

# The Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

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THE GARDEN : The April meeting of the Geneva Garden Club is to be held at 8:00 p.m.  
CLUB AGAIN :  
-----: Thursday in the Woman's Building and will be featured by a talk by

Miss Lua A. Minns of the Department of Floriculture at Cornell on "Table Decorations".

An invitation to hear Miss Minns has been extended by the Garden Club to members of the Woman's Club, and a good attendance is anticipated. The Garden Club, under the direction of its new president, Dr. Ward of Hall, has made an auspicious start for the 1929 season. In view of the uncertainties of spring weather in Geneva and of past experience, the "Early Spring Flower" show of the past two seasons will give way to a tulip show which will usher in the 1929 flower shows. Of course, it is too early to say just when this first show will be held, but in all probability it will come the latter part of next month.

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A FICKLE : Records kept by the Horticultural Division reveal that with respect  
SEASON : to fruit bud development at least, the present season is three weeks  
-----: ahead of 1928. In spite of the consistently higher temperatures,  
however, outside work on the Station plats is at least two weeks behind last year. April showers are largely responsible for the delay, and at this writing show little prospect of a let up.

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INTRODUCING : Mr. Thomas J. Potts, a graduate student in the Chemistry Department  
MR. POTTS : at Cornell, has been given a temporary appointment in the Inspection  
-----: Laboratory and has entered upon his duties here.

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"BILL" WALSH : Mr. Walsh has set the pace in 1929 vacations, and is now on his month's  
VACATIONING : leave of absence. Some one has said that a vacation is a change of  
-----: occupation, and to give the truism a thoroughgoing test, Bill is lab-  
oring in the filtration plant of the City of Auburn, while "the family" is at Mrs.  
Walsh's home in Syracuse.

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BRAWN MEETS : Brawn, the big police dog that accompanies Mr. Bowers to and from work,  
WITH ACCIDENT : suffered a broken leg when he was struck by a Rochester & Eastern  
-----: traction car in front of the triple house Monday. It is believed that  
the fracture can be reduced, however, and it is planned to take Brawn to the Veter-  
inary College at Ithaca for treatment.

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ADOPT MARQUARDT : Word comes from Mr. Dahlberg in Urbana, Illinois, that the Dry Milk  
METHOD : Institute of Chicago has just recently published approved methods  
-----: for the analysis of dry milk and skim milk. Among these methods is  
one devised some years ago by Mr. Marquardt for determining the solubility of these  
products, one of the most important properties of milk powder.

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MRS. MOORE : Mrs. Grace J. Moore returned to her home in Old Town, Maine, last  
RETURNS HOME : night, following a visit of several weeks with her son "Mid" and  
-----: his family.



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ELECTED TO : On March 26 last, Mr. Dahlberg was initiated into the University of  
GAMMA SIGMA : Illinois chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agricultural research  
DELTA : society "in recognition of unusual achievements in research work." Mr.  
-----: Dahlberg's election to Sigma Xi has already been noted.

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SOME VISITORS: About twenty students from the State school of agriculture at Coble-  
-----: skill visited the Station last Friday.

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ROAD WORK : Work on the new road through the Station grounds, which will eventually  
PROGRESSING : connect Castle Street with Pre-emption Road, has shown considerable  
-----: progress during the past few weeks. Every week also sees further  
steps toward the beautification of the grounds, probably the most noticeable just at  
present being the continuation of the barberry hedge on Castle Street further north  
past the Director's residence.

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PARKING BACK : The planting of ornamentals around Jordan Hall is going forward rapid-  
OF : ly. Provision has been made for parking of automobiles back of the  
JORDAN HALL : building, and Dr. Hedrick requests that every one in Jordan Hall who  
-----: drives to work park in the rear of the Hall in order to relieve by  
that much the overcrowding across the road.

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PLANT PATHOLOGISTS: The last issue of Experiment Station Record carries an announce-  
PLEASE TAKE NOTE : ment to the effect that the Institute for the Promotion of Agri-  
-----: cultural Economics of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, offers  
a prize of 100,000,000 reis, said to be equivalent to \$55,555, to the discoverer of  
the etiology of the mosaic of sugar cane and an efficient and practical means of com-  
bating or preventing it.

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"FUNDAMENTAL" : If any one on the Staff has not yet read the refreshing remarks  
RESEARCH AT STATE : by Dean E. M. Freeman of the College of Agriculture, University  
EXPERIMENT STATIONS : of Minnesota, in Science for March 29, on "The Agricultural  
-----: Experiment Station--an Institute for Fundamental Research in  
Rural Affairs", the few minutes that the article requires would be well worth while.  
Venturing a few pithy paragraphs on "fundamental" research, which he says has come to  
take the place of "pure science" as opposed to "applied science", Dean Freeman asks,  
"Is there anything really grotesque in the idea of a state agricultural experiment  
station functioning as an institute for fundamental research?" He believes not and  
concludes as follows:

"I believe an agricultural experiment station should engage in solving the  
practical problems of agriculture; I believe that it should render real  
service to agriculture and thus to the whole people; I believe that it  
should extend its knowledge to all the people by every legitimate method;  
and last, but not by any means least, I believe that it should contribute  
generously to the investigation of those deeper problems which lie at the  
bottom of our present knowledge in every field of agriculture. Then, in-  
deed, will it be able to render the greatest possible service to agricul-  
ture through a more profound knowledge and a more fundamental solution  
of practical problems. Then will it be secure in its conviction that  
its numerous and ever-branching streams of extension activity flow from  
a deeper and clearer source of knowledge. Then, and only then, may it  
lay claim to its proper title as an Institute for Fundamental Research  
in Rural Affairs."

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MISS SHAUL : Word has been received by her friends in Geneva that Miss Hilda  
GOING TO : Shaul is planning to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Van Slyke,  
HAWAII : in Hawaii, returning to this country in the fall to take up new work  
-----: in Pittsburgh, Pa.