few hours.

NO LACK OF INTEREST

Altho the storm reduced to around 11,000 what promised the first of the week to be a record-breaking attendance at Farm and Home Week, all who had a place on the program report much interest on the part of those hardy souls who made the grade. One of the high spots of the week so far as the Station was concerned was the luncheon to Governor Lehman on Friday when several Station products were featured. Included were the Station's cherry cocktail, broccoli frozen in the farm freezer here, a roquefort cream cheese made by the "Geneva" method, and baked Cortland apples. Some of Dr. Nebel's giant marigolds adorned the Governor's table. An attractively printed menu set forth all of the details of these and the other things served at the luncheon for the edification of the Governor and the other guests.

JOAN MARIE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DuBois on the arrival last Thursday of Joan Marie!

ON SPEAKING TOUR

Dr. Chapman is in the Hudson Valley this week, where with Dr. Palmiter, Dr. Hamner, Dr. Dean, and Mr. Anderson, he will participate in a series of Farm Bureau meetings over a five-day period. Mrs. Chapman accompanied him as far as Albany where she is representing the local unit of the League of Women Voters in a State conference in the Capitol City.

LOST KEYS

A bunch of five keys picked up in the snow in the driveway back of Hedrick Hall is being held for the owner in the Editor's office.

REMEMBER--CERES CIRCLE AT 3:00 O'CLOCK SHARP THIS AFTERNOON--FEB. 21

"PLASTICS AND THE FARM MARKET"

Under the above title appears an editorial by E. R. Eastman of the American Agriculturist for February 17 which reads in part as follows: "Into my office a spell ago came one of those men who are doing so much to promote the real progress of mankind—a research scientist, Dr. D. C. Carpenter of the Geneva, N. Y., Experiment Station staff. He proceeded to cover the top of my desk with various and sundry colorful articles of all shapes, sizes, and descriptions, all made from plastics...Plastics are made from casein, cellulose, and from synthetic combinations. Already articles from plastics are in common use...Plastic manufacture, particularly from skimmilk, is still too expensive. It takes too long to harden the casein plastic before it can be used. Many plastics are too brittle...All these and other problems must and can be overcome. That is where the research men come in. Instead of spending billions on questionable schemes to help agriculture, the real way for government to help is by more support of scientists to find new ways to use farm surpluses. Skimmilk for plastics is a good example."

AT CLIFTON SPRINGS

We regret to note that Dr. Hedrick is confined at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium for treatment for a recurrence of an old ailment.

IN ITHACA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Beavens underwent an operation in the Ithaca Memorial Hospital last Saturday.

TO ADDRESS INDUSTRIAL CLUB

Dr. Carpenter is to be the speaker before the Central Finger Lakes Industrial Club next Monday evening, when he will discuss developments in plastics.

POSTPONED

The meeting of the Geneva Chemists' Club set for last night and which Dr. Carpenter was to have addressed, was postponed on account of the storm.

DR. PEDERSON IN MICHIGAN

Dr. Pederson left on Monday for East Lansing, Mich., where he will serve as an instructor at the annual "Pickle and Kraut School" sponsored by Michigan State College.

THE CANNERS SCHOOL

The annual school for canning factory field men will be held here March 14 and 15, with representatives of the State Cannery Association, the College of Agriculture, and the Station meeting here on February 26 to formulate the program.

MR. McINERNEY

Word has been received here of the death in Washington, D. C., of Mr. T. J. McInerney who had been associated with the G. L. F. since 1925. From 1910 to 1925, Mr. McInerney was connected with the Department of Dairy Manufacturing at Ithaca and had frequent contacts with dairy workers here at the Station.

OPEN HOUSE

An open house by way of a farewell to Mr. Hogyi will be held by the NYA residence center next Sunday from 3 to 6 to which all Station folks and their friends are invited. Among the ladies who will officiate at the tea table will be Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Wellington, Mrs. Lockett, Mrs. Tressler, and Miss Sharpe.

THE CHASE IS ON

Official confirmation has been received that the 1940 Olympics have been transferred to the Experiment Station on Thursday, February 29, because of the very unsettled situation abroad. At least, the track events are to be staged here that evening, following the box social when in true Leap Year tradition, the ladies will not only bid for their dinner partners but apparently will also pursue them thruout the evening. May the best man win!

