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THE DISCUSSION at the Staff meeting last Monday of insurance and annuity for those employed in educational institutions brought out several of the undesirable features of the State retirement system. The lack of any real protection to the individual such as that furnished by insurance and the tendency to depress salaries were regarded as real objections to the present system. The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, an outgrowth of the Carnegie Foundation, was described by Dr. Breed, and certain advantages of the Association policies outlined. Dean Mann and Dean Betten of the College of Agriculture were interested in hearing the State retirement system discussed in view of the fact that the State Comptroller has suggested that it might be possible to include in the retirement system employees of the College who are not now eligible.

THE STATE FAIR committee has worked out a scheme for a permanent background for the Station exhibit, and if sufficient funds and space are forthcoming from the State Fair Commission, it is hoped that the 1924 exhibit will prove somewhat more attractive than recent efforts.

THE NEWS regrets to learn that Miss Jones was more seriously ill than was at first supposed and that it became necessary for her to submit to an operation. She is in a hospital in Utica now, and is reported to have come thru the operation in good shape. It will be some time of course before she will be able to return to Geneva, but her many friends here are looking forward to a complete recovery of health for her.

"JIM" LAWSON is back with us for the summer. Mr. Lawson reports a successful year at college and looks fit to turn out a lot of work in the museum this summer.

MRS. HENING AND MRS. HUCKER leave Geneva tomorrow, Thursday, for a visit to their respective homes. Mrs. Hening goes to Pawley, Minnesota; and Mrs. Hucker to Hopkinton, Iowa.

MR. AND MRS. MUNDINGER are expected to arrive in Geneva the latter part of this week and will make their residence for the time being at 48 North Main St. Mr. Mundinger comes here from Syracuse University where he has served as an instructor in zoology. He is a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, Syracuse University, 1914. For three years he taught sciences at the Collingswood High School, Collingswood, N. J. In 1917 he joined the army and served two years in the field artillery. In 1922 the New York State College of Forestry granted him the degree of M. S., and he has now completed all work except his thesis for the degree of Ph. D. Mr. Mundinger comes here to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. MacLeod's resignation.

MR. TUKEY AND HIS FAMILY had a narrow escape from what might have been a very serious accident on the road between Kinderhook and Hudson a week ago last Sunday. As it was, Mrs. Tukey was forced to receive hospital treatment for a few days for severe lacerations of the scalp and face. Mr. Tukey also sustained some cuts from glass, but neither of the children were hurt in the least. The accident occurred when the Marmon car in which the Tukeys were riding was struck side-on by another car which turned out suddenly from behind a horse and buggy just as the Tukeys' machine was passing.

ALL READERS OF THE NEWS will be interested in the special agricultural edition of the GENEVA DAILY TIMES which comes out tonight. Mr. C. L. Bull, Rural Reporter for the TIMES, has prepared a most presentable supplement and is to be congratulated on its appearance and contents. The TIMES, too, deserves special commendation for the special effort it is making to give its rural readers live news on agricultural matters. The easier way would be to wait for the news to come to it and to fill its columns with free "copy", but the TIMES has elected to go out and seek its news in the rural communities it serves just as it does the city news, with the result that Ontario, Seneca, and Yates County farmers are getting real service thru the paper. Today's supplement represents an immense amount of work and time, for practically every item in it has been gathered and prepared first-hand by Mr. Bull, with the result that it contains much real news.

A GROUP of Farm Bureau advisers, under the guidance of Prof. Crosby of the Department of Entomology of the College of Agriculture, will visit the Station next Saturday.

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: ORRIN M. TAYLOR, :
: HORTICULTURIST :
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Mr. Taylor was born in Genesee County, N.Y., and from early boyhood has been interested in nature studies and particularly small fruits. In order to acquire the necessary experience in his chosen field, Mr. Taylor decided to attend a short course in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. During his two years there, he studied small fruits intensively and worked for two summers on the largest small-fruit farm in Wisconsin. He decided, however, that his home State offered the best opportunities, and with this in mind he determined to obtain work, if possible, at this Station.

In 1896, Mr. Taylor offered his services to the Director in any capacity, trusting that his experience here would be valuable and with the idea that he would later go into commercial work. He found the surroundings so agreeable, however, and his superiors found him so energetic that it was impossible for him to sever his connections. His real worth was soon recognized, and Mr. Taylor now may boast of more raises, eleven in all, and greater advancement than any other man on the Station Staff. Upon assuming his duties at the Station, Mr. Taylor was assigned the task of ringing a bell at 7 A. M. and 1 P. M. to advise the various Station workers that duty called. He was soon promoted to Foreman in Horticulture, and thru successive advancements to his present position of Associate in Research in Horticulture. In point of service, Mr. Taylor is Dean of the Horticultural Department, and he states with just pride, that he is the only member of the present horticultural staff whose name appears in all of the fruit books published by this Station.

Among other duties, Mr. Taylor carefully reads all of the horticultural catalogs published both in America and abroad, and uses his judgment in selecting any new varieties which may be suitable for breeding experiments or which may be adapted to this particular climate with benefit to New York fruit growers. Altho Mr. Taylor is a recognized authority on small fruits and has offered to the public a long series of valuable publications in this field, he is actively in touch with all lines of horticultural work.

Other than his horticultural interests, Mr. Taylor is noted locally for his musical ability, and particularly for his natural instinct as a fisherman. For years he has been the envy of many of the local wielders of the steel rod.

For the benefit of the younger members of the Staff, Mr. Taylor states that in the early days of his employment he lived on the second floor of the "octagon house" and paid \$3.00 per month rent, and that he received \$36.00 per month salary. He hastens to add, however, that "them days are gone forever".

With the specialized education and keen competition of the present, we may well look with pride upon Mr. Taylor's record and upon his successful efforts in rising from the labor force to a prominent position on the Staff. His success is due primarily to his untiring efforts in gaining a wider knowledge of the particular subjects in which he is interested.