

The Station News

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NEW FRUITS : The fifteenth annual meeting of the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association, Inc., will get under way at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon, with Mr. B.D. Van Buren of Wiversville, N.Y., president of the Association, in the chair. Mr. Parrott will substitute for Dr. Hedrick in extending a word of welcome to members of the Association and others who attend the session, and will be followed by Mr. Wellington and Mr. King who will render their reports as Secretary and Manager, respectively. Brief accounts of the behavior of the various new varieties of fruit distributed by the Association in different sections of the country will be given by Prof. J.K. Shaw of the Massachusetts State College; Prof. Fred A. Smith of the Essex County, Mass., Agricultural School; Prof. F.N. Fagan of Pennsylvania State College; Dr. E.F. Palmer, Director of the Vineland, Ontario, Horticultural Experiment Station; and Prof. A.S. Colby of the University of Illinois. Plans are also being made for a large display of new fruits and promising seedlings in Jordan Hall. This exhibit is always worth seeing, if for no other reason than to work up an appetite for supper. Often, however, one can qualify as a fruit tester on this occasion and sample some of the more promising offerings of the Association. While it is not possible to make any predictions as to attendance at tomorrow's meeting, indications are that this will be one of the best attended sessions that the Association has held. One delegation of some 30 persons representing the Penn Yan Garden Club, for example, has signified its intention of visiting the Station tomorrow, while numerous individuals in and out of the State have indicated that they will be present.

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SEEDLESS GRAPES : Among other new things in the way of fruit are two or three especially promising new seedless grapes which are the outcome of a cooperative project between the Station and Dr. A.B. Stout, Director of Laboratories of the New York Botanical Garden. Dr. Stout returned to New York last week after spending several days at the Station inspecting and describing the collection of grape seedlings with which he is working. So promising are some of these new grapes that the Fruit Testing Association is planning to propagate them for wide distribution.

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MORE GRAPES : Dr. L.H. Bailey spent some time at the Station one day last week studying the species of grapes in the Station collection. Dr. Bailey is revising a monograph on grapes which he published several years ago.

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VEGETABLE SEEDSMEN : Representatives of about twenty-five seedhouses, together with college and government workers, visited the Station yesterday in connection with the vegetable crop field days at Ithaca and Geneva. The group inspected the Seed Laboratory, the regulatory trial grounds, the canning crops farm, and the vegetable variety plats.

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WERE INTERESTED IN NEW FRUITS : Senator and Mrs. Mastick of Westchester County spent Monday morning at the Station, and with Mr. Wellington as their guide devoted most of their time to an inspection of the Station's new fruits. They were also much impressed with the ornamental plantings about the grounds and expressed themselves as well pleased with all that they saw here.

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THOSE STATE FAIR BILLS : A few State Fair accounts are still out. This is the last call for expense accounts and other State Fair bills as the vouchers are to be sent in to the State Fair office the last of this week. In view of the fact that there are no other funds available from which State Fair bills can be paid, it will behoove every one who has a claim against the Fair to get his account in within the next two or three days.

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MR. MURRAY'S :
BIRTHDAY : Mr. George Murray, whose removal to the Geneva General Hospital
-----: for an appendicitis operation was noted in these columns week
before last, celebrated his birthday in the hospital Monday with a birthday cake
and everything contributed by fellow patients. Evidently, George must be well on
the road to recovery, and the NEWS takes pleasure in congratulating him on that
score as well as upon his arrival at another mile post.

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MORE : With fairs at Penn Yan, Naples, and Lockport out of the way, Mr.
JUDGING : Van Alstyne is now squared away for the Palmyra Fair next week,
-----: where he will serve as the fruit judge. Van must be giving satisfac-
tion if return engagements and new requests for his services are to be taken as
an indication of satisfied exhibitors. Speaking for ourselves, we have never been
asked to repeat where we have once served as a judge.

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THE NRA : The Experiment Station has been asked to participate in Geneva's
PARADE : NRA parade, and in the absence of Dr. Hedrick, Mr. Parrott is
-----: taking the lead in organizing the Station's part in the event.
The chief need right now is ideas for floats and other ways in which the Station
can show its work. Everyone will have some part in the affair, so be prepared
with your ideas and cooperation when the call comes.

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FROM : Among the specialists visiting the Station yesterday in
TEXAS : connection with the vegetable crop inspection trip was none
-----: other than Leslie Hawthorn, one-time assistant horticulturist
here. Leslie is now in charge of vegetable crop work at the Winter Haven Sub-
Station of the Texas Experiment Station. He left yesterday for a brief visit to
some trial grounds in Massachusetts, but is expecting to return to Geneva next
week with Mrs. Hawthorn and Shirley, when there will be an opportunity to renew
friendships with Geneva folks.

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PUT DOWN :
THIS DATE : President Stewart of the Station Club from his camp in the
-----: Adirondacks has set in motion the machinery of the Club thru
Vice-President Tapley and Mrs. Hervey, Chairman of the Social Committee, with the
result that announcement has been made of the annual meeting and supper, with
election of officers, for Monday, October 2. Further details regarding this
important event will be forthcoming in next week's NEWS.

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MR. LAWSON :
LEAVES : Mr. Lawson left yesterday for Toronto where he will spend the
-----: school year in teaching and advisory capacities in the
University of Toronto.
