

The Station News

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TO EAT THE CHICKEN : The Social Committee of the Station Club has taken matters into its own hands and has announced a CHICKEN DINNER to be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Seneca Castle on the evening of Tuesday, November 20, at 5:45 p.m. Following the supper, which is sure to be good if past experiences at Seneca Castle may be taken as an indication of what to expect, the Committee will provide some special entertainment. And all of the evening's festivities may be enjoyed for the small sum of forty cents. Tickets may be obtained from the following persons: Miss Sperry, Miss Curtis, Dr. Yale, Mr. Tapley, and Mr. Pearce. Save the date and plan to enjoy this first Club function!

AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY : The first Eaton Memorial Lecture is to be held in the auditorium of the Geneva High School at 8:00 o'clock next Friday evening when Dr. A. A. Allen, professor of ornithology at Cornell, will present his sound pictures on "The Songs and Courtships of Birds". The lecture is open to the public and is free, and all who are interested in birds are invited to attend.

VISITING AGRONOMISTS : Dr. Lyon, head of the Department of Agronomy at the College of Agriculture, and Dr. B. D. Wilson, Dr. Bizzell, and Mr. Leland, members of the Department, spent last Friday afternoon at the Station conferring with Mr. Collison on the soils work under way here and in an inspection of the Russian lysimeters. Dr. Lyon, who is chairman of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the American Society of Agronomy, also conferred with Mr. Lockett on matters pertaining to the Journal of Agronomy.

DR. TRESSLER IN WASHINGTON : Dr. Tressler returned to his office this morning following a brief visit to Washington where he met with other members of a committee which is reviewing the chemical research work under way in various government bureaus.

A PAT ON THE BACK : Better Crops, a little paper received at the Station, has the following to say about the first number of Farm Research:

"The New York State Agricultural Experiment Station is to be congratulated on the publication of a new paper entitled Farm Research. ...The paper is well edited and printed. The articles are practical and easy to read. Farm Research should not only serve a definite need in the State of New York, but serve as an example in places that already do not give periodically a bird's-eye view of what the state is doing."

THE 1935 BOOK CLUB : A call has been issued for candidates for a 1935 Station book club. If you are interested in joining such a group, you are invited to get in touch with Mr. Van Eseltine. If necessary to accommodate all comers, two groups will be formed.

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MR. VAN BUREN : Mr. B. D. Van Buren, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the
RETIRES : State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the past several
-----: years; is to retire from State service on December 1, according
to a report coming from Albany, Mr. Van Buren is well known at the Station both in
his official capacity and as President of the Fruit Testing Association, and it is
with regret that his many friends here learn of his decision to quit, a thing that
he has been threatening to do for some time. It is to be hoped, however, that he
will have more opportunities than he has had in the past to visit the Station, for
he is keenly interested in new fruits and announces that it is his intention to spend
much of his leisure time tending his orchard and garden.

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TO TALK : Mr. Marquardt is scheduled to talk over WESG next Monday at 1:00 p. m.
ON MILK : on "Increasing the Market for Milk by Improving the Product." Jules
-----: enjoys a high rating at all broadcasting stations where he makes his
occasional appearances and doubtless many Station radios will be tuned in on his
offerings next week.

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TO TALK ON : And on Tuesday at 1:00 tune in again on WESG to hear our silver-
PARASITES : tongued orator from the South, Derrill Daniel, who is to talk on
-----: "The Oriental Fruit Moth and the Status of Parasites."

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HEADED FOR : The annual meeting of the Land Grant College Association gets under
WASHINGTON : way at the Willard Hotel in Washington next Monday, and Dr. Hedrick
-----: is planning to be on hand for the opening session. The meeting closes
on Wednesday. This is also the occasion for a number of other meetings of interest
to various members of the Staff. On Wednesday, at the Mayflower Hotel, Mr. Sayre
will present three reports before a joint committee on fertilizer distributing ma-
chinery on cooperative experiments with the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering on
fertilizer placement on beans, cabbage, and tomatoes which have been in progress on
the canning crops farm. This committee includes representatives from the American
Society of Agronomy, the Society for Horticultural Science, the Society of Agricul-
tural Engineers, and the American Fertilizer Association. On Thursday and Friday
the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy will be held
in the Wardman Park Hotel. Dr. Conn, Mr. Hofer, and Mr. Hoeffler are planning to
attend the sessions on soil biology and Dr. Conn and Mr. Hofer will present a paper
on Friday afternoon on "Radiobacter and Rhizobium Separation." Mr. Lockett will be
in Washington from Tuesday until Friday in his capacity as Editor of the Journal of
Agronomy.

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DEDICATE PLAQUE : The University of Wisconsin recently unveiled a bronze plaque to
TO DR. BABCOCK : the memory of Dr. Stephen M. Babcock originator of the Babcock
-----: test for butter fat. The plaque was the work of Lorado Taft and
was financed by donations from school children as well as from dairy farmers and
dairy firms. We always have more than a passing interest in anything relating to Dr.
Babcock in view of the fact that he was the Station's first chemist, altho his most
important work was done after he left this Station for Wisconsin.

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BEST : Miss Mary Sill winds up her work at the Station next Saturday and will be
WISHES : married to Mr. Howard Purdy on Sunday. They will make their home near
-----: Bluff Point.

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A CHANCE FOR : Dr. Hedrick is in receipt of a communication from the local Lodge
STATION TALENT : of Elks extending a cordial invitation to all members of the Staff
-----: to participate in a city-wide bridge tournament to be held in the
Elks Club tonight. Play will begin at 8:00 o'clock sharp and will end at about 11:00,
to be followed by a buffet luncheon. Here is a chance for some of the Station bridge
talent to put the institution in the running for city honors.
