

The Station News

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OUTSIDE WORK :

RESUMED : Fifty or more laborers were placed on the Station payroll the past week out of "unemployment" funds made available to the Station and were assigned to various grading and clean-up jobs about the grounds. Some of the things to be accomplished by this corps of workers is the leveling of the old greenhouse site, the continuation of the rock garden and path down to Collier Drive, the completion of work on the amphitheater west of Jordan Hall, and the establishment of an arboretum of fruits and ornamentals west of the Chemistry Building. Improvement of the area around the monument at the intersection of Castle Road and Preemption Road is also under way. In fact, it is hoped that sufficient funds will be forthcoming to complete the chief features of the program for the improvement of the grounds which was begun two or three years ago. Mr. Van Alstyne is in general charge of the augmented labor force, at least so far as it has to do with the landscaping and improvement of the grounds. It is expected that last year's labors will bear fruit abundantly this year with most of the ornamental plantings coming thru the winter in good condition. The rock garden, the new plantings around the buildings, and the lilac garden should make a creditable showing as the season advances. All of which will contribute to the delight and edification of the many visitors who come to the Station in the summer and who will find in these plantings many ideas as to arrangement and kinds of plants and shrubs to adapt to their own surroundings.

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BIRDS ARE :

DELIGHTED : And speaking of visitors, the birds have already discovered the advantages and conveniences of the bird sanctuary establishment back of the Director's residence and are beginning to move in in appreciable numbers. As the shrubs and trees develop in this bird haven, the population will undoubtedly grow in size and variety.

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THIS MAY :

AFFECT US : According to newspaper accounts, the Legislature passed a measure authorizing the Governor to apply to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of \$500,000 for the erection of three new buildings on the State Fair grounds at Syracuse. The project is self-liquidating under a plan worked out by the group appointed last year to find ways and means for putting the State Fair back on a paying basis. One of the proposed buildings would house the fruit, vegetable, flower and nursery exhibits, and a section of the building has been set aside for the horticultural exhibits from the Station, with "horticulture" interpreted as meaning fruits and vegetables and things related thereto, such as insect and disease control, seeds, soils, fertilizers, etc. Obviously, however, the Station's dairy work would not fit into this scheme and would probably find space in the Dairy Building. The newspaper account went on to state that if the measure received the approval of the Governor, work on the new buildings would begin next month in the expectation that they would be ready for use in September.

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A DISTINGUISHED :

DEFENDER : The Michigan Constitutional Convention meeting in Lansing was the first of the state conventions to ratify repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, but the action was not unanimous for one lone "dry" survived the overwhelming "wet" vote for Convention delegates in that State. That survivor is well known and highly regarded in Geneva, for he is Dr. Eugene Davenport, formerly Dean of the Illinois College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station. Following the vote on the Amendment, the Convention adopted a resolution commending Dr. Davenport for his "courteous deportment". Wisconsin is the only other state that has elected delegates and with the entire Wisconsin delegation pledged to repeal, Dr. Davenport at present enjoys the distinction of being the only defender of the Eighteenth Amendment to reach a convention--but then there are forty-six more states to be heard from and he will doubtless have much good company before long.

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FARM PROGRAMS : Radio programs for noon-hour broadcasts over WESG have just
OVER WESG : been received from the College of Agriculture. Talks by
-----: Mr. Tapley on May 12, by Dr. Horsfall on May 29, and by
Dr. Rankin on June 19 represent the Station's contribution.

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HOFERS ARE :
MOVING : Mr. and Mrs. Hofer plan to move into the apartment just vacated
-----: by Mr. and Mrs. Hening the latter part of this week.

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WILL ACCEPT : The reward, if any, offered for the return of a black Waterman
A REWARD : fountain pen found by Dr. Horsfall will be gratefully accepted
-----: by the Doctor. Even if no reward is forthcoming, Dr. Horsfall
says he will be glad to restore the pen to its rightful owner if the latter will
come forward and claim his property.

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VISITORS FROM : Two members of the Staff, Fred Gladwin and L.M. Cooley, who
FREDONIA : make their headquarters at the Vineyard Laboratory in Fredonia,
-----: paid brief visits to Geneva last week. Mr. Cooley brought back
word of participation in an active chess season in Chautauqua County. It was due
largely to his enthusiasm for the game that it had a brief revival here a year
ago while Mr. Cooley was residing in Geneva.

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A PAT ON :
THE BACK : The Geneva Daily Times devoted a column Monday night to an
-----: account of the forty-five years of service just completed by
"Pat" O'Neil. Mr. O'Neil's faithful attention to his duties and his friendly nature
are too well known to readers of the NEWS to require any comment on our part, but
we are glad to take this opportunity to felicitate him on this anniversary and to
express the wish for many happy returns.

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FROM BELOW : Two more countries have been heard from with regard to the
THE BORDER : fruit juice work of the Chemistry Division. Just recently,
-----: Dr. Carpenter had communications from Mexico and from the
Argentine requesting further details on clarification and carbonation of fruit
juices.

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VISITORS : Dr. and Mrs. R.J. Anderson are visiting friends in Geneva. Dr. Ander-
FROM YALE : son, formerly Biochemist at the Station, is now Research Professor
-----: in Chemistry at Yale.

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MORE ABOUT :
PATENT RIGHTS : Not that it makes any particular difference, but in the light
-----: of the recent discussion about patents in Science, we were
interested to read in the New York Times yesterday of a
Supreme Court ruling that Federal employees were entitled to patent privately any
inventions that they might evolve in the course of their work, unless they had been
specifically assigned to work out the invention.

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A NEW : A new assistant arrived in the Chemistry Division last night by
ARRIVAL : way of the Geneva General Hospital with the birth of young
-----: Master Kucera. We take this opportunity to add our word of
congratulation to the chorus that is greeting mother and dad on all sides.
