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MRS. STEWART returned yesterday from a trip to Poughkeepsie and New York where she visited her daughter, Charlotte, a student at Vassar, and Harlan, her son, who is employed in New York.

RUMOR has it that Mr. Lawson suffered a broken finger. No details are available but the NEWS is informed that following the removal of the cast he succeeded in breaking the same digit the second time.

THE CHESS players of the Staff plan to get together in the library reading room this evening for the first of a series of chess parties given under the auspices of the Station Club. Dr. Anderson is organizing the group which plans to meet monthly.

MESSRS. MARQUARDT AND CECIL returned Monday from their deer hunting trip to the Adirondacks. There seems to be some question as to who is responsible for the venison brought home as both claim to have fired the fatal shot. Nevertheless, the experience appears to have been thrilling and a more extensive trip is already being planned for next year.

"MILLIE" McGuigan underwent an operation at the General Hospital on Monday morning. It is reported that she is progressing nicely and the NEWS extends its best wishes for a rapid recovery.

DR. THATCHER AND MR. LUCKETT are in Chicago this week attending the meetings of the American Society of Agronomy and the American Association of Land Grant Colleges. They are expected to return the latter part of the week.

THE MAILING force is especially busy mailing bulletins. The following recent publications are being mailed:

- Pop. 524-- A Simplified Milking Machine.
- Tech. 112-- The Micrococci Associated with Dairy Utensils.-- A. H. Robertson.
- Tech. 113-- Viscosity, Surface Tension, and Whipping Properties of Milk and Cream-- A. C. Dahlberg and J. C. Hening.
- Forty-fourth Annual Report.
- Comp. Bul. No. 512-- Control of the Cabbage Maggot in the Seedbed.--Hugh Glasgow.
- " Bul. No. 527-- Susceptibility to Dust and Spray Mixtures of the Pear Psylla-- F. Z. Hartzell.
- " Bul. No. 528-- The Amended New York Seed Law and Seed Testing.--M. T. Munn.
- " Bul. No. 529-- Investigations on the Control of Pear Psylla.-- F. G. Munding.
- " Bul. No. 530-- Composition and Cost of Commercial Feeding Stuffs in 1924.-- A. W. Clark, W. F. Walsh, M. P. Sweeney, and M. G. Moore.

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THE STATION herd has just been augmented by the addition of a two year old bull purchased from Mr. Curtis of Jamestown, New York, a noted Jersey breeder. Among other honors this young animal was champion two-year old at the New York State Fair in 1925, ranked fifth at the recent National Dairy Show and was first at the Brockton Fair. Last year he was also the champion yearling at the State Fair.

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MR. MARQUARDT is nursing a painful cut on his right hand.

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IN COMMON with all publications the NEWS receives anonymous letters and one such is attached as a supplement. The NEWS refuses to enter into any controversy over simplified spelling but it has been suggested that such a topic may well be "discusst at the nekst staf meeting".

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WHAT MORE could he say, except possibly to name the particular "book" in which he was interested:

"Without cost or obligation on my part please send me one of your free book which I am very interested for it." -- A letter from the Philippine Islands received recently by the Mailing Department.

Editor of the "Station News":

Sir: In "Suggestions Regarding the Preparation of Manuscripts for Station Bulletins" the Station Editor says: "The Standard Dictionary will be used as an authority for spelling", etc.

The Standard Dictionary (p.12) says: "In the spelling of words this dictionary generally prefers the simpler form when two ways of spelling the same word are used by acknowledged authorities. In its efforts to help in the simplification of spelling it is conservative while favoring progress along the lines of reform agreed upon almost unanimously by the leading philologists of America and England".

According to the writer's interpretation of the above our Circular No. 82 (only ten pages) contains 23 misspelled words, viz., nourished, published, called, blackened, cooked, stuffed, encountered, addressed, wrapped, packed, noticed, expelled, swallowed, increased, mentioned, obtained, discerned, covered, colored, gummed, preserved, walled, and attached.

We think the Station Editor should be required to show cause why he should not be restrained from violating his own rule and wasting State money on the printing of unnecessary letters.

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