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VEGETABLE GROWERS

The Ontario County Vegetable Council, composed of vegetable growers of the County, will meet in the Geneva High School this evening at 8:00 o'clock for consideration of present and future seed supplies and fertilizer recommendations for Ontario County vegetables. Dr. Heinicke, Mr. Munn, Dr. Reinking, Dr. Schroeder, Mr. Sayre, and Dr. Glasgow will participate in the discussion, with Professor H. C. Thompson of the Vegetable Crops Department at Ithaca also in attendance. The Council is the local branch of the State Vegetable Growers Association, and Mr. Tapley, as Secretary of the Association, will represent the State organization.

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GARDEN COUNCIL STIRRING

A call has been issued for an organization meeting of the Geneva Victory Garden Council in the High School tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock. Victory gardeners are already hard at work evenings studying seed catalogs and planning the layout of this year's plantings, with most of them determined to get along with fewer beans this season. Mrs. Hugh Glasgow served as Chairman of the Geneva Council last year.

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TALKING ON DEHYDRATION

Dr. James Moyer is in Chicago for a meeting of the National Dehydrators Association before which he is making a report on certain phases of his dehydration investigations.

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TALKING ON FREEZING

Dr. Frank Lee is scheduled to address the Geneva Rotary Club today on the freezing of fruits and vegetables.

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HOLDING HIS OWN

Recent reports from the Geneva General Hospital are to the effect that Mr. Newton is holding his own following an emergency operation two weeks ago.

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16.31 INCHES

That is the official snow fall as recorded by Mr. Jahn for the period from Friday morning until noon yesterday, with 9.4 inches coming Friday night. This sounds like a very conservative figure, considering all the shoveling we did ourselves and all the complaining we have heard the past two days about tired backs and sore muscles. In "normal" times this would be Farm and Home Week at Ithaca and the storm would have given the traditional "atmosphere" for driving back and forth to the Campus. Some of the Professors will recall one year when a February storm caught up with them enroute to Ithaca and several of them spent the night in the nearest farm houses. Even Mrs. Roosevelt had difficulty getting thru for her appearance that year, but she turned up on time in her own car, the storm notwithstanding.

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RUTH ANNE GODWIN

Word has been received by friends here at the Station from Mrs. Melvin T. Godwin of Morgantown, W. Va., of the birth of a daughter, Ruth Anne, on January 28th. Mrs. Godwin was formerly Delores Weimer of the Seed Testing Laboratory.

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FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

Dr. Huckler has been attending a meeting of the Council of the Institute of Food Technologists in Chicago.

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TO SELECT SITE

Mr. Wellington and Mr. Collison have a date with the Tuscarora Indians early this spring, when they will visit the Tuscarora Reservation and select a site for the planting of a number of Gil Peck cherry trees which Mr. Howe has been propagating for that purpose. The Gil Peck is a black sweet cherry originated here at the Station and named in honor of the late Professor Peck who endeared himself to the Indians thru long years of service to them as Extension Specialist in Pomology. The Indians requested that the variety be named in honor of Professor Peck and a number of them came to the Station several years ago to dedicate the new cherry. It is hoped eventually to have plantings on all reservations in fruit areas of the State.

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NO LONGER A RUMOR

A while back we had occasion to comment on a rumor of a wedding in the Conn family, but now rumor has become fact with the announcement that Herbert Conn and Miss Jan H. Bien of Bethesda, Md., were married this week in Boulder, Colorado, where the bride is a student in the University of Colorado.

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THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE AAAS

The current issue of Science contains the list of the newly elected officers of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Professor Anton J. Carlson, Chairman of the Department of Physiology at the University of Chicago, is now President of the Association. Doctor R. J. Garber of the U. S. Regional Pasture Research Laboratory at State College, Pa., was elected Chairman of Section O (Agriculture).

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WHAT NEXT?

With the scientific world still agog over the wonders of penicillin, a Russian scientist, Prof. B. P. Tokin of the University of Tomsk, now comes forward with evidence supporting the belief that onions, garlic, and their equally fragrant kin are "good for what ails you" in the reported discovery that their essential oils contain substances that kill bacteria, protozoa, yeast cells, and even the eggs of certain lower animals. (We can well believe this if the essential oils are responsible for the characteristic aroma that accompanies onion fanciers.) Professor Tokin has named the substances he has isolated "phytoncides", and the compounds are now being used experimentally in hospitals in the treatment of suppurative wounds, according to a note in Science.

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"BUTTS" TO BUTTS

In view of the paper shortage we really shouldn't take the space for the note which follows, but because of persistent heckling from Tim Butts--and a marked shortage of legitimate news for this week's issue--we shall state the facts of the James Case case once and for all. Some time back we had occasion to comment in these columns on the remarkable record of "James Case" in attending his 64th consecutive meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester. Extension Echoes picked up the item and was at once called to account by one, George S. Butts, better known as "Tim", for what he regarded as an error. Mr. Case senior is known universally as "B. J.", while his son is known generally as James or "Jim" Case, according to Professor Butts. Extension Echoes having committed itself some years ago to the rather dubious procedure of supplying cigars for any proved errors discovered in its columns, Tim immediately made claim for his reward. Echoes naturally disclaimed responsibility for the apparent discrepancy in names, and the Station News, having never committed itself to acknowledge its errors in any way whatsoever, dismissed the whole issue as picayunish. In consideration of the feelings of Extension Echoes and because of high regard for Tim, however, we did agree to compromise on a discarded butt from the Elks Club or the USO. BUT NOW ALL BETS ARE OFF. Tim retorts thru the columns of Echoes that, "When the editor of the Geneva News (sic) has nothing better to offer to justify a mistake than to call it 'picayunish', I begin to suspect that editors of these weekly news (?) sheets are all of the same stripe...As for the cigar, I would take a discarded butt from the Elks Club in preference to the brand of rope that Echoes passes out, and I presume that Echoes and Geneva News pool their orders." We do not know what Tim means by the Geneva News. There is the Geneva Daily Times and the Geneva Community News. If and when we can locate this nefarious Geneva News we shall do all in our power to see that justice is done to Tim. We are gratified indeed to have the Station News cleared of this charge of negligence in properly recording the news of Mr. B. J. Case's remarkable record.

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CORRECTION

Due to illness, Mrs. Herendeen will be unable to speak at Ceres Circle today. In her place will be Miss Ulrey of the N. Y. State Commission for the blind who will talk on her work.