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THE STATION Club card party will convene at 8:00 o'clock Friday the 27th, in Jordan Hall. Mrs. Sweeney is in charge and plans are being perfected to provide every kind of a game that the patrons of the evening may desire.

WORD was received last week of the birth of a boy to Mrs. Catharine Oaks Cook, formerly Station Librarian.

THE National Bank of Geneva recently transferred to the Station some old files in their vaults relating to early transactions at the Station. Many of the documents are of considerable historical interest, notably the letter from the Board of Control to Dr. Peter Collier, offering him the position as Director of the Station at the munificent salary of \$2,500 per year "with house and vegetables", and Dr. Collier's letter of acceptance.

THE REPORT on the Agricultural Situation prepared by a special committee of the Land Grant College Association and presented at the meeting of the Association in Chicago last fall is now available in printed form and may be obtained from the Librarian. The Report is quite comprehensive and direct in its treatment of the situation and in suggestions for meeting the farm problem.

DIRECTOR Morrison will attend a meeting of the Agricultural Council of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University at Ithaca next Friday.

DR. JONES received word last week of the death of his mother in Seattle

DR. WALLACE Lund of the International Education Board was a recent visitor to the Bacteriology Division.

BEGINNING next Monday, the Horticultural Division will hold a seminar at 4:00 o'clock each Monday. Mr. Tukey will start the series with a report on the meeting of the Society for Horticultural Science which he attended at Nashville recently. It is rumored that the girls of the Department will serve tea during the deliberations. The Editor hopes to be able to verify this for readers of the NEWS.

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THE STATION is to give official recognition to the term "Superphosphate" in place of "Acid Phosphate", as requested by the National Fertilizer Association and approved by the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, numerous farm paper editors, and practically all experiment stations. The reasons advanced by the fertilizer people for requesting the change is that they meet considerable "sales resistance" in certain sections of the country to the term "acid" phosphate, altho the material is not acid at all. Mr. Collison states that he has adopted the term superphosphate in his correspondence and approves of its use in the Station literature. Dr. Van Slyke has also approved the substitution of the original name of the product for acid phosphate.

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MR. F. J. McAllister of the Kraft Cheese Company was a visitor at the Station yesterday.

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MR. DAHLBERG attended the sessions of the New England Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers at Boston last Thursday, following the meeting of the New York State Dairymen's Association in Albany. Mr. Dahlberg also spent some time at Amherst where he had an opportunity to visit with Dr. Thatcher whom he reports as in excellent spirits.

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IN A recent address Secretary Jardine had the following to say about fundamental research in agriculture:

"The United States stands high in applied science, but its record in pure science is not flattering. It cannot rightly or safely depend upon other countries to furnish the fundamental scientific data, while we merely apply the facts that other people have discovered. It is to the interest of every phase of American life that we should develop fundamental research to a point unsurpassed in the world."

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DR. Cornelius Betten, Director of Resident Instruction at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca and well known to many members of the Station Staff, has been named a member of the group to conduct a survey of the Land Grant Colleges under the auspices of the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior. Dr. Betten's particular task is to make an exhaustive study of every phase of instruction in agriculture in the colleges.

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