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THE FIRST flower show has been voted a success. In spite of a lack of flowers in many gardens and rather unseasonable weather, the display is full of color and variety, and, as a first attempt, makes a very creditable showing. In addition to shrubs and flowers from the Station grounds, there are 98 entries made by 28 exhibitors. Briefly, there are 18 entries for table decorations, 31 in the narcissus classes, 20 tulip entries, 25 miscellaneous items, and 4 flowering shrubs. Also, attractive displays have been made by the Geneva Floral Company, S. H. Merrill, W. & T. Cass, and Trautman & Smith which add much to the general effect. Over 200 people visited the exhibit last night. It will remain open until 9:00 o'clock this evening. Mr. Van Eseltine, as chairman of the committee in charge, is to be congratulated on inaugurating what promises to be a popular and worth while enterprise.

SIR JOHN RUSSELL, Director of the Rothamsted Experiment Station, gave two lectures yesterday and will be heard again today at the College of Agriculture on the work of the Rothamsted Station and on agriculture in England. Members of the Staff who attended some or all of these lectures include Dr. Thatcher, Mr. Collison, Mr. Mensching, Mr. Harlan, Mr. Tukey, Mr. Van Alstyne, and Mr. Wellington.

DR. THATCHER spent three days last week in New York City in conference with Mr. Chas. L. Pack, who recently established a research fellowship in forest soils at Cornell, on the appointment of a prospective candidate for the fellowship, and in attendance on the annual meeting of the North Eastern Station Directors.

MR. H. K. BALL, District Freight Agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, called at the Station last week to gather material for a discussion of the work of the Station at a general meeting of all Pennsylvania Railroad district agents to be held in Harrisburg on May 19.

THE DAIRY Division calls attention to a change in distributing the morning's milk which goes into effect immediately. Hereafter the morning's milk will be dipped out in the basement at 11:30 A.M., and it is requested that all pails be left in the basement.

THE ANNUAL Spring Meeting of the Central New York State Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists is to be held at Lyman Hall, Syracuse University, next Saturday. The entire Bacteriological Division will make the trip to Syracuse for the meetings. Mr. Pederson and Mr. Prickett are on the program and Miss Thatcher will explain and demonstrate an improved technic for spore staining.

A BRIEF popular account of Dr. Anderson's work on the chemical composition of the tubercle bacilli at Yale University appears in the "Science News" section of the May 6 issue of SCIENCE.

MISS Thatcher and Dr. Conn will attend the sessions of the American Medical Association in Washington next week where they will exhibit and demonstrate biological steins.

DR. A. V. Tolstouhov of the King's County Hospital Laboratory called on Dr. Conn last week to discuss staining technic.

MISS HOGAN last week again won first place in the Geneva TIMES ad writing contest, also the additional prize given by the Loan Association.

AN OUTDOOR insectary is being erected by the entomologists south of the dairy barn. Speaking of things entomological, a large and very active consignment of tent caterpillars broke loose in the mail the other day and soon overran the mail boxes.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VEGETABLE DIVISION of the Horticultural Department attempted to enter flower stalks of the rhubarb in the flower show but met with little encouragement from the management. Mr. Churchill's dandelions were allowed to remain, however.

SEVERAL "hints" on parking have been received since mention of the subject in last week's NEWS. Blocking of the Station driveways is suggested as one of the worst features of the present "system".

A TRIP to Potter Swamp was participated in by five of the "Explorers" last Sunday who were joined by Mr. Hall in a bird hunt. Mr. Hartzell brought his list of species seen this season to 87. Other high lists among Station folks include Miss Horton's 69 and Miss Brennan's 43.

AT A RECENT indignation meeting (assistants not invited) it was the unanimous opinion that the assistants had not sensed the real baseball situation at the Station. It was felt that men with more mature judgment would not have posted a general baseball challenge to the remainder of the Staff, unjustly intimating superiority in that endeavor. It was conceded that a gross error had been made and that, that subject while debatable could only be satisfactorily proven by a series of 3 games using indoor rules and regulations. After a prolonged and heated discussion representatives were finally appointed to make further arrangements. At the time of adjournment the entire ensemble was confident that sufficient scientific data would be accumulated during the 3 games (eliminating the probable error) to lead to but one conclusion.