

# The Station News

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**POMOLOGY** : The members of the Pomology Department at the College of Agriculture, **CONFERENCE** : headed by Dr. A. J. Heinicke, will attend an all-day conference with -----: the Pomology Division of the Station tomorrow for a discussion of projects and other matters of mutual interest. Mr. Gladwin from the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia and Mr. Anderson from Hudson will also be here.

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**THE SCIENCE** : The regular meeting of the Science Seminar tonight will be addressed **SEMINAR** : by Dr. Curt Stern of the University of Rochester on "The Genetic Side -----: of Chromosome Structure". The talk will be illustrated by lantern slides and exhibit material. Dr. Stern is being brought to the Station thru Dr. Nebel's good offices.

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**ATTENTION** : An important inspection of fire-fighting apparatus around the Sta- **FIRE WARDENS!** : tion and of possible fire hazards is to be made next Friday after- -----: noon, according to an announcement by Chief Wellington. Mr. Wellington will be accompanied on his inspection trip by Chief McGuigan of the Geneva Fire Department, by Assistant Chiefs Hucker and Tressler, and by Mr. Gainey, general custodian of fire extinguishers. The inspection will start promptly at 1:30 in the Chemistry Building and the Fire Wardens in the various buildings are requested to stand by for the inspection. The fire siren will also be sounded at 1:30 to determine whether or not it has survived the low temperatures of the past few weeks.

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**DISCUSS** : Earl A. Flansburgh, County Agent Leader, and F. D. Morris, Assistant **PLANS** : County Agent Leader, at the College of Agriculture, spent yesterday after- -----: noon at the Station in conferences with various members of the Staff and in discussing plans for the Extension Conference in Ithaca next week.

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**WILL SPEAK** : Mr. Sayre is to speak before the Extension Conference in Ithaca next **IN ITHACA** : Monday on the work with vegetable crops under way at the Station, -----: while several other members of the Staff will take part in special conferences thruout the week.

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**EXTENSION** : Several from the Station are planning to attend the festivities on the **DINNER** : ship "Laff-a-lot" in Willard Straight Thursday evening, March 22, be- -----: ginning at 6:30. Reservations are requested to be in by Monday, March 19. Tickets are \$1.50 and checks should be sent to Miss Mary Field, State Club Leader's Office, Roberts Hall.

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**INTERNATIONAL** : The Station will be represented in a very modest way at the Inter- **FLOWER SHOW** : national Flower Show which opens in New York City next Monday. Up- -----: on request of the Flower Show Chairman of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, the Station is contributing a supply of Dr. Tukey's recent circular on "Plant Propagation" and of Mr. Van Eseltine's "Ornamental Apples and Crabapples" for use in some "demonstration" exhibits that the Garden Club Federation is sponsoring.

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**ON SPECIAL** : Mr. Parrott has been asked to serve on a special commission set up by **ASSIGNMENT** : the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to -----: study the Japanese beetle situation with special regard to federal activities looking to the control of this pest. The Commission is meeting in New Jersey. Mr. Parrott is expected to return to the Station on Saturday.

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CORN EAR : Down South they take their corn ear worms as a matter of course, but  
WORMS : not so on Long Island where this pest has proved especially troublesome  
-----: recently. As a consequence, a bill has been introduced into the Legis-  
lature asking for an appropriation of \$3,500 to be assigned to the Station for the  
study of the corn ear worm.

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TRAVELERS : Communications coming back to the Station from the Breeds and the  
HEARD FROM : Dahlbergs tell of widely differing experiences. The Dahlbergs des-  
-----: cribe the pleasures of Daytona Beach and of eating grapefruit with-  
out sugar, while Dr. Breed has a story of having to be pulled out of a snow bank  
in Brooklyn with a team of horses. (We take it that it was his car that was pulled  
out.) Dr. Breed had time before sailing to confer with various persons in New York  
on plans for the meeting of the Laboratory Section of the American Public Health  
Association of which he is chairman. The meeting is to be held in Pasadena in  
September. The Breeds expected to reach Gibraltar today.

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SPOKE ON : Dr. Hedrick spoke before the Geneva Historical Society at the Chamber of  
RELIGIONS: Commerce last night on the peculiar religious cults of pioneer days in  
-----: New York State.

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GOOD : We are glad to have good reports on the sick list this week. Mr. Clark is  
NEWS : said to be up and around again, altho confined to the house, while Dickie  
-----: Walsh is also well on the road to recovery.

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FUTURE : Plans are beginning to shape up for summer meetings at the Station with  
DATES : the fixing of dates and the arranging of programs. The first important  
-----: group will be the Dairy Science Association which will hold a three-day  
meeting in the State, the first two days at Ithaca and the third day at the Station.  
The dates are June 21 to 23. The State Horticultural Society will hold its summer  
meeting here on July 25. Dairy Day will be Thursday, August 23.

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MR. HAMMER : Mr. O. H. Harner, who assists Dr. Chapman in his work in the Hudson  
HERE : Valley and Lake Champlain area, is spending a few days at the Station.  
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SIGNS OF : Altho the weather seems unable to make up its mind as to whether to have  
SPRING : more winter or to calm down a bit and despite the fact that reports come  
-----: in of frost to a depth of 27 inches in the Russian lysimeters in the Sta-  
tion orchard, nevertheless our nature editor reports unmistakable signs of spring  
with the appearance of pin-tail ducks, the first true spring migrants, on Seneca  
Lake last Monday. Also, Mr. Fanson reports seeing a woodchuck rolling on the ground  
in front of his hole yesterday morning in an effort to rid himself of his winter  
coat. These authorities do not wait for robins and other commoner harbingers of  
spring, and in fact claim to have seen robins all thru the winter.

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GOT WHAT : What the newspapers would call a "Human interest" story came out of  
HE WANTED : Ithaca the other day in the form of a letter to Dr. Ladd. The writer  
-----: told of having picked up a man while driving to Rochester after Farm  
and Home week who was on his way to Buffalo. This hiker was a draftsman who had  
been out of work for three years, was married, and had three children. He had been  
taking the farm study courses sent out by the College and hoped eventually to find  
work in the country where he could get his family out of the city. Determined to  
attend Farm and Home Week, he had hiked to Ithaca, slept in the Ithaca police sta-  
tion, and lived for the week on \$2. He said he did not miss a single lecture per-  
iod during the week and is more sure than ever that he wants to live on the farm.  
Here's hoping he gets his chance!