

# The Station News

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Geneva, N.Y.

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A SPRING : The Station Club is sponsoring a spring party! The event will be a  
PARTY : combination dance and bridge party, beginning at 8:00 o'clock, Sat-  
-----: urday, April 23. In line with the policy being followed this year for  
Club activities, this party will pay its own way by means of a 75 cent assessment  
for each participant. Club members are welcome to bring as many guests as they wish.  
There will be a five-piece orchestra, ample refreshments, and a gala time. Dr. Ker-  
tesz is master of ceremonies, and everyone will be given an opportunity within a  
day or two to make reservations for their friends and themselves. With snow flying  
outdoors as this is being written, a spring party sounds mighty good.

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A CHANGE : Dr. Breed has received word from Prof. O.G. Guerlac of Cornell that  
IN TOPIC : he will speak before the University Club next Monday evening on "The  
-----: French Approach to the International Problem" rather than on the  
subject previously announced. Another important change in the plans for Monday even-  
ing is that the dinner will be held at the Hotel Seneca instead of the Pulteney Inn.  
As stated earlier, it will be ladies night and an early opportunity will be afford-  
ed all those who care to hear Prof. Guerlac to make reservations for the dinner.  
The hour is 6:30.

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AT HOBART : Dr. Hedrick will deliver the fifth and last in the series of Hobart  
TOMORROW : lectures commemorating the George Washington Bicentennial when he  
-----: speaks tomorrow night on "Washington the Farmer".

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OVER : Mr. Tapley will journey to Schenectady next Monday to deliver a radio  
WGY : broadcast on "Sweet Corn Varieties for Better Quality." He will be on  
-----: the air at 12:40, or thereabouts. This will be the last talk by a member  
of the Station staff on WGY's Farm Forum program, at least for the present.

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THE LIFE : After running down innumerable rumors of this and that date of return  
OF RILEY : of the Huckers to their home, we finally obtained authoritative  
-----: information to the effect that they will probably remain at Clifton  
Springs Sanitarium another week. Both Dr. and Mrs. Hucker are reported to have bene-  
fited greatly from the course of rest and treatment prescribed for them.

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DR. THATCHER : Announcement of the resignation of Dr. Thatcher from the Presidency  
RESIGNS : of Massachusetts State College came as a distinct surprise to his  
-----: many friends in Geneva, altho the state of his health had been a  
matter of concern here for some time. Simultaneously with the acceptance of his  
resignation from his present position, the Board of Trustees of the College tendered  
Dr. Thatcher an appointment as Research Professor in the Massachusetts Agricultural  
Experiment Station. However, according to newspaper accounts, he will first take a  
prolonged vacation, entering upon his duties in the Experiment Station "early in  
1933." His resignation from the Presidency takes effect on September 1. It is  
sincerely hoped that relief from the responsibilities and duties of the President's  
office will enable Dr. Thatcher to cope with the physical troubles that have beset  
his path for the past few years.

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TO TALK :  
ON HOLLAND : Mr. Munn is participating tonight in what is described as a "Dutch  
-----: Treat" at a meeting of the High Street Home and School Club, when he  
will tell of some of his experiences while in Holland last year attending the  
International Seed Congress.

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TO TALK TO :  
YOUNG FARMERS : The Station Staff has been called upon to furnish another  
-----: speaker for a local event in the person of Mr. Hening who will  
address a group of "Young Farmers" from the Finger Lakes section at the High School  
tomorrow night on "Feeding the Dairy Cow."



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BAD : An explosion in the basement of the Chemistry Building the other day gave  
ENUF : occupants of that building a few bad moments until it was learned that no  
-----: serious damage was done to the structure, except to knock off some plaster  
and loosen up a partition. Failure of the oil burner to ignite, with a consequent  
accumulation of oil and gas, resulted in an explosion of considerable force when  
contact was finally made with the electric arc that operates the contrivance. The  
fact that no one was in the boiler room at the time probably prevented more serious  
consequences. However, there was one casualty in the person of chief chemist Carpenter,  
who in hurrying to the scene of the trouble sustained a bad fall and came up with  
two cracked ribs. Certain cynical ones have let drop suggestive remarks about the  
possible coincidence of a too highly charged cider supply and the Doctor's mis-  
fortune, which we regard as wholly fallacious. Also, we would pass off in a similar  
way the suggestion that there was some connection between the explosion and the  
cigar which Mr. Murray had been smoking in the room a short time before, the infer-  
ence being that the atmosphere had become so surcharged from the fumes of the cigar  
that something had to let go. We are glad that nothing worse came out of the inci-  
dent. Mr. Goodwin states that a similar disturbance would be impossible in the oil  
burners in the Dairy Building due to an automatic shut-off of the oil supply upon  
failure of the electrical connection to ignite the oil.

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DR. JENKINS : Dr. Ralph Jenkins has returned to the Station following several  
COMES BACK : months at Ithaca. Dr. Jenkins has been carrying on his work for the  
-----: Vegetable Crops Division in one of the College laboratories,  
pending the installation of necessary equipment in his laboratory in the new build-  
ing.

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BIRDS OF : One of the signs of spring is the departure of the field force to  
PASSAGE : open up 1932 operations at outlying laboratories. Dr. and Mrs.  
-----: Chapman expect to leave for the Hudson Valley tomorrow or Friday,  
while Mr. Cooley and his family will set out for Fredonia within  
the next week or so.

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A GALAXY :  
OF EXPERTS : The Dairy Division has had a number of notable callers during the  
-----: past week, including H.A. Krebler, chemical engineer of the National  
Dairy Products Corp., of Baltimore; Dr. M. Kloser, technical expert of the Bowman  
Dairy of Chicago; and Mr. Wichtman, engineer for the Cherry-Burrell Co., of  
Little Falls, N.Y. All of these men were concerned primarily with some phase of the  
creaming studies under way here. Two representatives of the Kraft-Phoenix Company  
spent yesterday at the Station as part of a tour of a number of experiment stations.  
These were Dr. H.A. Harding of Binghamton and Dr. Kayser of the Chicago office.

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PRIVATE : Miss Rogers has called attention to the fact that she is planning to  
BINDING : ship off a quantity of material to the bindery about the first of May,  
-----: and that she will be glad to include any private binding that may be  
wanted at this time.

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NEW :  
BOOKS : New books added to the Library recently include the following:

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McMaster: History of the people of the U.S. (9 vols.)  
Clayton: Colloid aspects of food chemistry and technology.  
Judkins & Smith: Dairying.  
Winton and Winton: The structure and composition of foods (Vol. 1)

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THEIR EFFORTS : Last Thursday night at the Y.M.C.A., the City and Industrial  
WELL REWARDED : Quoit League met to do justice to an annual banquet and to  
-----: honor the champions of the 1931-32 season--the Experiment  
Station team. The Vice-Director, batting for the Director who was speaking to the  
Billsboro Grange, was the speaker of the evening and acknowledged the award of the  
trophies to the members of the championship team. The trophies consisted of bill  
folds appropriately marked with the name of the recipient and the fact that he  
was a member of the 1931-32 champions.

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TOO LATE : While the presses were running on the first page of the NEWS, we  
TO CLASSIFY : were informed of the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Hucker at their home  
-----: yesterday in time for the Doctor to hear about those two home runs  
by Babe Ruth over the radio. We are glad to be able to correct the misinformation  
in the note on the reverse page.