

# The Station News

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FARM BUREAU :

ACTIVITIES : Prof. L.R. Simons, County Agent Leader at the College of Agriculture, will be the speaker at the May Staff meeting to be held in Jordan Hall on Monday, May 2, at 3:30 p.m. Prof. Simons will discuss the work of the Farm Bureau with particular reference to its relation to the Station. This will be the last regular meeting of the Staff until fall, and a full attendance is earnestly desired.

HOME :

TALENT : Following the plan used last year, the Geneva Community Chest has asked that the Station handle the solicitation of its personnel thru its own organization. The Station comes under the general professional group, which includes the doctors, lawyers, and Hobart College, with Prof. Tukey as Colonel. The Station group, under Major Lockett, is composed of Captains Dahlberg, Enzie, Van Eseltine, Bowen and Harman. This note is to urge on behalf of this group a smiling and tangible response on the part of every one when they make their rounds next Tuesday or Wednesday. Considering the general state of affairs in the community, the quota assigned to the Station is modest but as generous a response as possible on the part of each one will be needed to meet expectations. As State employees unaffected by declining incomes, our obligation is clear cut. It is to be hoped that the final report will be one in which the Station can take pride.

BACTERIOLOGISTS :

GOING TO ITHACA : The spring meeting of the Central New York Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists will be held in Ithaca next Tuesday and will probably be attended by all of the Bacteriology Division. Dr. Breed and Dr. Conn will discuss "The B. subtilis Controversy", as the local Division's special contribution to the program. However, the high-light of the meeting will be an address by Dr. A.J. Kluyver, Professor of Microbiology at the University of Delft, Delft, Holland, on "Some Physiological Artefacts". Dr. Kluyver is expecting to spend a few days at the Station following the meeting in Ithaca.

MRS. KING'S :

MOTHER : We note with regret the death at the Geneva General Hospital last Saturday morning of Mrs. Alice M. Young, mother of Mrs. Harry King, following a prolonged illness.

BACK :

AGAIN : Along with the tulips and the jonquils each spring comes "Jim" Lawson to resume his duties in the museum. Arriving last week, following a winter in Toronto, Mr. Lawson is already hard at work on the displays that make the museum one of the show places of the Station.

TO ATTEND :

COUNCIL MEETING : Dr. Hedrick is expected back in his office on Thursday, following a trip to Gloucester, Mass., with Mr. Sayre to discuss plans for cooperative freezing experiments to be made here this summer by Frosted Foods, Inc. On Friday, Dr. Hedrick will go to Ithaca for the regular spring meeting of the Agricultural Council of the Board of Trustees of Cornell.

CLEANING UP :

ON MAY 15. : A notice of eviction is hereby posted for the benefit of all of those who have belongings stored in the attic of the Dairy Building, for it is proposed to clean out the attic on May 15. If you are affected, take heed!

TALKED TO :

GRANGERS : Shortly after his return last week from Schenectady where he broadcasted over WGY, Mr. Tapley appeared on the program of Enterprise Grange at Oaks Corners to discuss the fine points of vegetable growing. Speaking of the Grange, there was a rumor around the Station yesterday, thus far unconfirmed, that the Master of the State Grange and Lecturer for the State organization are to meet representatives of a number of local granges here at the Station next Monday.

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DID YOU GET : The donors of rose bushes at the Hedrick Hall Open House this  
A ROSE BUSH? : winter are anxious to receive reports on how the plants behaved  
-----: under the various treatments they were given. In case any of the  
bushes have failed to come thru in good shape, are brown or discolored, please let  
Mr. Brase or Mr. Tukey know. They offer to make generous replacement of any plants  
that are unsatisfactory if accompanied by a statement of the type and degree of  
injury.

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FIRE : Announcement has been made that on Friday afternoon Chief Well-  
INSPECTION : ington and Assistant Chief Hucker will visit all of the Station  
-----: buildings on a tour of inspection for fire hazards. At that time  
they expect to appoint someone on each floor of the various buildings to be respon-  
sible for checking up from time to time on possible fire hazards in their territory.

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ANY MORE : The Librarian will soon forward the last shipment of material to  
BINDING? : the bindery. If anyone has private binding to be done at this time,  
-----: it should be sent over to Miss Rogers as soon as possible.

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MAKES A : Dr. Conn has donated to the Library a copy of the third edition  
DONATION : of his father's book on "Bacteria, Yeasts, and molds in the Home."  
-----: Dr. Conn has made extensive revisions in this edition.

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A FINE : "The nicest party ever put on at the Station" is the way the spring  
PARTY : party was described by several who were interviewed by the inquiring  
-----: reporter. While others helped, much credit is due Dr. and Mrs. Kertesz,  
and Mrs. Sipple for the success of the evening's entertainment.

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A BIT OF : A highly valued contributor to the NEWS has supplied us with infor-  
RESEARCH : mation to the effect that a recent list of workers in the state ex-  
-----: periment stations issued by the Office of Experiment Stations in  
Washington shows that there are 95 Smiths and more than 40 each of Johnsons, Browns,  
Jones's, and Millers occupying positions in these institutions. Which proves, we  
suppose, that there are a good many of these folks in the world.

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WANTED : A short, descriptive title is wanted for a little booklet that is  
A TITLE : being put out by the Station to acquaint visitors with the purpose  
-----: and work of the institution. Similar booklets in the past have  
carried such titles as "The New York Experiment Station: What It Is and What It  
Does and "A Few Facts about the Station and Its Work." The author of the winning  
title will have our personal authorization to draw on the Dairy Division for a quart  
of ice cream, or if preferred we shall ask the Fruit Testing Association to donate  
a Cortland apple tree. Let us have your suggestions, they might win a prize.

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HERE FOR : Mr. G. E. Hey of Cambridge, England, is spending a month in the Entomol-  
A MONTH : ogy Division studying the spray methods used at the Station. He was  
-----: sent to this country by the Ministry of Agriculture of Great Britain.  
Another caller in Entomology Division recently was Mr. Lu, a graduate student at  
Cornell, who is to assist Dr. Chapman this summer in the Hudson Valley.

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WHAT THEY : Spring is the open season for questions addressed to the Experiment  
ASK FOR : Station, and this Station receives its full share. It is surprising,  
-----: too, that all of the inquiries reach their destination for they come  
with strange and original designations. For example, some efficient mail clerk  
figured out that a letter addressed to the "Genos Experiment Station of berry plants,  
Genoa, N.Y." must be the State Experiment Station at Geneva. Then, the "Munn Experi-  
ment Station" is rather well known among seekers after information about seeds.  
The questions range from queries such as to whether or not the Greyhound bus line  
would pass the writer's farm and as to whether we could recommend a good house-  
keeper. Then, there was the young fellow who wanted some "medicine" for a well in  
which a skunk had lain too long and "now the horses won't drink the water." All of  
which comes under the head of "Service".