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THE MARCH STAFF meeting was featured by a brief discussion of a proposed photographic record of the Staff and some comments on Station correspondence. The matter of photographing each member of the Staff and preparing a brief biographical and academic record to accompany the photograph, the whole to comprise an official record, was outlined by Mr. Stewart. Definite action was deferred until a special Staff meeting set for March 18, when more time could be devoted to the consideration of the proposition. A committee composed of Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hucker, and Dr. Anderson was appointed to present the matter in some definite form at this special meeting. Mrs. E. E. Clayton, wife of Dr. Clayton, plant pathologist at the Long Island Research Laboratory, has outlined a plan for making such a record along the lines followed at other institutions. Mrs. Clayton is now engaged in preparing a similar record at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York City.

Mr. Hall gave an interesting review of answers to a questionnaire he submitted to members of the Staff regarding Station correspondence. The amount of time devoted to answering letters, the volume of correspondence handled at the Station, suggestions regarding the ways in which correspondence could be made more effective, etc., were discussed briefly. Some correspondence from Mr. Collingwood of the Rural New-Yorker was read, and the possibilities of service thru correspondence emphasized. When asked for definite instances of failure to meet adequately requests for information sent to the Station, Mr. Collingwood was able only to generalize on impressions he had gained from letters sent to him by some of his readers. Probably, tho, there is something to be gained from giving the matter of letter writing special thought.

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THE ENTIRE Station group extends its sincere sympathy to Arthur Clark and his family in their great sorrow.

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MEMBERS of the Staff who knew the late Prof. S. A. Beach will be interested to know that his son, Frank H. Beach, had recently been made horticultural editor for THE NATIONAL STOCKMAN AND FARMER, one of the leading agricultural papers of the country. Mr. Beach is extension specialist in horticulture at Ohio State University.

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MR. DAHLBERG recently informed the NEWS that the dairy herd is now an accredited herd. This means that the herd has successfully passed two tests for tuberculosis twelve months apart without a single animal reacting. These tests were made under the supervision of a competent veterinarian, and the last test was made last December.

THE MAILING DEPARTMENT is sending out four bulletins this week as follows:

Technical No. 97, on spore-forming bacteria in the soil, by Dr. Joffe and Dr. Conn.

Technical No. 98, on bacteria in milk as related to dairy utensils, by Dr. Whiting.

Bulletin No. 505, on the work of the seed testing laboratory, by Mr. Munn and Miss Hopkins.

and Bulletin No. 505, on factors affecting the popping of popcorn, by Mr. Stewart.

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MRS. HEDRICK, who underwent a serious operation at the Geneva City Hospital early this week, is reported as resting comfortably.

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THE FOLLOWING new books have been added to the Station Library since the last report in the NEWS.

Experimental Pollination,	Clements
Manual for Spraying,	Cockerham
George Washing,	Farmer, Haworth
Cultivated Evergreens,	Bailey
Manual of Cultivated Plants,	Bailey
Birds of West Virginia.	

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THE HOUSING SHORTAGE among members of the Station Staff has been somewhat relieved, for the present at least, by the purchase of a house on West Street by Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and the acquisition of new quarters on Brook Street, by Dr. Rankin and his family.

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WORD HAS BEEN received from Mr. Shear that he has moved his family from Highland to Poughkeepsie in order to be in closer touch with the new laboratory at Vassar College.

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A T L A S T ! Dr. Anderson and Mr. Nabenhauer are receiving the congratulations of fellow-chemists, particularly Dr. Carpenter and Mr. Streeter, on the installation of new tables and sinks in their laboratory. An order was placed for the new material long before Christmas, the old equipment being torn out in the meantime, leaving the Biochemical Division practically homeless.

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