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THE JUNE meeting of the Staff with the Dairy Division proved highly instructive and entertaining and once more demonstrated the value of that type of Staff meeting. A demonstration of the activities of the Horticultural Division along in the early fall, about grape harvest time, should afford the Staff an unusual opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the progress in the breeding of new fruits, etc.

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MR. MUNDINGER, entomologist for the Hudson River Valley Fruit Investigations, met with an automobile accident while on official duties recently that badly crippled his Station car but fortunately resulted in no personal injury to himself or the other party. Correspondence with Cornell about the matter of property damage indemnity occasions the following comment from Director Morrison: "The liability insurance carried on Experiment Station automobiles by Cornell University covers merely protections against claims for personal injury or death, and does not cover property damage caused by a Station automobile or property damage caused by some other car to a Station automobile. It has not been the policy of Cornell University to take out insurance covering property damage, since the cost of such insurance on all the automobiles owned by the Institution would greatly exceed the average annual damage claims for property injury."

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MR. JOHN McCollum, a graduate student at Cornell and a former Student of the Oklahoma A. & M. College, has arrived for a three months' period as assistant to Mr. Sayre in the canning crops work.

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Speaking of the Colonel reminds us that Mr. Sayre is the author of a bulletin on Endive just issued by the Illinois Station where the work was done before Mr. Sayre came to Geneva.

MISS Cecelia Corcoran, daughter of "Pat", orchard foreman for the Station, is serving temporarily as a stenographer in the Horticultural Department.

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WE REGRET to note that Mr. Gloyer has received word that Mrs. Gloyer's father, Mr. Sinclair, died last week before Mrs. Gloyer reached her home.

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DEAN and Mrs. Davenport, who now make their home in Michigan, spent a brief time with their daughter, Mrs. Tukey.

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VOLNEY Steele is attending the national Moose Convention in Chicago.

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MR. FRANCIS Harkness and Mr. Earl Maloney, Hobart students, are serving as temporary assistants in the Bacteriology Division.

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MR. LAWSON left last night for a business trip abroad which will keep him until the first of August.

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THE FOLLOWING books have been added to the Station Library since May 1:

Jones' Selective Fertilization.  
Needham, et al., Leaf-mining Insects.  
Vaughn, Poisonous Proteins.  
McFarland, The American Rose Annual.  
Gould's Medical Dictionary.  
Rivers' Filterable Viruses.  
Sherman, Chemistry of Food and Nutrition.  
Lloyd, Muskmelon Production.  
Reychler, Mutation with Orchids.

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AN IRIS Show, the second of the series of flower shows, is set for next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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WRITING on "Scientific Obscurity", Dr. E. E. Slosson, Director of Science Service, who says that it has been his lot for many years to earn his living by translating scientific literature into the "vulgar" tongue, wonders why scientists make it such hard work to read the original language. "I have come to the conclusion," he says, "that the chief reason why scientific literature offer such high resistance to reading is the use of the alternating current instead of the direct in conveying the thought. The writer interposes a negative every few words that reverses the meaning of the sentence. This keeps the reader on the jump." Perhaps this is worth thinking about.

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THE STATION ball team won a rather one-sided contest from a so-called Kiwanis Club team on the Brook Street diamond last Friday evening with a score of 14-2. All that was lacking to make the affair a complete success was a good fight, and that almost materialized. The next game for the Station team is with the American Legion tomorrow evening at Stakoe Park and this will be the first official game of the season. A meeting of the team has been called for 5:00 o'clock this evening in Jordan Hall to perfect the organization of the Station athletes.