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NOW FOR : The 1935 State Fair ended up with a record attendance of some 75,000
THE BILLS : on Labor Day, and we hope with a comfortable balance in the treasury.
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Soon after consoling our Ithaca friends on their hard luck of having to keep their exhibits open thru Sunday and Monday, what was our dismay to be asked by the State Fair authorities to leave the Experiment Station exhibits intact over the week-end, said authorities having reconsidered an earlier decision to close the horticultural building Saturday night. Altho the exhibits were a little the worse for a week's accumulation of dust, those who were on hand on Monday state that there was considerable interest on the part of the large number of visitors who came thru Monday morning. With the 1935 State Fair only a memory, the management now requests a prompt rendering of accounts. The necessary forms may be obtained from Mr. Bowen, and obviously the earlier they are turned in, the earlier will the checks come thru.

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STATE FAIR : The State Fair is a great study in human nature and every year pro-
GLEANINGS : duces a few new gems to add to the collection that one may collect
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if a persistent attendant on these annual expositions. For example, there was the debate overheard between two earnest young visitors as to which was the hops exhibit and which the bee exhibit where these two units joined up. Then, there was the lesson that Bill Walsh learned--not to label cherries as preserved in "apple jack"--that is unless you want to save packing up the containers for the return trip. Bill lost all three samples, but fortunately he has "duplicates". And then there were the folks who waved their arms frantically in front of Mr. Hofer's pictures in an effort to operate the "electric eye", and their great glee when they learned about legume inoculants or not. In fact, we believe that all of the Station exhibits went over very well and that the farm crowds, at least, found them attractive, entertaining, and informative.

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SEEN AT : The State Fair wouldn't be complete without a visit from Dr. and Mrs.
THE FAIR : "Bill" Wall, now of Cortland but formerly of Geneva, where Bill was
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City Bacteriologist for several years. From all appearances, the depression is over for the Walls, their plans contemplating a trip to Washington, D. C., this week for some scientific meetings and a cruise to Bermuda next month. While the latter is being sponsored by the Masons who have chartered the S. S. Kungsholm for the trip, we imagine that the Masons behave much as does any other organization when its members get that far away from home, hence we were glad to learn that Bill is to be accompanied by his wife and mother.

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READING : Dr. Conn advises us that during his travels this summer he located
"FILMSTAT": an inexpensive magnifier (price \$1.00) which seems to be as satisfac-
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tory as the more expensive type in reading the "filmstat" reproductions of papers sent out by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library. Anyone interested in trying out the new magnifier may have an opportunity to do so by visiting Dr. Conn's office.

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25 YEARS OF : The New Hampshire Experiment Station has just issued a most attrac-
RESEARCH : tive and interesting little bulletin (No. 287) entitled "Twenty-
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five Years of Research". In a way it is a tribute to Director J. C. Kendall who has just completed 25 years as Experiment Station and Extension Director, but primarily the publication is an attempt to survey the development of the institution and its significance to the state. To our notion it is an exceptionally good piece of popular presentation of experiment station work, and is well worth looking into.

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 CATCHING UP : The Labor Day week-end provided an opportunity for brief trips by
 ON VACATIONS : several members of the Station group and marked the end of vaca-
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 Geneva following a visit to Mr. Kokoski's home in New England. The Conns returned
 home last week from New Hampshire. The Slates have been visiting in George's home
 town of Bernardston, Mass. And Mr. Marquardt announces plans for using up the
 balance of his vacation. Jules states that while on leave he will complete a course
 in "graphology" and upon his return will make available to readers of the NEWS his
 accomplishments in expert character analysis. As we understand it, his offer is to
 analyze anyone who is gullible enough to pay their subscription to the NEWS.

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 TWO ALUMNI : Two former Stationites, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Shriner, and their small
 RETURN : daughter visited Geneva recently. Dr. Shriner was at one time engaged
 -----: in biochemical research here, while Mrs. Shriner, probably better
 remembered as Miss Rachel Haines, assisted Dr. Conn in his work for the biological
 stain commission. The Shriners make their home in Champaign, Ill., where Dr. Shriner
 is a member of the chemistry department of the University of Illinois.

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 CALLED TO : Dr. Tukey left early Monday morning for Woodland, Mich., where he was
 MICHIGAN : called upon the death of Mrs. Eugene Davenport.
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 MR. BEAVENS : Mr. E. A. Beavens has returned to the Station for a prolonged stay
 RETURNS : during which time he will continue investigations on fruit and
 -----: vegetable products. Mr. Beavens is a member of the Bureau of
 Chemistry and Soils of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and has been assigned to work
 at the Station for the next several months.

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 COMING : The next two events at the Station are the seventeenth annual meeting of
 EVENTS : the New York State Fruit Testing Association on Thursday, September 19,
 -----: and a group of 100 or more on September 21 in connection with the conven-
 tion of New York State Cooperative Insurance Agents meeting in Geneva September 20
 and 21.

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 THE BEST : Here is what we consider a real contest! It is a search for the
 COOKIE BAKER : best molasses cookie maker in New York State and is being conducted
 -----: thru the Grange, with the State finals to be run off at the annual
 meeting of the State Grange in December when the 53 county winners will compete for
 the grand prize. Home demonstration agents are the lucky judges and a dispatch from
 the College of Agriculture telling about the contest states that they will have plenty
 of "inside information" on molasses cookies by the time the event ends.
