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THE MARCH Staff meeting will be held next Monday, March 7, at 4:00 o'clock.

Dr. Hedrick will tell of some of his experiences on his recent trip to Europe.

WORD has been received from Mr. Churchill that he expects to arrive in Geneva next Sunday. Mr. Churchill has been spending the past few months with his daughter in California.

PROF. Chas. F. Plumb, formerly a member of the Station Staff and for many years Professor of Animal Husbandry at Ohio State University, is scheduled to give a radio talk on "Bells" over WLS at Chicago in the near future. Prof. Plumb has travelled extensively in this country and abroad and has made an unusual collection of different types of bells used on livestock in various parts of the world.

DR. THATCHER has recovered sufficiently from his recent indisposition to make his usual trip to Ithaca where he spent yesterday and today. He expects to go to Wayland tomorrow for a speaking engagement.

GOV. SMITH has signed the general appropriation bill which carries the Station budget. Details of the bill will be given later. Other measures in which the Station is directly concerned are still waiting final action by the Legislature.

MR. MARQUARDT is attending the eighteenth annual meeting of the Western New York Butter and Cheese Makers' Association in Cuba. He will present a review of the Station investigations on the manufacture of cream cheese.

SEVERAL members of the Staff are participating in a "short course" for the field men of the New York State canners at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca this week. Those taking active part in the program are Mr. Sayre, Dr. Jones, Dr. Glasgow, and Dr. Hedrick.

TWO reports from the College of Agriculture have just been received in the Library. One the Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the College and the Cornell Experiment Station and the other First Annual Report of the new College of Home Economics.

MR. HARTZELL is in Hector today attending a farmers' institute.

MR. PRICKETT has been making a study of contamination in pasteurized milk in certain Buffalo milk plants caused by heat-resistant bacteria in the pasteurizing machinery.

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MR. AND MRS. DAYTON take the "leads" in "The Rosary" to be given tonight at the Methodist Church under the auspices of the young people's organizations of the Church. The curtain "rises" at 7:45.

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THE CANNER and the CANNING AGE, two of the leading magazines of the canning industry, have reprinted in full in recent issues Station Bulletin No. 538 on spoilage in catsup by Mr. Pederson and Dr. Breed.

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DR. H. C. YOUNG, who recently worked on a sulfur fellowship at this Station and is now botanist at the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster, has been elected president of the Ohio Phytopathological Society.

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ACCORDING to reliable information reaching this office, the Entomology Department is confronted with a major project in the elimination of large numbers of cockroaches infesting the Biology Building. Opinions differ as to the origin of the infestation and the factors which contribute to its flourishing condition, but mention of the subject immediately calls forth numerous ingenious explanations of the outbreak and suggestions for the suppression of the pests.

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MENTION in last week's NEWS of the fecundity of field mice and the devastation wrought by them has brought to light several benefactors to humanity in the Station ranks, at least so it would appear from the accounts one hears. One of the distinguished members of the Horticultural Department, for example, estimates that single-handed he has accounted for at least 1,000,000 of the troublesome rodents, meaning that he killed two mice in the "mouse-proof" corn crib in which was stored part of the efforts of his researches during the past season. Not only had these unlucky mice found a way into the "mouse-proof" crib where quantities of popcorn were stored, which must have seemed a mouse paradise indeed, but they had succeeded in climbing the sides of the crib and releasing a tray full of beans which had been suspended from the top of the crib by the simple process of gnawing thru the string that held the bean rack in place. Thus, varying their diet with beans and corn, they were prepared to fulfill the destiny of all mice when they were brutally assaulted and dispatched amid much pounding of sticks and shouting of directions from those outside the crib to the valiant one who had ventured in to make the crib safe for popcorn and beans. Unfortunately, a third little rascal escaped thru a tiny opening, and is undoubtedly relating his adventures with great glee to the other Station mice.