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THE JANUARY STAFF MEETING : The Staff meeting for this month was held last Monday and was given over to informal reports on the meetings of the various scientific societies held in Des Moines and Ames, Iowa, recently in connection with the sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Parrott told something about the arrangements for the meetings at Des Moines and reviewed briefly the outstanding contributions on the general and special programs presented at the sessions that he attended. Dr. Breed gave a resume of the symposium on virus diseases which was held jointly by the bacteriologists and the plant pathologists and of certain other outstanding papers presented before the Society of American Bacteriologists. Dr. Com confined his remarks largely to a discussion of papers dealing with soil bacteriology and with the legume organisms.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1930 : Director Hedrick announces Staff Committees as follows for 1930:

Library Committee

R. S. Breed, Chairman
P. J. Farrott
W. H. Rankin
G. L. Slate
J. C. Hening
J. J. Willaman

Exhibits Committee

J. D. Lockett, Chairman
G. J. Hucker
J. C. Marquardt
Olav Einset
M. P. Sweeney
M. T. Munn
S. W. Harman
L. R. Hawthorne

Historical Records Committee

F. C. Stewart, Chairman
G. H. Howe
H. J. Conn
F. Z. Hartzell

Staff Business Committee

G. J. Hucker, Chairman
R. Wellington
P. A. Hansen

MEET THE NEW AGRICULTURIST : On the first of January, Mr. Patrick Corcoran fell heir to most of the duties and obligations of Mr. Churchill as general superintendent of the Station farm with the imposing title of "Agriculturist". "Pat's" advancement comes after many years of faithful and efficient service as Orchard Foreman, and his selection for the post is at once popular and logical in view of his many qualifications. "Jack" Steadman, who has been Mr. Corcoran's right-hand man for several years, has been named Orchard Foreman.

MR. GREEN ARRIVES : Mr. E. L. Green, formerly of Washington State College, entered upon his duties as Associate in Research in Chemistry on January 2, and was introduced to the Staff at the meeting Monday.

GOES TO ALBANY : Karl Breitfield, for several years a helper in the Inspection Laboratory, resigned his position here on January 1 to accept an appointment as an inspector with the Dairy and Food Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, with headquarters in Albany. Karl's position here has been filled by Mr. Ralph Stearman who has entered upon his duties in the Laboratory.

DR. LADD TAKEN ILL : Dr. C. E. Ladd, Director of Extension at the State College of Agriculture, was taken suddenly ill last Thursday and was operated upon for appendicitis Thursday night.

THEY HAVE GONE "WEST" : We do not attempt any explanation of the phenomena, but simply note the fact that three former workers at the Station are now enjoying well-earned retirements on West Avenue, namely, Herman Breitfield, Martin Murray, and George Churchill.

JORDANS HERE FOR TEN DAYS : Dr. and Mrs. Jordan are expected to arrive either Friday or Saturday, and will remain for about ten days, with the exception of the time that Dr. Jordan will spend at the meetings of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester. The Jordans will make their headquarters with Dr. and Mrs. Breed.

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VEGETABLE : The annual meeting of the New York State Vegetable Growers Association
MEN MEET : in the Hotel Syracuse tomorrow and Friday will be the occasion of a
-----: visit to that city by Dr. Glasgow, Dr. Horsfall, Mr. Hawthorn, and Mr.
Traphagen. Dr. Glasgow is to appear on the program, while the others will partici-
pate in "round tables", etc., and all hope to absorb much useful information. A
small display of recent Station publications relating to vegetables will be incorpo-
rated in the educational exhibits being arranged by the College of Agriculture.

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A FEW EXTRA: There are a few extra copies of the program for the Rochester and
PROGRAMS : Foughkeepsie meetings of the State Horticultural Society on the Editor's
-----: desk. First come, first served!

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GOOD WORD : Encouraging reports continue to be received about the condition of Mr.
FROM SAYRE : Sayre who underwent an operation in a Norfolk, Nebraska, hospital a day
-----: or two after Christmas. It is to be hoped that the Sayres will be able
to resume their journey back to Geneva before many more weeks.

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INTRODUCING: A Christmas greeting from Dr. and Mrs. "Bill" Wall was accompanied by
LOIS JEAN : an announcement of the arrival just before Christmas of Lois Jean,
-----: weight six pounds plus. Dr. Wall was formerly City Bacteriologist and
now is located in the city hospital at Cortland. We extend our best congratulations!

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MOST UNFOR-: Their many friends were shocked at the lamentable accident that befell
TUNATE : Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney and Patricia last Sunday at the intersection of
-----: Collier Drive and Castle Street. Fortunately, the injuries sustained
by all three are not going to prove serious, altho painful and distressing. It has
long been realized by those who use this new approach to the Station grounds that,
like all left-hand turns on main thorofares, the turn-off of Castle Street into the
Drive is beset with potential dangers, due to the heavy traffic on Castle Street and
the rather fast driving that prevails on the long stretch past the Station grounds.
In fact, many are using Collier Drive as an exit only. It is to be hoped that this
unfortunate experience of the Sweeneys will focus attention on the need for special
caution in approaching this intersection.

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PLEASE : The Dairy Division has asked that tomorrow (Thursday) each pail left for
COMPLY : milk or cream bear the full name of the owner and the amount of milk or
-----: cream wanted. This request is made to aid Mr. Durham in becoming famil-
iar with the ownership of pails and the standing orders that go with each household.
It is suggested by the dairymen that it would greatly facilitate the keeping of the
records on milk distributions if all pails not already marked with the owner's ini-
tials or name were so marked in the near future. At least for tomorrow, please com-
ply with this request.

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COACHES : Eight or ten boys from the local High School spent some time at the Sta-
"JUDGES" : tion yesterday receiving instructions from Mr. Van Alstyne on judging
-----: apples, in preparation for a contest with teams from other high schools
in the State who will enter into a judging contest at the meeting of the State Horti-
cultural Society next week.

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AN AUTHORITY: In addition to his many other accomplishments, our own Mr. Marquardt
ON : has now entered the field of transportation and is a regular contribu-
RAILROADING : tor to Railroad Trainman, one of the important mediums of publication
-----: of the "Brotherhood". We gather from an interview with the gentleman
that he is writing from first-hand knowledge gleaned from the experiences
of his youth, as well as from more mature reflections of recent observations of rail-
roading in this and other parts of the country.

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NURSERYMEN : In this month of meetings the New York State Nurserymen's Association
ALSO MEET : will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Seneca in Rochester next Sat-
-----: urday. Mr. Tukey is expecting to come East for one or two of the ses-
sions, but writes that he will probably be unable to come over to Gene-
va. Mr. Brase will also attend the meetings.

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FROM HONO- : We are indebted to Dr. Van Slyke for a clipping from the Honolulu Star-
LULU : Bulletin which quotes at length from one of the Station's news stories
-----: on Mr. Munn's vegetable seed work, pointing a moral to conditions in
Hawaii from New York's experience.