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ON THE : The eightieth annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society gets under
PROGRAM : way at 10:00 o'clock this morning at Exposition Park, Rochester, and will
-----: continue thru Friday afternoon. Several members of the Staff will take an
active part in the program and the Station is joining forces with the College in a
large educational exhibit which will claim the attention of several other Station men.
On the formal program are the following:

P. J. Parrott, Wednesday A. M., "Spray Problems: In Retrospect and Prospect".

Richard Wellington, Wednesday P. M., "Merits of New Apple Varieties."

D. K. Tressler, Friday A. M., "New Methods of Freezing Fruits and Fruit Juices."

J. M. Hamilton, Friday P. M., "The Development of Apple Scab".

Richard Wellington, Friday P. M., "How New Varieties of Apples are Originated".

The last two talks appear on a special program for boys arranged for Friday afternoon. In addition to the above, Dr. Hedrick has been asked to make a few brief remarks at the 80th anniversary banquet on Thursday evening. Also, thruout the meeting, Dr. Tukey will conduct the famous "Question Box" which is opened up for half-hour periods before and after each of the general sessions. At that time the individual problems of the visiting fruit growers are discussed by specialists from the Station and the College, as well as by other growers. The "Question Box" is supplemented by informal discussions of spray problems led by Mr. Parrott during the noon hour in front of the entomology exhibit. So all in all it is a busy week for those concerned.

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THE : The Station's contribution to the joint exhibit at Rochester includes a
EXHIBIT : fruit rack to which Mr. Jahn contributes much in the way of decorative ef-
-----: fects with flowers and ferns. Mr. Howe is in charge of the rack this year,
with assistance from the side lines contributed by Mr. Van Alstyne who just can't stay
away from a fruit show. Also from the Pomology Division will be an ingenious exhibit
by Mr. Collison and Mr. Harlan illustrating the relationships of fertilizer treatment
to winter injury. (Winter injury, by the way, might be said to be the theme song of
this year's exhibit and meeting.) Mr. Gladwin is putting on a demonstration of grape
pruning. Mr. Slate is contributing a nut exhibit in collaboration with Prof. Mac
Daniels from Cornell. In the "other corner", we have a display from the Entomology
Division featuring codling moth problems and other orchard insect pests. Mr. Hartzell
is in charge, assisted by Mr. Hopkins. Nearby, Mr. Glöyer will have an exhibit illus-
trating his work with sprays for apple scab. Frozen fruits and fruit juices will be
displayed by Dr. Tressler along with a Seitz filter and Seitz-filtered fruit juices.
The Fruit Testing Association is planning an attractive set-up with its distinguished
manager, Mr. King, in charge. Mr. Hofer is putting up a demonstration of legume in-
oculants with information on the legume inoculant testing work of the Station. Mr.
Munn is cooperating with Cornell and the State Seed Improvement Association in an ed-
ucational exhibit on seed stocks. The Station and the College are also going together
on a publications exhibit, always a popular feature of these winter meetings.

The College exhibits, in addition to those mentioned above, will include a com-
prehensive display of winter injury of various types with information on ways and
means of overcoming injuries to fruit trees by pruning and grafting. The Cornell
apple washer designed by the Department of Rural Engineering will be in operation.
The bee specialists at the College will cooperate with the Boney Producers Association
in a large exhibit on bees and bee products since bees play an important part in or-
charding. The Soil Survey will show the results of its work in certain western New
York fruit districts. And finally, there will be a layout of miniature vineyards il-
lustrating the evils of vineyard erosion and ways of combating erosion in vineyards.

The joint exhibits occupy about 460 feet of wall space and some 15,000 square
feet of floor space--more than three times the area occupied by the entire Station
exhibit at the State Fair. Why not come up and see us sometime this week?

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SPEAKING OF : It will bring joy (?) to many Station hearts to learn that the 1935
THE STATE FAIR : State Fair dates have been set and that the Fair is to be a week
-----: earlier than last year. Instead of opening on Labor Day, the Fair
will close on that day. The official dates are Aug. 25 to Sept. 2. Just how that
will effect the Station exhibit remains to be seen, but blame it on the Grand Circuit
which apparently must have first consideration.

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DR. LOVE : The Station Club is announcing an open meeting in Jordan Hall next Monday
ON CHINA : evening at 8:00 o'clock when Dr. H. H. Love of Cornell will talk on his
-----: experiences in China. Dr. Love returned to Ithaca early last fall fol-
lowing a stay of three years in China where he served as Agricultural Adviser to the
Ministry of Industries of the Chinese government, with headquarters at the University
of Nanking. One of Dr. Love's chief accomplishments in his official capacity was the
training of a large group of Chinese in the fundamentals of crop improvement and in
modern methods of conducting and interpreting field experiments. But his talk Monday
night will deal chiefly with the life and customs of the country, and in view of
world events today should prove intensely interesting. Members of the Club are urged
to invite their town friends to come with them Monday night.

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WILL MEET : The Geneva Chemists' Club is meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Da
TOMORROW : Guerre Hall (otherwise known as the attic of the Dairy Building). Dr.
-----: M. L. Nichols of Cornell will be the speaker and will discuss micro-
quantitative determinations with demonstrations of various pieces of micro-chemical
apparatus. A short business meeting will precede the talk. Also, we are informed
from reliable sources that Dr. Hucker will supply the "atmosphere" for the meeting.
We are desolated that another engagement in Rochester precludes our sampling the
Doctor's synthetic atmosphere, but we are sure that it will be worth a trip to the
top of the Dairy Building.

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A NEW : The Station has set up another series of publications to be known as "Farm
SERIES : Research Reprints", the first number being a reprint from the current Farm
-----: Research of the article on the starling trap. The purpose of the series
is to provide a cheap medium of disseminating particularly timely material that may
appear in Farm Research, particularly material for which there is likely to be a
heavy demand. The reprints can be published very economically and can be used in
much the same way as circulars.

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IS THIS : The Station is frequently called upon for information on many unusual
AGRICULTURE? : and curious subjects and for services which were never contemplated
-----: by the founders as proper functions of an agricultural experiment
station. In fact, to counteract this tendency the Station at one time issued a cir-
cular entitled "What the Station Can Do", which turned out to be very largely a mis-
nomer as it should have been entitled "What the Station Cannot Do". Anyway noone
anticipated the latest call for help received by the Director the other day from a
lady in the eastern part of the State. The writer stated that she found great plea-
sure in solving crossword puzzles, but that she had encountered a number of botanical
and horticultural terms which stumped her completely. What more natural than to turn
to a distinguished horticulturist and an outstanding horticultural institution for
help! So she sent in her list, along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope.
Exercising the privilege of the Director's office, the Chief passed the correspon-
dence along to the botanist for the Pomology Division. When last heard from, this
authority was framing a courteous but firm refusal to devote endless hours of the
State's time in searching botanical literature for a five-letter word for a genus of
tropical plants, or in figuring out what part of the sage palm might be indicated by
a four-letter word, or in delving into the family life of certain fungi to discover
some six-letter term that would describe their eccentricities.

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MR. GOODWIN : Just as we go to press comes word of the death of Mr. Goodwin who has
DIES : held the position of engineer at the Station since October 1, 1925.
-----: Mr. Goodwin had been at his post during the past week altho not in
good health. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Goodwin and the family.
