

# The Station News

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Geneva, N.Y.

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THE PEONY : Mr. Van Alstyne announced last week the final selection of varieties  
PLANTING : and the planting scheme for the two peony beds which will complete  
----- : the layout of the lilac garden situated on the north side of  
Collier Drive and in the rear of the shop. The two beds, each 20 feet in diameter,  
will be set to 44 plants apiece, the collection including in all 67 varieties.  
Based on the rating made by the American Peony Society which uses a scale graduat-  
ed from 1 to 10 to denote the comparative quality of peony varieties, the Station  
collection will average 9.6 points, indicating an exceedingly high grade lot of  
flowers. The plants will be set out in September, and it is expected that some  
blooms will be forthcoming next spring. The beds will not really begin to bloom  
until 1933, however.

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A CONTRIBUTION : Thru the courtesy of Prof. Macoun of the Canadian Department of  
FROM OTTAWA : Agriculture at Ottawa, the Station will be the recipient of a  
----- : number of choice varieties of iris, Mr. Van Alstyne having  
traveled by auto to the Canadian capital on Monday to bring back the plants.

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COLLIER DRIVE : Real progress has been made on the west end of Collier Drive  
PROGRESSING : during the past few weeks so that it is rapidly assuming the  
----- : proportions of an improved highway. Eventually it will make  
an excellent place to teach your wife, or someone else's wife, the rudiments of  
driving as it will have width, little traffic, and few obstructions within easy  
reach of the novice.

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MRS. BEACH : Mrs. Beach, wife of the late Prof. S.A. Beach who was head of  
VISITS GENEVA : the Division of Horticulture here from 1891 to 1905, paid a  
----- : brief visit to Geneva recently and was especially interested in  
learning of the whereabouts of their associates at the time of their residence  
here. Prof. Beach left the Station to accept a position at Iowa State College,  
where he remained until his death in 1922.

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MR. HANSEN : Mr. Hansen was scheduled to land in Quebec yesterday, following  
BACK HOME : several weeks spent at his home in Denmark and other points on  
----- : the Continent. He also participated in the World Dairy Congress  
while abroad.

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SPECIAL TRIP : The Station truck and a small contingent will go to Syracuse  
TO SYRACUSE : the latter part of next week to transport some of the heavier  
----- : pieces of the Station's State Fair exhibit and to arrange for  
certain details about the exhibit. Anyone who has exhibit  
material that can be shipped conveniently at this time should get in touch with  
Mr. Hefferon and arrange for transportation. The truck will make its next trip on  
September 3, and thereafter daily until the Fair opens on the 7th.

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MORE : Altho it does not establish a record for distance that can compete  
RECORDS : with some requests that have been noted previously, a letter received  
----- : by air mail from Brazil requesting a copy of one of the Station's  
dairy bulletins is sufficiently unique to merit at least a brief mention in  
passing. The postage on the envelope amounted to 1960 reis, or approximately  
\$1.07, which would seem to indicate something more than the usual desire for  
Station bulletins. The writer said that he had seen some mention of the publi-  
cation in a report of an address by Dr. Dahlberg published in Hoard's Dairyman.

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DR. JENNINGS : Dr. W.S. Jennings, who has been assisting Dr. Hucker since  
GOES TO KANSAS : the close of the school year at Ithaca, has accepted a position  
----- : as Instructor in Surgery at the Kansas State Veterinary College  
at Manhattan and has left to take up his new work.

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MISSING :  
----- : The following number is missing from the library: Canning Trade  
----- : Almanac.

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: Among the numerous visitors to the Station during the past week  
VISITORS : should be mentioned Dr. Marguerite Altman of the Kiel, Germany,  
OF NOTE : Dairy Research Institute, who is in this country studying methods  
----- : of dairy extension, together with various lines of dairy research,  
and her traveling companion, Miss Brastrup of Cologne; and Dr. James Neill of the  
Department of Bacteriology of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn.

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: THE TWO : Messrs. Casey and Brase are on the hospital list, the former with  
INVALIDS : an extremely sore hand following an encounter with a pitch fork,  
----- : and the latter with a badly sprained ankle.

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: GREETINGS FROM : Mrs. Nebel has received a communication from Mrs. Barsony telling  
MRS. BARSONY : of the interesting time she has been having in a tramping tour  
----- : thru the Karpathian Mountains ( please note the preference for  
the "K" which has the sanction of Hungary at least).

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: MORE ON : Vacations are cutting further into the Staff list and this week  
VACATION : we add the following, altho there are probably others who should  
----- : be included but have escaped the floodlight of the press: Mr. Stewart  
left Saturday for a three weeks' vacation in the Adirondacks; the  
Collisons are vacationing in Maine; and the Slates left Monday evening for the  
East.

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: REPORT ON : Three years ago the Station herd went on official test as a  
THE HERD : whole under the supervision of the American Jersey Cattle Club  
----- : and the other/Dr. Dahlberg received a report for the year of  
1930-31. In this test all of the animals in the herd which are registered, whether  
they are producing or not, enter into the computations of the averages reported  
by the Club. It is believed, therefore, that the figures reported for the Station  
herd are exceptional as 20 to 23 animals are involved in the test. The figures  
reported were 7,643 pounds of milk per cow, with an average test of 5.58% and  
426.7 pounds of fat. These figures are for a 12-months' period. This represents  
the highest production record ever attained by this herd.

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: VOLUNTEERS : Among the services requested of the Station during the past week  
WANTED : was for some one to take care of the pets of a local resident  
----- : while the family went on vacation, and a call from a boy who had  
saved a "rare" bird from a cat and who wanted the Station to send for the bird  
and care for it properly.

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: DOES IT : For those who speculate from time to time on whether the higher  
PAY? : academic degrees are worth what they cost in time, effort, and  
----- : money as measured by professional advancement, an analysis of the  
distribution of the personnel in the higher professional services in the U.S.  
Dept. of Agriculture by grade and academic degree, as published in The Official  
Record for August 8, will be of interest. In commenting on the figures obtained,  
it is said that, "So many factors condition advancement (in the Department) that  
conclusions as to the influence of a degree in the attainment of a position of  
higher rank may be of doubtful value." Analysis of the academic rating of 5,346  
scientific employees and their professional rating in the Department leads to the  
conclusion, however, that "On the whole, the evidence is favorable to the view  
that a higher degree is a distinct factor in advancement."

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: THE RECORD PAYS: The August number of Experiment Station Record contains an ed-  
ITS TRIBUTE : itorial on the passing of Dr. Jordan, Prof. J.H. Comstock of  
----- : Cornell, and Dr. L.H. Pammel of Iowa State College, all of whom  
were associated with the early days of the land grant colleges and experiment  
stations. The entire editorial is well worth a careful reading, but we give here a  
part of the closing paragraphs: As would be expected, the lives of Jordan, Comstock,  
and Pammel presented great dissimilarities, but there were also not a few things  
which they had in common.----- All made noteworthy additions to knowledge in  
their respective sciences, and all wrote books and treatises which helped to popu-  
larize their subjects and reduce them to effective pedagogical form. Yet besides  
these things and many more, the view may be hazarded that in each case their out-  
standing contribution was personal leadership.-----The outstanding leaders in  
agricultural science in the past have been prevailingly men of forceful personality,  
as in the case of this trio. It may be well to pause not only to pay tribute to  
their memory but to seek to discover the reasons for their success, and to visual-  
ize the opportunities for profiting as fully as possible from their achievements  
and example.