

# The Station News

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A GOOD : Considering the fact that the meeting at Geneva came as the last  
ATTENDANCE: event in a week of crowded activity, the attendance of geneticists  
-----: here last Wednesday was quite satisfactory. At least 125 scientists  
from many foreign countries and from all parts of the United States spent the day  
at the Station and seemed keenly interested in all that they saw and heard. The  
eclipse furnished a side show that added to the day's festivities, while the tea at  
the Director's was a welcome relief after two hours in the orchards on the hottest  
day of the year.

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GETTING : Undoubtedly the most colorful individual in the foreign delegation was  
RESULTS : Dr. Vavilov, head of all the plant breeding work in Soviet Russia. He  
-----+ told a group here that Russia believed in discipline and that if a  
scientist didn't get results over there he went to jail. Perhaps time will tell  
whether such a stimulus is beneficial when a suitable measure can be had of the  
scientific output from Russia.

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THE FRUIT :  
TESTERS : The next event on the Station schedule is the fourteenth annual  
-----: meeting of the State Fruit Testing Association to be held in Jordan  
Hall on Thursday, Sept. 15. The usual attractive exhibit of new fruits grown on the  
Station grounds and by members of the Association will be a feature of this meeting.

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TO CONFER : Several members of the Pomology Division, together with the Director,  
IN ITHACA : are going to Ithaca next Wednesday for a conference with other pom-  
-----: ologists from the northeastern states on orchard soil problems.

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HE ALSO : Among those who satisfied last year with their judging as  
SATISFIED : attested by the fact that they had a return engagement this year  
-----: should have been mentioned Col. Sayre who again judged the vegetable  
exhibits at the Rochester Exposition this week.

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MR. STEWART : Mr. Stewart selected an unusual but most satisfactory means of  
PAID IN FULL : paying up his subscription to the NEWS last week, when he supplied  
-----: the Editor with an 8 x 10 plate, beautifully smoked, with which  
to view the eclipse. As a result, we were very popular between 2:30 and 3:30. To  
date, two subscribers out of the hundred-odd on our mailing list have paid in kind  
for the current year. Not that the NEWS can be said to have any measurable value  
upon which to base a subscription price, but tokens of good will, such as that  
mentioned above, are appreciated none the less.

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MORE :  
VISITORS : Representative nurserymen of the Dansville nursery area were visitors  
-----: of the "Nursery Investigations" work on Thursday, September 1st.  
By the way, the leading article in the Nursery Dept. of the Florists Exchange of the  
issue of August 6 is a review of the Nursery Investigations at the Geneva Experiment  
Station, written by Dr. H. B. Tukey and Karl Brase.

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VACATION IS : Vacation days are drawing to a close and this week Dr. and Mrs. Guy  
OVER : Green and the boys will leave for their home in Ames, Iowa. We  
-----+ will be looking forward to another visit from the Green's.



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**FAIR** : Reports from our correspondent at the front in Syracuse are that the  
**NEWS** : enemy has not invaded the Station precincts in anything like the force of  
 -----: other years, but that the onslaught has been severe none the less. The  
 attack has been fairly well distributed all along the line, and certainly no one  
 can complain of having been ignored. The insect zoo continues to draw all ages,  
 sizes, and colors like a magnet; the rose exhibit fulfills the prophecy that it  
 would be one of the high spots in the Station exhibits; smelling the test tubes in  
 the legume inoculant exhibit starts things going there; the bulletins are sought  
 after almost too much for these days of limited printing funds; the sickly and the  
 healthy beans stimulate conversation on bean troubles in general; the truly  
 colossal exhibit of vegetable varieties awes the back yard gardeners who knows his  
 vegetables as just "punkins"; they just simply cannot believe that the frozen  
 fruits are as cold as the thermometer shows them to be; the tempting plates of  
 fruits and especially the attractive fruit basket are too much for many who pass  
 thru the exhibit and a constant watch has to be maintained to save enough of the  
 fruit to last thru the week; organic matter in soils must be important from the  
 number of inquiries the demonstration on this subject brings forth; sauerkraut may  
 not be as universally popular as catsup with the ladies who visit the Fair, but  
 certainly pointers on making sauerkraut are much sought after this year; dairy  
 farmers, and others, spend considerable time surveying the summer and winter scenes  
 depicted in the dairy exhibit to show why milk fat tests vary; the milk control  
 laboratory is generally surrounded three deep; the nitrate apparatus, "movies" and  
 other features of the Inspection exhibit receive their share of attention; while  
 the old nag who spends the entire day on the race track in pursuit of the carbona-  
 ted cider, together with the illuminated fruit juices, is a winner despite his  
 handicaps; and finally, the purely decorative effects are voted unanimously a  
 distinct improvement over anything attempted in previous years.

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 -----: We had hoped to announce the complete recovery of Dr. Dahlberg this  
**STILL AT** : week, but according to reports it will be necessary for him to  
**HOME** : postpone his return to his desk for a little time longer.  
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**A LONG** : The Kertesz' and the Kelly's motored to Toronto this last weekend.  
**WEEK-END** :  
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**A NEW** : Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Horsfall and little Margaret will find them  
**HOME** : at 231 Lafayette Avenue, the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs.  
 -----: Sipple. The Horsfall's moved from 620 Castle Street within the week.

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**BACK AT** : Miss Darrow and Miss Lee reported for duty this week after vaca-  
**WORK** : tions spent in New York and Pittsburgh, respectively.  
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**REALLY SAW** : While most of us at the Station were rejoicing over our splendid  
**IT** : view of the recent eclipse, two members of our staff had special  
 -----: vantage points. Dr. Conn from his summer place in the White  
 Mountains tells us of a very fortunate position and the consequent brilliant  
 spectacle which he witnessed, and Mr. Hansen, who had made the trip to New Hampshire  
 on purpose, was not disappointed as some were in the eclipse they had traveled far  
 to see.

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**A LITTLE** : Dr. and Mrs. Hucker are spending a few days with friends in Carbon-  
**TRIP** : dale, Penna.  
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**A PROUD** : Mr. Brown wears a broader smile and whistles a livelier tune as  
**GRANDFATHER** : he delivers the mail these days. He tells us the reason for all  
 -----: this is that he has a fine new grandson.

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