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MR. MOHR TO : Mr. Mohr, florist at the Station for the past several years and in
LEAVE :
THE STATION : charge of the Station greenhouses, has tendered his resignation to
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take effect September 1 to go into commercial work at Newark, N. Y. Mr. Mohr has
joined forces with Mr. Spalteholz to take over the extensive greenhouses of Mr. Ar-
thur Bebb in the fall, and will engage in the wholesale and retail production of cut
flowers, potted plants, etc., etc. We regret to note the termination of Mr. Mohr's
official connection with the Station, but with his close proximity to Geneva we shall
doubtless see something of the Mohrs from time to time. That they have the whole-
hearted wish of all of those at the Station for the success of this new venture goes
without saying.

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SIGMA XI : Among the seventy-odd graduate students and members of the faculty
ELECTS :
-----: elected to membership in the Cornell chapter of Sigma Xi was Mr. Carl
S. Pederson to whom we extend congratulations. Another newly elected member known to
many at the Station is J. R. Furr, the gentleman with the pronounced southern accent
who spent a summer here with the Fruit Testing Association.

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DAIRY HERD : Prof. C. L. Allen of the Department of Animal Husbandry at Cornell,
JUDGED :
-----: and his advanced class in stock judging, comprised of upperclassmen
in the College of Agriculture, visited the Station last Friday to judge classes of
Jersey cows and heifers in the Station herd.

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DISCUSSES : Mr. W. K. Chalker of the Wayne County Cheese Company of Clyde, N. Y.,
CHEESE AND :
ICE CREAM : spent two days in the Dairy Laboratory last week, discussing cheese
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and ice cream problems under study here.

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MRS. HEDRICK : Mrs. Hedrick is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Guy Green, in Pittsburgh,
IN PITTSBURGH:
-----: where Prof. Green holds a position in the English Department of the
University of Pittsburgh.

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THE FIRST : The Geneva Garden Club expects to begin the 1929 flower shows with a
FLOWER SHOW :
-----: tulip exhibit the week of May 27, probably Monday and Tuesday of that
week. Mr. J. B. Scott, a commercial grower near Corfu, has consented to give such
time as may be required to judge the show and will give a brief talk on tulip culture
and varieties the first evening of the show.

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THE NEW : The Station has embarked on anew and interesting project under the imme-
PINETUM : diate supervision of the Entomology Division with Mr. Gambrell in
-----: charge of the planting of ornamental evergreens, which has been set out
in the plot of ground between the Stewart and Wheeler residences on Castle Street.
The primary purpose of the project is to develop spray and dust practices for the
control of the important insect pests of ornamental evergreens which will be as ef-
fective and as safe as the standard protective measures developed for fruit trees.
It is expected, also, that the collection will eventually have considerable value as
a representative group of ornamentals, and already some rare specimens have been re-
ceived. The planting has been laid out with an eye to an attractive landscape ar-
rangement as well as to the use of the material for experimental purposes.

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WHERE THE : Along with this new undertaking of Mr. Gambrell's, the activities of
MONEY IS : the Entomology Division have been further amplified by the special
GOING : appropriations voted by the Legislature, some of which were made imme-
-----: diately available, for work with oriental fruit moth, the codling moth,
the leaf roller, and the bud moth. Mr. Daniel is particularly concerned with the
oriental fruit moth, and is attacking the problem from the angle of control by para-
sites and tests with insecticides. An interesting phase of the oriental fruit moth
problem is that this pest has proved peculiarly susceptible to parasites, commercial
control having been obtained by this means in New Jersey where the fruit moth first
assumed serious proportions. Since it is most difficult to combat with insecticides,
the parasites offer a promising substitute. At present Mr. Daniel has embarked on an
intensive campaign to develop large numbers of parasites both here and at Fredonia
which will be released later in the season. He is also collecting and breeding para-
sites of other important insect pests of fruit. The new appropriations have also
enabled Mr. Harman to expand his work with the bud moth, the leaf roller, and the
codling moth. Much of this work is located in the western part of the State in cen-
ters of heavy infestations of these particular pests, hence Mr. Harman's frequent
trips into Orleans, Wayne, and Monroe Counties. The control of these pests depends
largely upon timeliness and thoroughness of treatment, and of course, on the use of the
proper insecticide. Mr. Harman's chief problem is to determine the most effective
and safest material to recommend and to study the life histories of the insects to
determine the critical time of application. Most of the difficulties encountered in
controlling the codling moth in the past were found to be due to mistaken ideas as
to the life history of the insect in western New York with the result that the sprays
were being applied much too early to control the pest. This has been corrected on
the strength of Mr. Harman's experiments with marked success. He is also studying
the infestation of cold storage plants by the codling moth and other problems inci-
dental to his main projects.

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MR. HOAG : Following several weeks' recuperation from injuries sustained in a fall
BACK : from a ladder in the auditorium in Jordan Hall, Mr. Hoag has again re-
-----: sumed his duties as caretaker of the Administration Building.

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TO HEAR : Several members of the Staff are planning to attend a lecture by Dr.
DR. BAILEY: L. H. Bailey at Ithaca Thursday afternoon, to be followed by a dinner
-----: in Dr. Bailey's honor that evening.

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BILL'S TROUT: A beautiful rainbow trout, mounted and exhibited in the show window of
-----: one of the sporting goods stores downtown, testifies to the skill of
"Bill" Harman as an angler. The "cooler" in the Dairy Division, which has been men-
tioned before, was again put to use to preserve Bill's trout until it could be pre-
pared for mounting.

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STILL ANOTHER: Having been caught in the same place ourselves, altho without the
COOLER : welcome aid of a rescuer, we can appreciate the story that is going
-----: around just now of how Will Lydon was marooned in the top of the ice
house when the ladder blew down on one of the recent windy days, and of how his
shouts carried above the rush of the wind and brought Mr. Hornbeck to the rescue,
thus saving Will from having to perform the human fly act which proved to be the
only way out in our case, but for which we have never received due credit.