

# The Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

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**THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CALLS** : The committee appointed by the Legislature last winter to make a detailed investigation of all State departments spent a few hours at the Station yesterday. In addition to an inspection of the buildings and grounds, the research and administrative program of the Station was discussed briefly with the Director and general satisfaction expressed with the management of the Station. Those in the party included Assemblyman F. A. Porter, Mr. Hutchins, representing Senator Hewitt, and Mr. Bishop, Secretary to the committee.

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**THE DIRECTOR RETURNS** : Dr. Hedrick returned to his office yesterday morning following a brief vacation in Bermuda. He is now going thru the disagreeable task of surmounting the accumulation of correspondence and other details that always mark the end of a vacation.

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**FARMERS FROM HOME** : A group of thirty-five farmers who operate under the supervision of the State School at Rome will visit the Station on Friday, and will engage chiefly in an inspection of the fruit work. Each man in the party operates a small farm for the School, and the purpose of the trip to the Station is to acquaint them with recent developments in fruit growing.

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**PLAN EXHIBITS** : Dr. Demerec of Cold Springs Harbor, general chairman of the exhibits committee for the International Genetics Congress, and Prof. C. H. Meyers of the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell, the host institution to the Congress, called at the Station yesterday to discuss plans for an exhibit at the Station on August 31, when the Congress convenes here for the presentation of papers dealing with fruit breeding. The exhibits, however, will include other things than the breeding work with fruit, as for example, the herd. Mr. Wellington is in charge of arrangements for the meeting here.

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**TIRE COVERS** : A call at the Station last week from representatives of the State Fair Office resulted in the appearance of several tire covers of striking design on the spare tires of cars parked in front of Jordan Hall. The covers carry the likeness of a 4-H Club girl and the information that the New York State Fair is to be held September 5 to 10. Immediately a demand for additional covers was directed toward Mr. Bowen's Office, with the result that a small supply was brought back from Syracuse by the exhibit committee last Friday. These, in turn, have gone on the road to do their bit to broadcast the dates of the Fair.

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**STATE FAIR REQUISITIONS** : The State Fair Office has asked that the Station handle the administrative details of its exhibits much as it did last year. This means that requisitions for all purchases and services in connection with State Fair exhibits should be filed on the regular requisition blanks and plainly marked "State Fair." The proper order will then be issued thru the State Fair Office. It is earnestly requested that estimates on proposed charts and signs be submitted to the business office prior to the final letting of the job. With a curtailed budget for the exhibit this year it will be necessary to keep a close watch on all costs.

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**COL. SAYRE CALLED TO CAMP** : Following orders from the War Department instructing him to report at Camp Pine, near Watertown, for two weeks intensive training, Mr. Sayre left Geneva last Monday to be gone until the first of August. He will assume command of the 369th. Field Artillery and his regiment will join with the 5th. U. S. Field Artillery in tactical maneuvers, firing practice, and a march of 100 miles. Col. Sayre will command a mobilized unit of heavy field artillery comprised of twenty-four guns. Mrs. Sayre accompanied the Colonel as far as Sacketts Harbor where she will spend the next two weeks in the vicinity of the "War Zone." Just before leaving Geneva, Prof. Sayre (utilizing his civilian title) was interviewed by a representative of the News and emphatically denied newspaper reports that his vegetable crops on the canning crops farm "will be left to care for themselves." To the contrary, they will be ably cared for by Mr. Traphagen and his capable assistants, said the Professor.

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RETURNS TO : Mrs. Gordin, mother of Mrs. Sayre who has spent the past several  
ILLINOIS : months in Geneva, has returned to her home in Champaign, Ill.  
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PAINFULLY : We regret to note that Miss Viola Lohr, daughter of the genial Spencer,  
INJURED : was painfully injured in an automobile accident a few days ago.  
-----: Miss Lohr is believed to be out of danger.

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GOING AND : Since the last issue of the NEWS, the Chemistry Division has report-  
COMING : ed the departure of Mr. Elmer Smith for a brief vacation at his home  
-----: in Bridgeport, Ill., and the return of Bill Walsh to his laboratory,  
following a similar brief rest. Also, Dr. and Mrs. Kelly have been listed a-  
mong those vacationing along the shores of Seneca Lake.

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A NEW : Miss Flood is another temporary absentee and is taking part of  
"HELLO" GIRL : her vacation this week. At the switchboard in her place is Miss  
-----: Sharpe who is also handling the News Service and the NEWS in Miss  
Flood's absence.

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UNEMPLOYED : Notice was sent to the Station recently of the organization of an  
CHEMISTS : unemployment committee sponsored by the American Chemical Society,  
-----: with headquarters at 300 Madison Ave., New York City. The committee  
has on its list at the present time the names of thirty dairy chemists out of  
employment.

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AWARD OF : An official announcement, properly signed and sealed, has been receiv-  
MERIT : ed by Mr. Wellington from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society ad-  
-----: vising him of the fact that the "Award of Merit" of that Society had  
been granted to specimens of the Seneca cherry exhibited at a meeting of the Society  
by one Henry Naber. The Seneca is one of the Station's most successful seedlings--  
a sweet cherry that ripens well in advance of the standard sweet cherry, the Black  
Tartarian.

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TEN YEARS : Those who follow farm programs over the radio heard the other day that  
OF AGE : the Farm and Home Hour, sponsored by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture  
-----: and broadcast daily on a national hook-up, had been "on the air" for  
ten years. While this program is prepared in Washington and for many radio stations  
serves to meet all of the requirements of a farm program, on many other stations  
it is supplemented by material from nearby agricultural colleges and experiment  
stations, as in this State. The Department's programs, however, have probably  
done more than any other one thing to lead the way to better farm news over the  
radio.

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A GOOD : The following communication was received last week from the Agricul-  
PERCENTAGE : tural Editor of American Cyanamid, a manufacturer of synthetic  
-----: nitrogen fertilizers:

"It occurred to me that you, and perhaps others on your staff, would be interested in knowing that we have mentioned various phases of Agricultural work in New York 35 times in AMERICAN HORTIGRAPHS AND AGRONOMIC REVIEW in the last seven issues. Practically all of these stories have to do with results of work reported by experiment station and extension workers in your state. Much of the material was picked up from releases and bulletins sent out by your office. We are sending HORTIGRAPHS to county agents, vocational teachers, certain experiment station workers, and other agricultural leaders, as well as to a limited number of leading farmers."

And the Editor ends up by saying, "And don't forget, whenever you come to New York, please let me know in advance so we can get together." O. K.; Gus!