

# The Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

"MARGINAL FARMING" : The March Staff meeting, to be held Monday, March 2, at 3:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall, will be addressed by Dean R. L. Nye of Syracuse University College of Agriculture. Dean Nye will speak on the subject of "Marginal Farming."

CANNERS "SCHOOL" : The eighth annual school for canners' field men and growers of canning crops will get under way at 1:30 next Monday afternoon in Jordan Hall and will continue thru Wednesday. In addition to the program arranged by C. B. Raymond, extension specialist in canning crops at the College of Agriculture, there will be exhibits in the museum room by Dr. Horsfall and Mr. Sayre of special features of their investigations, together with a small publications display. Mr. Sayre will also have a demonstration of fertilizer placement for peas in the greenhouse. The formal program will be as follows:

## Monday, 1:30 p.m.

Welcome - Dr. Hedrick.

Blossom End Rot of Tomatoes and Drought Spot of Beets - Dr. Horsfall.

Time of Planting Peas for Maximum Yield - Mr. Sayre.

What are the Applications of Tests for Soluble Soil Phosphorus?

- Dr. A. F. Gustafson, Cornell.

## Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Factors Affecting the Growth of Vegetables - Dr. J. E. Knott, Cornell.

What the Microscope Reveals About Quality in Peas as Affected by Plant Nutrition - Mr. Sayre.

Fertilizer Placements - H. R. Smalley, National Fertilizer Association, Washington, D. C.

Demonstration on Fertilizer Placement (greenhouse) - Mr. Sayre.

## Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

Factors Affecting the Growth of Vegetables - Dr. Knott.

Some Results of Cultivation Experiments and Their Possible Application - H. C. Thompson, Cornell.

Recent Developments of Buying Canning Crops on Grade - H. S. Duncan, Rochester.

Demonstration: Relation of Starch Content to Consistency, Yield and Canning Quality of Pumpkins and Squash - Mr. Sayre.

## Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Field and Cannery Yields for Whole Kernel and Cream Style of Corn - Mr. Sayre.

Inbred and Crossbred Corn - Dr. R. A. Emerson, Cornell.

Coloring in Beets - A. L. Murphy - Geneva Preserving Company.

Control of Carrot Rust Fly - Dr. Glasgow.

## Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Bean Varieties for Canning - Mr. Tapley

Copper Seed Treatment for Damping Off of Tomatoes - Dr. Horsfall.

Field and Canning Tests of Yellow Varieties of Corn - Mr. Sayre.

THE DEATH OF DEAN FISH : Scarcely had word been received of the death of Dean Moore, who relinquished the supervision of the State School of Veterinary Medicine at Ithaca in 1929 following a period of more than twenty years as its Dean, than newspaper accounts recorded the passing of his successor, Dean P. A. Fish. Dean Fish had been associated with Cornell since 1896 and had been a member of the faculty of the Veterinary College since 1902. Upon the retirement of Dean Moore, he had been placed at the head of the College.

MADE A VERY BRIEF VISIT : Dr. J. J. Willaman paid a very brief visit to Geneva last week when he came here to confer with Mr. Sayre on details of a forthcoming joint publication. He reports his new work as highly satisfactory in all respects and that the Willaman family is thoroly enjoying its new surroundings.

VOLUME MISSING : The following volume is missing from the library:  
Journal of Agricultural Research, Vol. 30, (1925)  
The immediate return of this volume will be appreciated.

-----: DR. NEBEL: Dr. Nebel arrived today from Germany where he spent the past six weeks on  
RETURNS : personal business. Mrs. Nebel had expected to meet him in New York, but  
-----: was unable to do so on account of an attack of the pestiferous "flu".

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THE STATION: Others confined to their homes with various degrees of ill health  
SICK LIST : include Miss Corcoran, who is quarantined for scarlet fever; Mr.  
-----: Marquardt; Mr. Tukey, who had given up his crutches and cane with the  
complete recovery of his foot only to nurse the flu; Mr. Streeter; Mr. Hoag; and  
George Murray.

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DR. JORDAN AT: A preliminary announcement of a celebration to be held the latter  
PENN STATE : part of June at Pennsylvania State College to commemorate the fifti-  
-----: eth anniversary of the laying out of the soil fertility plats at the  
Pennsylvania Experiment Station contains the information that Dr. Jordan is to be  
the guest of honor and will deliver an address on that occasion. Dr. Jordan laid  
out the plats while Professor of Agricultural Chemistry at Penn State, and in the  
intervening years they have come to be one of the classic series of fertilizer  
experiments in this country. Altho we have had no communication from Dr. Jordan to  
that effect, it is to be hoped and expected that he and Mrs. Jordan will pay a visit  
to Geneva on their way to or from Pennsylvania.

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TRAPHAGENS : The Traphagens have moved from their former residence to 607 Castle  
MOVING : Street. This is the house formerly occupied by Mr. Einset and his  
-----: family.

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THE HORT : The horticultural seminar, to be held this afternoon at 3:30 in the  
SEMINAR : Director's office, will be addressed by Mr. Slate on Rubus breeding.

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WILL CONFER: The local Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting for tomorrow after-  
ON HEMP : noon when "an authority" on hemp will discuss the possibilities of  
-----: reviving that crop in New York State. The Lehigh Valley Railroad is  
interested in the project and believes that Geneva would be a good center around  
which to organize farmers to grow some 10,000 acres of hemp. It seems that a  
machine has been invented for the recovery of the fiber from hemp that will produce  
in a day what "150 men would do by hand, and does the work better." The old methods  
of retting hemp for the recovery of the fiber were laborious and time-consuming, and  
it is entirely possible that if this process could be performed in less time and  
with less labor hemp growing might become a possibility in this State. Certainly a  
new cash crop that could be easily grown and disposed of would be welcomed by New  
York farmers. Dr. Hedrick has been asked to attend the meeting.

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TO US THIS LOOKS: We are indebted to a valued correspondent of the NEWS, who must  
PPHOUGHTLUIPSH : remain anonymous but who is a well-known enthusiast for simpler  
-----: spelling, for the following contribution:

"People who like such English spellings as hiccough, beau, phthisic,  
eight, gazette, and though should have no objection to the following  
spelling for potato in which the same sound symbols are used:"

Gh-eau-phth-eigh-tte-ough

Personally, we have always felt that potato should end with an "e", hence  
we raise no objection to any system that will set us straight on the matter. But  
we sympathize fully with the poet Milton in his classic Il Penseroso, when he says:

"And may at last my weary age  
Find out the peaceful hermitage,  
The Hairy Gown and Messy Cell,  
Where I may sit and rightly spell."