

The Station News

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FAVORABLY : From all indications the members of the Governor's Agricultural Commission IMPRESSED : were favorably impressed by what they saw and heard about the work of the Station on their visit here last Thursday. Following a review of proposed new projects to be undertaken by the Station and explained by the members of the Staff most directly concerned, the Commission held a closed conference and then made a careful survey of the buildings and grounds at which time they were able to gain much first-hand information on working conditions here and to learn about many of the Station's projects. Several members of the Commission remained in Geneva overnight to attend the meetings of the Fruit Testing Association on Friday.

MANY GOOD : The meetings of the Fruit Testing Association on Thursday and Friday THINGS SHOWN : made up in interest and excellence of exhibits that was lacking in attendance, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that the gathering was exceedingly interesting and worth while. It is only to be expected that each year will see an ever-increasing number of new fruits put on display, but the new arrivals shown last week proved to be unusually attractive, especially when shown along side of the more important standard varieties. Probably the thing that impressed the casual observer most was the large number of exhibits of Station seedlings, particularly Early McIntosh and Milton Apples, which are now reaching the point where they may have commercial significance; and the display of so-called open-pollinated McIntosh seedlings shown by the Dr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist of Ottawa. Also, Kendall, a variety originated by the Station from a cross between Zisoff and McIntosh and characterized by its fine color, attracted much attention. L.C. Anderson, in charge of the Station's horticultural investigations in the Hudson River Valley, and F. E. Gladwin of the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia, were here for the meetings. Mr. Gladwin also brought a large collection of new grapes.

MAILING : The first lot of Station bulletins to be published during the current UNDER WAY : fiscal year are now going into the mail. Three technical bulletins and four general bulletins are included, as follows:

- Tech. Bul. No. 150. The Types of Organisms Found in Spoiled Tomato Products, C. S. Pederson.
- Tech. Bul. No. 151. The Fermentation of Glucose, Fructose, and Arabinose by Organisms from Spoiled Tomato Products, C.S. Pederson.
- Tech. Bul. No. 152. The Anthocyanins in Ives Grapes, R. L. Shriner and R. J. Anderson.
- Bul. No. 570. Control of Spoilage in Tomato Products, C. S. Pederson and R. S. Breed.
- Bul. No. 571. Bacteria that Survive and Grow During the Pasteurization of Milk and Their Relation to Bacterial Counts, P. S. Prickett and R. S. Breed.
- Bul. No. 572. Limitations as to Sunlight Requirements of Hens, W. P. Wheeler.
- Bul. No. 573. Artificial Manure from Straw, R. C. Collison and H.J. Conn

A number of other bulletins are well along in the process of publication, including the annual report, and will soon be available.

BETTER DISPLAY : Before leaving about a week ago for a year's study at Oxford, Mr. IN THE MUSEUM : Lawson put in place the new racks built for the museum cases that practically double the capacity of the upper sections of the cases. These racks make possible the display of material from two sides; and when the cases are once filled and arranged according to subject matter, they will present an even more pleasing effect than they have in the past.

FROZEN : The sudden drop in temperature last week, accompanied by heavy frosts in OUT : many sections in this vicinity, spelled the doom of the dahlia show scheduled for this week by the Geneva Garden Club. Mr. Hall made a survey of local dahlia collections and found them so completely wiped out that it is deemed inexpedient to attempt anything further in the nature of a flower show this season.

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NOW STATE : W. J. Schoene, for several years a member of the Entomological Divi-
ENTOMOLOGIST : sion here and now State Entomologist for Virginia with headquarters
-----: at Blacksburg, visited the Station last week.

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GOES TO : Donald Collins left last week for Bussey Institute where he has been
BUSSEY : awarded a fellowship which will enable him to pursue graduate work at that
-----: institution. Mr. Collins has been working at intervals for the past few
years in close cooperation with the Entomology Division on projects concerned with
the use of electric lights and electricity in the control of orchard pests, sponsored
by the electric light industry.

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SOME SAW IT : Between those who saw the Los Angeles as it sailed over Geneva
AND SOME DIDN'T : last Saturday and those who failed to see it, and between the
-----: folks who saw the pageant Saturday afternoon and those who saw
mostly scenery and lots of people, conversation has not been allowed to lag the last
few days. Anyway it was beautiful sight and the scenery was great and the day a
fine one to be out of doors, whatever else may have been the matter. Apropos of the
Los Angeles, the Sayres write that they saw the Graf Zeppelin sail in through or over
the Golden Gate, whichever an airship would do, and that must have been a great
sight, too!

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CONFER WITH : Three groups of Farm Bureau committeemen and representatives from the
MR. PARROTT : College of Agriculture conferred with Mr. Parrott on Monday about
-----: various insect problems. One group from Niagara County called to
discuss progress in the studies of the oriental fruit moth, another from Monroe and
Orleans Counties was concerned chiefly with the spray residue question, while the
third group discussed ways and means of obtaining more effective control of apple
aphids in New York orchards.

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WANTS PLANS : Roy P. McPherson, Secretary of the State Horticultural Society, seized
FOR WINTER : the opportunity afforded by the meeting of the Fruit Testing Associa-
MEETING : tion to call together the Executive Committee of the Society to dis-
-----: cuss plans for the winter meeting in Rochester, which will be the
seventy-fifth annual gathering of fruit growers. Among other things
he wanted suggestions and plans for exhibits from the Station and College.

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MR. WITTER : To many about the Station the death of Mr. J. B. Witter will bring a
DIES : sense of personal loss, as his kindly and gentle nature won the esteem
-----: of all of those who came in contact with him. Mr. Witter joined the
Station forces as herdsman on April 15, 1890, and continued to serve the Station in
various capacities until his retirement on October 31, 1925. At the time of his
retirement he was serving as a helper in the Bacteriology laboratory. Mr. Witter
attained the good age of 82, and while connected with the Station established an
enviable record of punctual and faithful service to the institution.

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STUDIES WAX : Mr. K. S. Markley of the United States Department of Agriculture is
ON APPLES : spending some time in the Chemistry laboratory collecting material for
-----: a study of the constituents of wax on apples and their relationships
to apple scald.

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WILL INSPECT : Dr. Paul Work of the College of Agriculture and several advanced
VEGETABLES : students in vegetable gardening will be at the Station this after-
-----: noon to study the vegetable variety collection here and to visit the
Seed Laboratory.

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MRS. BROWN'S : We are sorry to have to note the death last week of Mrs. Ann Walsh,
BEREAVEMENT : mother of Mrs. Margaret Brown, helper in the Bacteriology laboratory.
-----: Mrs. Walsh made her home with Mrs. Brown on Pulteney Street.

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AN UNUSUAL : Dr. Dahlberg is the author of a rather unusual contribution in the
SERVICE : ICE CREAM TRADE JOURNAL for September entitled "The Year's Research
-----: Record" in which he reviews briefly all research contributions to
ice cream making for the past year. This article is the fourth of a series on the
subject prepared by Dr. Dahlberg within recent years.

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PLEASE RETURN : Dr. Horsfall earnestly requests that where tomatoes are taken away
THE CRATES : in Station crates that the containers be returned as soon as
-----: possible. They cost 40 cents apiece and the supply is limited.
