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INTERESTING accounts of the outstanding features of the scientific meetings in New York City were presented to the Staff at the regular January meeting yesterday by Messrs. Tukey, Stewart, and Parrott. Mr. Tukey reviewed the proceedings of the Society for Horticultural Science; Mr. Stewart told of the sessions of the Potato Association and of the Phytopathologists; and Mr. Parrott outlined the high points in the meetings of the Entomological Society and Society of Economic Entomology. Mr. Stewart also told of a trip to the Boyce Thompson Institute at Yonkers.

DR. HEDRICK designated Mr. Pederson as Staff Secretary for 1929 and appointed the following committees for the year:

Staff Committees for 1929

Library Committee:

R. S. Breed, Chairman
P. J. Parrott
R. C. Collison
G. L. Slate
J. C. Hening

Exhibits Committee

J. D. Lockett, Chairman
G. J. Hucker
J. C. Marquardt
M. P. Sweeney
Olav Einset
M. T. Mann
J. D. Harlan
S. W. Harman

Staff Business Committee

H. B. Tukey, Chairman
R. Wellington
P. A. Hansen

Historical Records Committee

F. C. Stewart, Chairman
F. H. Hall
H. J. Conn
F. Z. Hartzell

STATION activities for the coming week will center chiefly around the winter meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester which opens on Wednesday, January 16. In addition to participation on the program of several members of the Staff, the Station will be represented by an extensive exhibit from the Divisions of Horticulture, Entomology, Botany, including the Seed Laboratory, Agronomy, and Publications. The exhibit will occupy about 250 feet of wall space, and will have as its central feature a fifty-foot rack of the standard varieties of apples. The first load of exhibit material will go over to Rochester Saturday, and all of those who can do so are urged to have their material ready to go on that load. Additional trips will be made Monday and Tuesday, when the fruit will be moved. The Horticultural Society has been most generous in providing a suitable background for the Station exhibits and in cooperating in other ways to make the Station exhibits effective.

THE STATE Nurserymen's Association meets in Rochester tomorrow and the next day when they will discuss the theory and practice of tree growing. Mr. Tukey is on the program tomorrow afternoon to describe the nursery investigations under way here.

THE STATE Dairymen's Association met with the State Breeders Association in Elmira last week, with Dr. Hucker and Mr. Hening representing the Station. Charles Baldwin, of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and well known to many at the Station, was elected President of the Dairymen's Association, and Dr. Breed and Prof. J. D. Brew of the College of Agriculture were elected to membership on the Board of Directors. Dr. Hucker was made chairman of a "Reorganization Committee" for the Association, with several leaders of the dairy industry in the State as members of the committee.

DR. AND MRS. Carpenter are expected to reach Geneva the latter part of this week.

DR. HEDRICK speaks before the Horticultural Society of New York (not to be confused with the New York State Horticultural Society) in Steinway Hall in New York City on Thursday evening of this week.

MR. PARROTT travels to Worcester, Mass., this week to deliver two talks before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The spray specialists of the whole of New England are to meet with the Bay State Horticulturists, and Mr. Parrott is scheduled to tell them of recent developments in the control of the common insect pests of the orchard.

MR. SHEAR and his family have taken up their residence in Geneva for the winter months. Mr. Shear is in charge of the plant disease work in the Hudson River Valley and will return to his duties at Poughkeepsie with the opening of the growing season.

MR. VAN ESELTINE will speak before the Science Club of Keuka College on Thursday evening of this week. His talk will deal chiefly with recent studies on the chromosomes.

THE SICK list of Station folks continues to rise and fall. We are glad to note that Miss Fahy and Mr. Slate are back on the job after a siege with the "flu", while Mrs. Streeter is reported as making good progress following a week's illness.

WORD from Mrs. Conn conveys the information that her mother, Mrs. Mansfield, is making satisfactory recovery following an operation of a week ago. Mrs. Conn may be reached at 21 West Water Street, Wakefield, Mass.

MR. SLATE is speaking before a group of fruit growers at Westfield in Chautauqua County today on the subject of small fruit culture.

THE VEGETABLE Specialists at the Station, Messrs. Hall and Hawthorn, are offering popcorn for sale to fanciers of that delight of winter evenings. Quantities of one pound or more of popcorn on the ear may be obtained in the basement of the Biology Building at nominal cost.

THE MANY friends of the Colonel and Mrs. Sayre will be gratified to learn that the Colonel is on the road to a rapid restoration of his health. Following consultations with specialists in Buffalo, Mr. Sayre is spending the next two weeks in that city for special treatments which are expected to aid him materially in regaining his usual good health. While in Buffalo the Sayres are making their headquarters at 420 Franklin Street.

"JIMMIE" Heffron, the genial driver of the Station truck and general handy man for Station motorists in trouble, is somewhat dubious over the coincidence that he should draw for the license number of his car the same number as his residence on Lyceum Street, namely 113. The "13" is what is troubling Jimmie, but the Editor may be able to reassure him when it is known that for the past two years he has had the good or bad fortune to have a "13" in his license number, but so far has escaped any unpleasant encounters with traffic officers or other inconveniences that beset the driver's path. However, there may be something "in it" after all, and if misfortune does befall during the year at least a good alibi is at hand.

"STURTEVANT HALL". What memories that name must arouse in the minds of those who knew the first Director and with what feelings of appreciation of his services and respect for the man does the present generation of Station workers greet the suggestion from Dr. Hedrick that the "Old Administration Building" be dignified in the future by the above appellation. The building was Dr. Sturtevant's home during the entire period of his term of office as Director and was the scene of his official activities as well. The "younger generation" had dubbed the building "The Pogie", which has the single virtue of brevity, but with the fullness of time the Station's first building has come into its own with a suitable recognition of the part it has played in the history of the institution.