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THE STATE FAIR opens Saturday, September 12, just four weeks from next Saturday. Since the public will be admitted on the opening day at half-price, and since a special racing program has been provided which will probably draw a big crowd, practically all of the divisions at the Station are planning to complete work on their exhibits by noon the opening day. Sunday is also to be an open day, we regret to hear, but in all probability the Station exhibit can be cared for by one or two attendants. The attention of those who may need help from the sign painter is again called to the limited time now left for completing work of that sort.

THE NEWSPAPERS have been carrying a story recently about the troubles of the New Jersey Experiment Station. It seems that on an outlying part of the College farm some experiments have been under way for the past four years with special strains of corn. The plots were nicely marked with stakes and the corn had just reached the roasting ear stage when some boys conceived the idea of a corn roast. The stakes served as excellent fuel for the fire and the corn was harvested without the aid of the Station authorities and without the formality of recording plot yields, etc. Dr. Lipman, Director of the Station, refrained from pressing charges against those of the boys who were apprehended upon receiving assurance from the parents that it would not happen again.

MRS. HENING left last Thursday with her mother and father for a brief visit with her grandparents in Canada. She is expected back home the latter part of the week, while her parents will continue on to their home in Minnesota.

THE CORNELL Summer School is in its last week and the Station students, including Miss Alice Breed, Mr. Streeter, and Mr. Robertson, will soon return to our midst.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN for August 8 devotes its entire editorial page to the subject of "Research In A Rut" which every experiment station worker should read, if for no other reason than that it gives us a glimpse of how others view us, whether or not we agree with the point of view of the writer. The editorial is too long to quote here, but the following excerpts show the trend of the article :

"Agricultural research is in a rut. No doubt it has suffered for lack of funds, but it is suffering more because of too much inbreeding. It lacks the fresh, outside, business viewpoint; it has become standardized and professionalized. Each worker is confined within horse-high and bull-tight fences because of his specialized training and by that professional jealousy which prevents a worker in one lot from even peeking over the wall to see what his neighbors are doing..... The extension people were right when they said they had nothing new to give the farmers in their emergency. The research men had not been thinking about agriculture in a large way. They were engaged in scientific research for its own sake, each worker plugging along faithfully in his little groove, hoping some day to write a bulletin about what he had done.... Agricultural research has

done some great things, it is true, especially in the control of diseases and pests, but it has frittered away a lot of time and money on duplication and upon little things. It has not kept in mind that its reason for existence is to make agriculture more prosperous..... With more money available agricultural scientists have an opportunity to assume a new leadership. But to achieve this they will have to get out of old ruts, take a new survey of their field, correlate their efforts, and direct them toward specific ends. They need to bring in some outside blood, men with new and fresh points of view. Inbreeding in science leads to degeneracy as surely as it does in animal breeding. A few engineers and a few business men to help direct research work would liven things up tremendously."

THE BASEBALL DOPE

WITH Pederson pitching in top form and with air-tight support in the field, the Administration team turned back the Service team for its first defeat of the season last Thursday afternoon. The score follows:

Service	0 2 0 3 1 0 0 -- 6
Administration	5 1 0 3 1 0 x -- 10

Runge and Backus and Lucey; Pederson and Yale.

THE POSTPONED game between the Chemists and the Biologists was played off on Friday with the latter coming out on the long end of a 12 to 10 score. The score by innings was as follows:

Biology	6 2 0 2 1 0 1 -- 12
Chemistry	1 1 2 2 1 3 0 -- 10

Hening and Pederson, and Pederson and Hopkins; Shriner and Lucey.

BY DEFEATING the Service team in a fast game yesterday, the Biologists took the lead in the League. Backus and Pederson divided pitching honors, until the sixth inning when a hit batter, two errors, and five hits resulted in a total of six runs which proved more than enough to decide the issue. The score by innings follows:

Service	3 5 0 0 0 0 0 -- 8
Biology	5 0 0 0 3 6 x -- 14

Backus and Lucey; Pederson and Harman.

GAME TOMORROW-- Administration vs. Chemists. Next Tuesday, Chemists vs. Service.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

	Won	Lost	P.S.
Biology	3	1	.750
Service	2	2	.500
Administration	1	2	.333
Chemists	1	2	.333