

The Station News

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WINTER :

LINGERS : With the official opening of spring only five days away, Geneva's belated winter continues rough and cold. But cheer up, a perusal of the "Meteorological Records, 1883 to 1903", as published in the last annual report of the Station, shows that only seven times during the past forty-eight years has the minimum temperature for March occurred after the 21st. On the other hand there have been thirty-six years in which the maximum March temperatures were recorded between Saint Patrick's Day and the last of the month. Then again, one year, it went down to -3 on March 18, so we are not making any predictions for the remainder of March, 1932, but trust that the old law of averages functions efficiently the next two weeks.

POSTPONED :

MEETINGS : Mr. Sayre's meeting of canning crop growers which was to have been held at Benton Center last Thursday was postponed until Thursday of this week. Mr. Parrott also participated in a postponed meeting of fruit growers at Penn Yan yesterday.

TO MEET :

IN ITHACA : The entire Division of Vegetable Crops plans to attend a conference with the Department of Vegetable Gardening at Ithaca next Friday, when the research programs of the two groups will be discussed and correlated. This is an annual event and similar to other conferences held by corresponding groups at the two institutions.

THE SPRAY :

SERVICE : Several members of the Entomology Division will attend the three-day meeting of Spray Service specialists which will get under way next Monday at Cornell.

LEAVE FOR :

WASHINGTON : Mr. and Mrs. Wellington set out yesterday by auto for a week or ten days' vacation in Washington and points south. Certainly the time and the place are well chosen and many of us would welcome an opportunity to tag along.

ICE CREAM :

FOR SALE : The Dairy Division announces that it has a bountiful supply of ice cream on hand for sale at the usual rate. It is "experimental", but the experiment was a success and the ice cream is excellent.
(Advertisement, but not paid for.)

DR. YALE :

ABOUT : We are glad to note that Dr. Yale has regained his health sufficiently to make a trip "down street", and that he will probably venture back to his office before many more days.

WENT TO :

WOOSTER : Mr. Harman and Mr. Daniel attended a recent conference of entomologists from the eastern and north central states at Wooster, Ohio, where, among other things, they discussed progress in the control of codling moth and the peach moth.

MORE WORK FOR :

THE ENTOMOLOGISTS : An Associated Press dispatch from Havre last Saturday conveyed the following information: "The embargo on fresh fruits suspected of carrying the San Jose scale yesterday (March 11) held up 20,000 barrels of American apples which arrived on the Ile de France. The vessel was not allowed to unload the fruit and American importers estimated that \$100,000 worth of fruit already in port or in transit would spoil because of the French ban." New York exports about 10 per cent of its apple crop and France is rated as America's second best fruit customer. With England scrutinizing imported apples for maggot and spray residues and with this move on the part of France, New York fruit growers are naturally much perturbed, especially since San Jose scale has taken a new lease on life in some parts of the State the past two or three years.

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CONSULT ON : Dr.Dahlberg spent Monday in Little Falls, N.Y. with representa-
NEW EQUIPMENT : tives of the Cherry-Buffell Company who are interested in the
-----: development of new dairy equipment growing out of the creaming
studies made in the Dairy Laboratory here.

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A NEW : The Station has hung up a new record in publications since July 1st.
RECORD : last. To date there have appeared or are in press fifty publications
-----: as compared with the previous high mark of forty-four for the fiscal
year of 1930-31. With a small balance still available in the printing fund, this
number will go higher before the end of the current fiscal year. Of the pamphlets
appearing thus far this year, nineteen are technical bulletins, sixteen general
bulletins, fourteen circulars, and the annual report. Two of the technical bulletin,
one of the general bulletins and four of the circulars are reprints of earlier
numbers in their respective series. The explanation of this increase in publication
output in spite of no increase in printing funds is to be found in smaller editions
and in shorter manuscripts.

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ECHOES FROM : Space did not permit comment in last week's NEWS on some of the
THE TOUR : special features encountered in the tour of the new building
-----: on the evening of March 8. For one thing, there was the first
"seed laboratory" displayed by Mr.Munn, with the "Geneva" seed tester devised by
Dr.Arthur. Incidentally, while work with seeds was done at the Station almost from
the beginning, the seed laboratory as such is celebrating its twenty-fifth
anniversary at the same time the Station celebrates its golden anniversary. Then,
we should mention by all means the rose plants dispensed so freely by Mr.Tukey.
And George Slate's exhibit showing "the evolution of the waste basket" in the Pom-
ology Division was unique to say the least. But perhaps the most unexpected display
was the collection of "antiques" exhibited by Harry King. This exhibit, coupled with
his description of the work carried on in his office and his explanation of why he
had no spores or dead insects to display, left one with a feeling that the Fruit
Testing Association had a right to live after all.

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GIVEN A THORO : Mr.Hening and Mr.Durham went to Syracuse yesterday in connection
TEST : with some cream viscosity studies in one of the large milk plants
-----: of that city which Mr.Hening inaugurated two or three weeks ago.
This is in line with the policy of the Dairy Division to try out under plant con-
ditions new ideas developed in the dairy laboratory here.

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MISSING FROM : You are earnestly requested to look thru your files for the
THE LIBRARY : following documents which have been taken from the Library:
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Phytopathology, Vol. 6 (1916)

Filterable viruses, by T.M.Rivers (1928)

The Entomologist, Vol. 64, Nos.812,813,814 and 815 (1931).

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A LONE : Drifted roads and icy winds discouraged travel to Cuba yesterday for
HAND : the meeting of the Western New York Cheese and Butter Makers Associa-
-----: tion on the part of all save Dr.Kelly who is on the program. Cuba is
about ninety miles from Geneva, but to reach it by train it is necessary to start
the night before and approach it by a flanking movement. Dr.Kelly left at 10:00 p.m.
Monday and expected to arrive at his destination by noon yesterday. Unfortunately,
the cheese makers will have to forego the pleasure of Mr.Casey's entertainment, at
least for this year, as he was reluctant to face the perils of the open road and did
not have time for the trip by train.

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STATE :
FAIRS : The Office of Exhibits of the U.S.Dept. of Agriculture measures the
-----: interest in its exhibits at state fairs by the demand for publications
by visitors. Many of the large fairs showed larger attendance and greater interest
in exhibits in 1931 than in 1930, according to a recent statement from the Department