

# The Station News

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TELLS ABOUT : Dr. K. S. Markley of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils of the U. S.  
WAX ON FRUIT :  
Department of Agriculture appeared before the Staff Monday afternoon at the first meeting of the group following the summer recess and gave an interesting account of his investigations into the nature of the waxy coating on apples and its relation to apple scald, a storage injury affecting apples particularly. Dr. Markley has been pursuing his researches here at the Station for the past few weeks in order to accumulate data on New York State apples to supplement material already assembled from Virginia and the Pacific Northwest.

UNDER HEADING : At the Staff meeting, Director Hedrick announced, among other  
OF ANNOUNCEMENTS :  
things, that Mr. Sweeney had been promoted from Assistant to Associate in Research (Chemistry), effective January 1. The promotion carries with it certain changes in Mr. Sweeney's duties, and is a well-earned recognition of past services for which we extend hearty congratulations. It was also announced that Mr. Gambrell had been granted leave of absence for graduate work at Ohio State University, where he hopes to complete the requirements for his Ph.D degree. Mr. Gambrell has already left for Columbus.

EIGHT YEARS : In his annual summary of attendance on Staff meetings, Dr. Pederson  
WITHOUT A MISS :  
presented the following figures at the meeting last Monday. For

the year of Nov. 12, 1928-June 3, 1929:

Number of meetings.....	8
Total attendance.....	286
Average attendance.....	35.7
Average attendance, previous year..	33.7
Perfect in attendance.....	11
Perfect in attendance, previous year..	17
Absent once.....	9
Absent once, previous year.....	12

Perfect attendance 2 successive years....	4
" " 3 " "....	2
" " 8 " "....	1

CHEMISTS PLEASED: Over 150 visiting chemists and their wives from Rochester, Syracuse, Ithaca, and other points attended the dinner in the Hotel Seneca last Saturday evening, and most of them spent the afternoon preceding the dinner in tours about the Station grounds and buildings. They manifested much interest in what they found here and appeared to enjoy the outing thoroughly.

VISIT GRAPE : Dr. Willaman and Dr. Kertesz left Monday night for a three-day  
DISTRICT : trip through the grape districts of western New York in connection  
with certain lines of work they are about to undertake.



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THE LADIES! : Truly progressive in deed as well as in spirit, the Experiment Sta-  
BLESS 'EM! : tion Club grasped the opportunity presented at the annual meeting last  
-----: Monday evening to declare its belief that the ladies should be granted  
some of the honors within its power to bestow, as well as the privilege of doing most  
of the work in connection with Club functions, a privilege that they have long en-  
joyed. Following a supper of most generous proportions and pleasing variety, "retir-  
ing" President Streeter took the situation in hand and directed with expedition such  
business as was brought up for consideration. The most important item, of course,  
was the election of a new administration, the results of the balloting being as fol-  
lows:

President, Mrs. Glen P. Van Eseltine.  
Vice-President, Mrs. George H. Howe.  
Secy-Treas., Mr. Fred Hartzell  
Directors, Dr. U. P. Hedrick.  
Mr. M. T. Munn

To these new officers, we pledge the unqualified support of the press and extend  
wishes for a peaceful administration. Complying with time-honored custom, our per-  
petual candidate for the Presidency also ran.

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CLEVER : To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Munn, Miss Hermine  
SQUIBS : Stewart, and Mrs. James Gates, the committee in charge, ably assisted  
-----: as they were, go all credit and thanks for the excellent repast, at-  
tractive table decorations, and superb service that featured the Club supper. Who-  
ever was responsible for the place cards with their clever play on the initials of  
the guests, certainly earned a good night's sleep following the long hours of mental  
toil that must have been expended on their contribution to the evening's festivities.

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MEET MR. AND : An addition to the Station group, at least for the school year, was  
MRS. KELLEY : made last week with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, following a  
-----: summer spent at the University of Reading in England. Mr. Kelley  
was formerly bacteriologist for the Frazer Valley Milk Company of Vancouver, and has  
registered at Cornell for doctor's degree. He will spend the coming year at the  
Station in work on his thesis and expects to spend next year in residence work at  
Ithaca.

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RECENT : Dr. J. M. Sherman, head of the Dairy Department at the College of  
VISITORS : Agriculture, was a recent caller in the Dairy and Bacteriology Divi-  
-----: sions here. Also, Dr. Peter Pickenbrock of Germany visited the  
Station last week to inspect the dairy and soil work in progress here. Dr. Picken-  
brock has just completed a year's residence and study at the Massachusetts Agricul-  
tural College and is on his way to Japan with brief stops at the Universities of  
Wisconsin and California en route.

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MR. HALL IN : Mr. Hall is in the Geneva General Hospital for a major operation.  
HOSPITAL : -----:  
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BACTERIAL COUNTS: Dr. Breed is just in receipt of a German treatise dealing with the  
IN GERMANY : "Production and Control of Fluid Milk" which is a translation into  
-----: German of certain contributions to the subject made by H. H. Boy-  
sen, a former Cornell student working under Dr. Otto Rahn of the University. Among  
other things, the volume contains the bacteriological methods for milk analysis de-  
veloped in the Bacteriology laboratory here and adopted by the American Public Health  
Association as the "Standard Method". Also, practical applications of the method to  
milk control, recently published by Dr. Breed are included.

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WORDS OF PRAISE: The Dairy Division has reposing in its files a letter received  
-----: recently from Mr. R. McCann, Secretary of the Dry Milk Institute,  
an important agency in the marketing of powdered milk, in which he quotes at length  
some very complimentary things said about the dairy investigations made at this  
Station in a recent meeting of the Directors of the Institute called to review prog-  
ress in dairy research.