

The Station News

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STAFF MEETING :

NEXT MONDAY : A Staff meeting has been called for Monday, April 3, at 3:30 p.m., in Jordan Hall. Following a brief preliminary session, Mr. Stewart will take charge of the meeting and conduct a tour thru the new greenhouses. This will afford members of the Staff who have no contact with this side of the Station's work an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into much of the plant work under way here. We understand that later meetings are to include trips thru the rejuvenated Dairy and Chemistry Buildings, with an explanation of work in progress in those two buildings.

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PLANT SEMINAR : A plant science seminar will be held in Jordan Hall at 7:30 tonight, when Mrs. Nebel will lead a discussion on "Hybridization in Fungi." Everyone interested in this topic is welcome to attend.

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TO TALK IN ORONO : Mr. Tapley left the first of the week for Orono, Maine, where he is to appear on the Farm and Home Week program at the University of Maine today. He will discuss varieties and strains of sweet corn and the results of the canning crops experiments here. He expected to confer with various seedsmen and others in the vicinity of Boston on details pertaining to the corn book which is now under preparation.

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SPEAKING OF BOOKS : Mention has been made in these columns from time to time of the preparation of a history of agriculture in this State by Dr. Hedrick at the request of the State Agricultural Society. The first twelve chapters of Dr. Hedrick's book were sent to the printer last week, which means that the volume will probably be available early in the summer as Dr. Hedrick has practically completed work on the remaining eight chapters. The book will make about 500 pages and will be copiously illustrated.

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NAME PARK COMMITTEE : In addition to providing and supervising the planting of flowers in the city parks this season, the Geneva Garden Club is also reported to be making plans to beautify the approaches to the city, particularly around the foot of the Lake. A committee has been named to heard up these activities of the Club, including in its membership Mr. Van Alstyne, Mr. Slate, and Mr. Van Eseltine.

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ANOTHER LAND-MARK GONE : During the past week, workmen have removed the tracks of the old Rochester and Eastern trolley line from in front of the Station, together with the trolley poles. Various rumors are in the air as to what is to be done with the old right of way, but for the present it will continue to serve as an excellent parking space for Station cars.

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BILL HARMAN IMPROVED : Altho still walking with a slight limp, Bill Harman is greatly improved from the severe cut in his leg sustained last week while practising a knife throwing trick or some other kind of a trick with a heavy hunting knife. Doubtless with the opening of the fishing season only a few days off, Bill's injuries will mend rapidly, at least we hope so.

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A BIG DAY : While many folks are looking forward to April 7, others, including several about the Station, are waiting impatiently for April 1, not so much for the time-honored customs that always set that day apart, but because it marks the opening of the 1933 season for trout fishing. Hope springs eternal in every fisherman's heart, and all of them look forward to the coming as probably being the best ever. The yachting fraternity, too, is beginning to show signs of life, and preparations are already under way for the 1933 racing season. At a recent meeting of the Seneca Yacht Club, Mr. Tapley was named chairman of the house and grounds committee, while Mr. Brase was made a member of the regatta committee.

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MR. WALSH : Mr. Walsh officially resumes his duties in the Chemistry Division
RETURNS : on April 1 when he will begin work in the Inspection Laboratory.
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The Walshes are making their home at the corner of Lafayette
Avenue and Genesee Streets.

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MR. REED : Mr. Walter Reed, who has been spending the past few months in
BACK : graduate work at Ohio State University, has returned to the
Station to resume work with Mr. Harman for the coming season.
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A NOTED : Mr. Ernest R. Clark, well known locally for his travel talks over
VISITOR : WHAM and a recent candidate for Congress, called at the Station
-----+ the other day to obtain information on fruit sprays and on
new fruit varieties.

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CALIFORNIA : Following close on mention last week of the possible effect
HEARD FROM : on the Station program of recent legislation legalizing beer
and wine, comes a story from the California Experiment Station
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of Viticulture and Fruit Products of that institution, as being strenuously
opposed to the low alcoholic content permitted for wines in the light of work done
on these beverages at the California Station. Newspaper accounts state that
California grape growers are demanding from Senator McAdoo as to why the restrict-
ions on wines were set so low. And so it goes. In this connection, it is
interesting to note that former hop growers in Madison and Oneida counties have
called a mass meeting in Utica to discuss ways and means of reviving the hop
industry in this State.

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TO WHOM IT : We are indebted to an observant correspondent for the
MAY CONCERN : following extract from The Pathfinder for March 25;
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"Here's good news for young men. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York rules that an engagement ring is a 'symbol hallowed by social usage,' and that 'when the engagement fails the symbol of its existence should be returned to him who gave it.' And for the young ladies the same ruling says that 'possession should be retained during the engagement, which it symbolizes, and is changed to firm ownership upon marriage.'"

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WIDELY : On account of a talk on orchard lighting given recently by Donald
NOTED : Collins before a seminar at the General Electric Plant in
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Digest, with the result that numerous inquiries are being received here and at
Schenectady for further information on the project. Mr. Collins expects to con-
tinue his orchard studies this coming summer.

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"THE FORGOTTEN : Most eastern fruit growers labor under the impression that
APPLE" : "Western" apples, meaning apples from Washington and Oregon,
-----: are quite sufficiently promoted to make them a serious
factor in competing for the eastern market. Evidently, western fruit growers do
not share this view, however, for in a recent number of Better Fruit published
in Yakima, Wash., a plea is made for finding a voice (thru advertising) for
"the silent apple." Figures are quoted to show that Pacific Coast producers have
spent from 20 to 50 times as much on national advertising for oranges, raisins,
walnuts, and pineapples as they have on apples. The suggestion is made that if
western apple growers would contribute 2 cents a box on the 25 million boxes
of apples produced annually on the Pacific Coast, they could do quite a bit
"to put Northwest apples to the front in an adequate way."
