

THE 1928 State Fair campaign was officially opened this morning when "Jim" Heffron pulled out with the first load of exhibit material, including, among other things, the now famous "merry-go-round", or revolving pyramid of fruit. This device really promises to add a note of interest to the Station's exhibit with the brightly colored apples and plums which will form the background to the letters "N. Y. Agr. Exp. Sta." to be worked out with fruit of a contrasting color. The pyramid will revolve, according to the best judgement of local engineers, at the rate of about three revolutions per minute. As another decorative feature of the entire exhibit will be a display of ornamental evergreens in a miniature landscape. These features are under the immediate care of Mr. Van Eseltine and Mr. Mohr.

AS HERETOFORE, the fruit exhibit will be one of the chief attractions, altho the earliness of the Fair limits the possibilities of showing a variety of fruit this season. Plums will be the principal display with smaller quantities of apples, peaches, pears, apricots, and nectarines. Mr. Van Alstyne and Mr. Einset will be responsible for the fruit exhibit. Mr. Hall and Mr. Hawthorn are showing collections of varieties of peppers, egg plants, and carrots as their contribution.

PASSING along the exhibit from left to right, one will first encounter "Jim" Harlan with an elaborate array of frosted glass panels which will be illuminated by a system of flashing lights and which will convey to the spectator the essential advantages of legumes in the rotation. Mr. Harlan will also be prepared to make soil acidity tests for State Fair visitors.

THE NEXT exhibit, under the direction of the Editor, will show a number of recent publications on a wide range of subjects which will be dispensed to those who want them. An opportunity will also be afforded those who so desire to have their names placed on the Station mailing list.

THE ENTOMOLOGY exhibit comes next with its cage of live insects and collection of important economic pests of fruits, vegetables, and field crops. The electric light work will also be featured in this exhibit. Messrs. Gambrell, Hartzell, and Nixon will be in charge here.

THE GENEVA and York red kidney beans will be the feature of Mr. Gloyer's exhibit, these two new varieties having been developed by him in his efforts to improve the common Wells red kidney. The advantages of the new varieties in yield, disease resistance, and cooking qualities will be stressed.

LAWN making and the care of the lawn, with particular reference to the proper seed mixtures and elimination of common lawn weeds will be Mr. Munn's contribution. Mr. Munn will have actual specimens of lawns made from various seed mixtures as examples of his teachings on the proper seeding of the lawn.

THE Inspection Laboratory, with Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Moore in charge, will show what the Station is doing to protect New York farmers thru the inspection of all fertilizers, feeding stuffs, and insecticides sold in the State. The feeding stuffs exhibit will be located in the Dairy Building, and among other things, will include a collection of by-products from corn, wheat, oats, and barley which enter into the manufacture of human and stock feeds.

MR. STEWART writes that there are 19 in their camp and that the chief excitement recently has been in the capture of two porcupines.

MISS Mildred McGuigan is going to demonstrate to the State Fair visitors the methods used at the Station in testing the dairy glassware used in all the milk plants in the State in making butterfat and bacteriological tests of milk and cream. This exhibit will also be located in the Dairy Building. Mr. Dahlberg has assisted the Department of Agriculture and Markets in putting up a comprehensive dairy exhibit, his contribution consisting of a demonstration of the food value of dairy products.

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RETURNING to the main Station exhibit, the last in the series will be Mr. Pederson's visualization of his work on catsup spoilage. This exhibit attracted so much interest at last year's Fair that it was decided to repeat it in much the same form this year.

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AS ONE other attraction, the Station has procured an automatic Balopticon which will carry a set of seventy slides showing the important lines of work under way at the Station and which will be in continuous operation near the center of the exhibit.

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THE "GLAD" show in Jordan Hall presents a very attractive appearance today. The tables arranged with articles not exceeding ten cents in cost are arousing much interest, while the several commercial displays of gladioli add materially to the show as a whole. The exhibit will be open this evening.

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THE STATE Horticultural Society and the Entomological Congress appeared to enjoy themselves at the Station last week. The Congress brought back to the Station several of its distinguished "alumni", among whom were Messrs. Hodgkiss, Fulton, and MacDeod. Mr. Parker Barnes, a chemist at the Station under Dr. Collier's regime and now with the Sun Oil Company of Philadelphia, was also here with an exhibit of his insecticide. He had many interesting stories of the early days of the Station.

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THE FRUIT growers were particularly interested in the talks by Mr. Smith, representative of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture in London, and by Mr. Thos. Byrd of Winchester, Va. Mr. Byrd paid a very gracious tribute to the Station in acknowledging the benefits to their enterprises from the work carried on here.

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ADDITIONS to the list of vacationists include Miss Fahy and Messrs. Howe, Slate, Streeter, and Walsh.

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H. R. DUNCAN of the Dairy Department of the Tennessee Experiment Station was a recent visitor at the Station.

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DR. JONES, Mr. Gloyer, and Dr. Rankin are taking part in the summer meeting of the American Phytopathological Society in New York City this week. While headquarters are in the city, the assembled scientists start out each day of the three-day session on a tour of some point of interest to plant disease men, including a day at the Boyce Thompson Institute.

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MR. MUNN'S "school" for seed testers met with a satisfying response from the seedsmen of the State, about ten companies sending representatives for all or part of the week.

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DR. BREED and Mr. Yale will assist in the judging of the milk and cream entered at the State Fair. This judging is done on the Friday before the Fair, and takes place at the Onondaga Milk Plant in Syracuse. Dr. Hedrick will act as chief fruit judge as in former years.

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MR. YALE, by the way, has returned to New York State to complete graduate work at Cornell, and will spend some of the time in the Bacteriology Laboratory here.

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MRS. PATCHIN, at 41 Lafayette Avenue, has a room that she would like to rent to a Station man. She states that she would be glad to supply breakfasts and that a garage is available next door.