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SIGNS OF SPRING

A sure sign that spring is on the way is the arrival of the seed and nursery catalogs—and every mail now brings one or two of these brightly colored booklets with its promise of Victory gardens and all. Another unfailing sign of the times is activity in the Seed Testing Laboratory, and according to reports from the top floor of Hedrick Hall there has never been such a demand for the services of the seed testers as had been manifested the past few months. More than 5,000 samples have passed thru the Laboratory since July 1st, and the peak of the year's activities is still to come. The seed analysts see a good year ahead for gardeners and others, with ample stocks of high quality seeds available in almost all categories, but they urge that seed buying be done judiciously and as early in the season as possible.

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THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The one hundred and twelfth annual meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society will be held in Albany next Wednesday, with the Hon. Berne A. Fyrke, presiding. A special feature of the morning session will be a eulogy to the memory of Dean Carl E. Ladd by Halsey B. Knapp, Director of the School of Agriculture at Farmingdale. "Agriculture: Today and Tomorrow" will be the subject of an address by Dean W. I. Myers. Governor Dewey will address the group on "The Annual Brightening of the 'Covenant Chain'". Judge William H. Wadhams will speak on "The Way to Prevent Future Wars". Judge Wadhams was a member of the executive committee of the League to Enforce Peace and of a sub-committee which prepared the first draft of the League of Nations; attended the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919; has served as legal adviser to a joint British and French Parliamentary Committee on Post-war Organization; and is Permanent Adviser to the Chamber of Princes of the Federation of India. The famous dinner of the Agricultural Society which has always featured New York State products is a war casualty. Membership in the Society is open to anyone interested in the organization upon payment of a dollar membership fee to the secretary, Perley M. Eastman of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany.

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TO ADDRESS CORNELL CLUB

Dr. Chapman is slated to speak before the Cornell Club of Rochester at their meeting at noon today, following his appearance on the program of the State Horticultural Society.

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QUIZ KID

Dr. Tukey will be in charge of the "Question Box" at the Horticultural Society meetings in Rochester this week, except for the opening session today when Dr. Parrott will take over. The chief difference between the quiz kids and the leader of the Horticultural Society Question Box is that the latter is not expected to know all the answers; he just picks out the person thought to have the necessary information and directs the question to him.

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PLANNING EXPERIMENTS

Mr. Sam Gray of the American Potash Institute in Washington and Mr. Warren Huff, representing the Synthetic Nitrogen Institute, conferred with Mr. Sayre, County Agents from western New York, and representatives of the canning industry on plans for an extensive series of fertilizer experiments with canning crops to be inaugurated this season.

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DR. ADAMS HERE

Dr. James A. Adams of the Entomology Division with headquarters in Poughkeepsie, has been spending several days at the Station. Doctor Adams is associated with Professor Wheeler on the Jap beetle control program.

REINKINGS IMPROVING

Dr. and Mrs. Reinking rate special mention in connection with their bout with the "flu", or whatever it is, for they have both been confined to the Clifton Springs Sanitarium for the past week and will be there for several days longer according to reports received here yesterday. Both are progressing satisfactorily, however.

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MR. MESSIER ALSO IMPROVING

We are glad to report that Mr. Robert Messier is making satisfactory recovery from the second and third degree burns he sustained on both hands from an alcohol fire in the chemistry laboratory last week. He is still at the Geneva General Hospital and probably will be there for several days longer, but he is suffering no pain and there are apparently no complications.

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WASTE PAPER

The Mailing Room has a quantity of out-dated letterheads which will make excellent scratch paper or stock for use in making rough drafts of manuscripts, etc. First come, first served--see Miss Carson.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Miss Lois H. Raynor, a student at Keuka College, working under the Keuka Plan is spending the month of January in the Seed Division doing various types of work in line with the field work experience as outlined by that College. Needless to say she is finding abundant material and opportunity with which to work with the volume of samples coming to the Seed Laboratory at this time of year.

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STARTING AND STOPPING

Mr. John Cummings of the White Springs Road has begun work as janitor in Hedrick Hall, while Clarence B. Taylor who has been working in the greenhouse for the Vegetable Crops Division is quitting on Monday.

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TWO WE MISSED

We missed two 1943 babies, we regret to say; but acting on the theory that it's better late than never, here they are:

Bethany Celia Brann, born in Poughkeepsie, December 14th to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brann. Mr. Brann is entomologist at the Poughkeepsie laboratory.

James Donald Webster, born December 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Webster. Don senior was formerly associated with Dr. Carruth and Dr. Glasgow and is now an ensign in the Navy air service, with headquarters in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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YOUTHFUL ARTISTS

Mrs. Tapley as program chairman for the January meeting of Ceres Circle has planned an unusual musical treat for next Wednesday afternoon, with all of the participants under 15 years of age and yet each one outstanding in his or her specialty and with an abundance of "public appearance" experience behind them. The group will include Janet Ralston, 11 of the High Street School, who, among other appearances, has sung on several occasions with the Sampson band on the Happy Hour program at the Naval Hospital; Marcia Bartlett, a freshman in Geneva High School and a soloist in one of the local churches; Alfred Bartlett, junior school, violinist; and Richard Jones of the Geneva High School, pianist. Mrs. Harold Bartlett will serve as accompanist. Miss Helen Tapley will also entertain with one or two readings. The hostess of the meeting will be Mrs. E. A. Carleton. The date--Wednesday, January 19th; the place--the Director's residence; the time, 3:30 sharp.
