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THE GLADIOLI Show, the fourth in the series of flower shows sponsored by the Station, will be the center of attraction at the Station tomorrow and Friday. If the interest already displayed in the exhibit is any indication of public sentiment, this should prove to be the best show yet. Several visitors called at the Station yesterday under the impression that the show opened on Tuesday, and intentions to exhibit have been heard on all sides. While the show is to be essentially a "glad" show, classes have been provided for summer annuals and perennials that may be available at this time. Emphasis is being placed on special arrangements of these flowers alone and in combination with other kinds, so that the show should offer a wide variety of color and form. Dr. D. C. Carpenter is supervising the gladioli exhibits and will judge the display. Dr. Carpenter will exhibit some of his own flowers, but not in general competition. The show will open to the public at 8:00 o'clock Thursday evening.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS are practically perfected for the Station's farewell party for Dr. and Mrs. Thatcher. The affair will take the form of a dinner at the Geneva Country Club on August 30th at Seven o'clock. Dr. Thatcher expects to return to Geneva on August 29 and to leave with Mrs. Thatcher and Lida for Amherst on Sept. 1.

THE STATE FAIR exhibits will begin to move to Syracuse next Monday, the Station truck making at least one trip to the Fair grounds each day next week. On Monday, Mr. Mohr will go to Ithaca with Mr. Hefferon to collect the evergreens which are to be used in a landscape effect for the center piece of the Station exhibit. This material will be taken direct to the Fair grounds and set up at once. A large quantity of material from the Station greenhouse will also be taken to the Fair, together with the usual fruit and miscellaneous exhibits. Those who are responsible for exhibit material are requested to inform Mr. Luckett as to where their material will be found and when it will be ready for loading.

RECENTLY, Mr. Cecil discovered the Mexican bean beetle in bean fields in the vicinity of North Collins, Erie County, the first conclusive proof that this pest had invaded New York. Mr. Cecil was sent to New York by the U. S. Department of Agriculture two years ago to establish a field station and maintain a watch for the advance guard of what is said to be the worst insect pest of beans in this country. Mr. Cecil is convinced that the bean beetle is now well established in this State, and he is now endeavoring to determine its exact range. Effective control can be obtained with arsenicals and sprays, but it is costly and the applications must be repeated rather frequently for satisfactory results. Mr. Parrott and Mr. Cecil are now on a "scouting" trip in the western part of the State in an effort to determine the exact boundaries of the invasion.

DR. BREED, as President of the Society of American Bacteriologists, attended a conference in Ithaca recently to make plans for the annual meeting of the Society which is to be held in Rochester in December. Dr. Bayne-Jones of the University of Rochester, chairman of the program committee, and Dr. J. M. Sherman of the College of Agriculture, Secretary of the Society, also took part in the conference.

SEVERAL members of the Staff are planning to attend the sessions of the annual meeting of the National Vegetable Growers Association in Syracuse next week. The Station will also have a small exhibit of vegetable varieties. Mr. Hall, Mr. Hawthorn, Mr. Sayre, and Mr. McGinty will participate in the meetings. Mr. Hall has been asked to meet with the Committee on the Standardization of Vegetable Varieties on Monday evening and has been requested to submit what he regards as a satisfactory classification of pea varieties. The meetings and exhibits will be held in the Hotel Syracuse.

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MR. STREETER and Mr. Einset have returned to their duties at the Station after a term of summer school at Cornell.

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MR. AND MRS. Nehrling spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dahlberg. Mr. Nehrling for several years has been a member of the Department of Floriculture at the College and, incidentally, superintendent of the flower exhibits at the State Fair. He has given up his work at the College to enter the commercial field and will be located at Richmond, Ind.

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VACATIONS began recently for George Howe and George Slate of the Horticultural Department and for Arthur Clark of the Inspection Laboratory.

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C. W. MUDGE, Assistant Chemist at the Station from 1899 to 1905, called at the Station last week. Mr. Mudge is now associated with the Standard Oil Company in New Jersey.

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A LONG-DISTANCE visitor to the Horticultural Society meeting last week was Mr. C. Eppler of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. In addition to being a successful fruit grower, Mr. Eppler has also made quite a name as a photographer of wild game in its natural surroundings.

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AN ONTARIO County Boys Club called at the Station Tuesday to judge the Station herd.

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MR. J. W. PEELIE of Rock Stream, N.Y., a prominent dairyman in the State, and Mr. Ben Masurovsky, consulting dairy specialist of New York City were recent visitors at the Station.

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MR. W. D. SYDNOR of Ellerson, Virginia, spent Monday inspecting the Station fruit plantings. Mr. Ellerson is a fruit grower in the Old Dominion and makes an annual pilgrimage to the Station to look over the variety collection here and to see what is new in the way of fruit.

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PROF. Thompson and Prof. Underwood of the Department of Vegetable Gardening at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca were here Monday to examine the work in canning crops and vegetable varieties.

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MRS. C. F. Williams of Lafayette, Indiana, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Luckett.

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MRS. EGGLINTON is entertaining her sister, Miss Livingston.

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DR. AND MRS. Keenan of Stoughton, Wisconsin, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pederson.

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PROF. J. A. FOORD, head of the Department of Farm Management at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, spent some time at the Station recently. Prof. Foord said that M. A. C. people were looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to Dr. Thatcher's coming to Amherst.