

THE FEBRUARY Staff meeting is to be devoted to "Some Station History" with Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stewart dividing the time between them. The meeting is scheduled for 4:00 o'clock Monday, February 4, in Jordan Hall.

AT 5:30 Monday, or thereabouts, the Station Club will assemble in Jordan Hall for a supper and evening of festivity, with Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorn in charge of the evening's entertainment.

SEVERAL members of the Staff are participating in the Eastern Meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Poughkeepsie this week. These include Mr. Slate and Van Alstyne, who left yesterday to put up the Station's fruit exhibit; Mr. Shear and Mr. Anderson, who labor on Hudson River Valley fruit problems; and Mr. Parrott and Mr. Wellington, who with Messrs. Anderson and Shear, appear on the Program. The Eastern Meeting is a miniature of the Rochester meeting of the Horticultural Society, both with respect to the attendance and the number and size of the exhibits. It is always a very live meeting, however, and attracts from 300 to 500 of the best fruit growers in the State whose interests are centered in the famous fruit districts of the Hudson River Valley.

DR. HEDRICK will be unable to attend the Poughkeepsie meeting since the doctor's orders are keeping him confined to the house for a few days until he recovers completely from his recent severe cold, or "grip", or "flu", or what have you? We are glad to state that he is feeling much better, however. Also, satisfactory reports continue to come from Florida regarding Mrs. Hedrick's recovery from her recent illness.

"JIMMIE" Heffron is substituting for John Brown who is confined to his home with a siege of the prevailing ailment.

APROPOS of the supposed epidemic of "flu", the Official Record of the U. S. Department of Agriculture announces that the Food, Drug, and Insecticide Administration is making a vigorous campaign against preparations widely advertised as preventives or "cures" of influenza, la grippe, pneumonia, etc., on the grounds that the medical profession recognizes no drug or combination of drugs as a preventive or cure for the pesky "flu".

THE BOARD of Trustees of Cornell University last week approved the appointment of Dr. John J. Willaman of the University of Minnesota as head of the Chemistry Division here, effective April 1. Dr. Willaman has been with the University of Minnesota since 1913, and is now professor of plant chemistry at that institution. He has only recently returned from Europe where he spent several months under a fellowship from the International Education Board. Most of his time abroad was spent at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London where he was engaged in a study of the pectins, while a part of his time was devoted to enzyme investigations in Stockholm. Dr. Willaman is married and has two daughters. The Willamans will make their home in the residence formerly occupied by Dr. Van Slyke.

MR. JAMES G. Horsfall was also appointed Associate in Research in Plant Pathology to fill the vacancy created by the resignation last summer of Dr. L. K. Jones. Mr. Horsfall is a native of Missouri, and received his undergraduate training at the University of Arkansas. For the past four years he has been engaged in graduate study at Cornell, where he has completed the requirements for his doctor's degree. He will devote his time to diseases of canning crops and will enter on his duties February 1.

THE STATION Rifle Club held its annual business meeting recently, and among other items of business elected the following officers for the coming year: G. L. Slate, President; Cecil McKay, Vice-president; F. L. Gambrell, Secy-Treas.; and F. Z. Hartzell, Custodian. Under the item of "unfinished business", the Club took up ways and means of bringing delinquent members to a realization of their obligations, particularly with respect to dues payable. It would seem as though a rifle club would have rather potent means of enforcing its demands.

A BILL has been introduced into Congress to authorize an appropriation for the establishment of an experiment station at Iowa State College at Ames to conduct researches into the chemical and physical properties of cornstalks; broom corn stalks; wheat, oats, and flax straw; cottonseed, cotton stalks, and cotton mops; bagasse; and other vegetable products not now largely utilized with the view of developing industrial outlets for these by-products.

SOMETIME ago, the Dairy Farmer, one of the leading dairy papers of the country, set out to name the first ten "Heroes of Dairy History". Officers of the national dairy organizations, editors of dairy papers, and recognized leaders in the commercial dairy world were asked to help make the selection. Obviously, the name of Stephen M. Babcock, one-time member of the Staff here, led all the rest, with Hoard, Eckles, De Laval, McCullom, Pasteur, Haecker, Borden, Henry, and Hunziker in the order named. It is also of interest to note that two other "alumni" of the Station were mentioned by many as outstanding leaders in dairying, namely, Prof. H. H. Wing and Dr. L. L. Van Slyke. The February issue of the Dairy Farmer is to be featured with a story of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Babcock.

WE QUOTE from an editorial in a recent number of the Florist's Exchange:

"Nothing could be truer than the fact pointed out by Mr. Tukey in his report of nursery experiments now under way in New York State that in our endeavors to discover improved methods, we all too often overlook the simple, almost elementary factors that lie nearest us and that are, after all, most easy of accomplishment. This is no criticism of the men who are devoting their time and energy to pioneering in new fields and in seeking real novelties, whether of plant materials or of plant growing methods. But it does indicate the necessity of keeping close to the ground and of constantly scrutinizing suggested scientific improvements in procedure in the light of their relation to established, widely known practices."

AS FURTHER evidence that the Station's fame and name reaches "the ends of the earth" is a letter received just this past week from Pretoria, South Africa, requesting all available recent information on the care and use of milking machines. The request had been prompted by the reading of one of the early Station publications on the subject.

THE LIBRARY has recently entered subscriptions to the American Nut Journal, The Journal of Nutrition, and New Flora and Silva.

"What is it molds the life of man?

The Weather.

What makes some black and others tan?

The Weather.

What makes the Zulu live in trees

With nothing coming to his knees,

While others wrap in furs and freeze?

The Weather."