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WILL MAKE INSPECTION : Mr. J. W. Wellington, Assistant in Experiment Station Administration of the Office of Experiment Stations, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, will arrive here tomorrow to make the annual inspection of research work being conducted at this Station under the auspices of the Hatch, Adams, and Purnell funds which are administered by the Office of Experiment Stations in Washington. Mr. Wellington, a brother of our own Dick, was at one time a member of the old Horticultural Department here at the Station, his work having to do with certain vegetable studies. And so Joe Wellington comes back to the scenes of his early triumphs to check up on brother Dick and his associates and to renew acquaintances at the Station.

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STUDY METHODS : About twenty milk inspectors representing New York City, the State of New York, Bordens, Sheffield, and the Dairymen's League put in two days here the first of the week in an intensive study of methods for detecting defects in milk. Yesterday the "students" took an examination which comprised the testing of 15 cans of milk representing various off-flavors and other defects which had been prepared by members of the Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions. Next week they will put their knowledge to practical test in a New York City milk area where they will try out some of the new methods demonstrated in their conferences the past two days.

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A RESEARCH EXPOSITION : Dr. Hedrick is in receipt of a letter from Dr. P. P. Pirone of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi inviting all Sigma Xi members of the Station Staff to attend the formal opening of a "Research Exposition" in Willard Straight Hall next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Exposition will comprise exhibits of current research work of the younger members of the Cornell Chapter. Also, on June 19 and 20 Cornell will hold appropriate services in connection with a memorial commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Sigma Xi at Cornell. The memorial is to take the form of a bench of Indiana limestone to be set in a shaded spot at the southwest corner of Sibley College, the building in which ten Cornell men organized the society in 1886. Five of the founders are expected back for the ceremony.

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WANDERERS RETURN : Dr. and Mrs. Carpenter are back in Geneva after a stay of several months in Pasadena where Dr. Carpenter was engaged on some special researches with proteins at the California Institute of Technology. They report not only a very profitable period of study, but a most enjoyable sojourn in an ideal winter climate. Dr. Carpenter addressed several scientific groups while on the Coast.

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TO WORK WITH PEARS : Mr. S. L. Hsiong, a graduate student at Cornell who has been spending the past several months at the University of California and who assisted in some of the pear breeding work at the Station last year, is expected to return to Geneva within a few days to resume further genetic studies, particularly with pears. Mr. Hsiong will be at the Station most of the summer.

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GLASS MAKING : The Geneva Chemists' Club announces a public lecture on "Glass" by Mr. W. J. D. Walker of the Corning Glass Works next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock in Coxe Hall at Hobart College. The lecture will cover briefly the history of glass, a motion picture showing the making of a 72-liter flask and hand-blown tubing, and a demonstration of glass blowing. A brief business meeting of the Club will precede the lecture.

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A NEW BULLETIN : Technical Bulletin No. 238 on "Seedlessness in Grapes", by Dr. A. B. Stout, was received from the printer last week. This bulletin represents the culmination of a 16-year search for a really good seedless grape that would be hardy under New York conditions. Several promising seedlings are now available, one of which has been named "Bronx Seedless" in recognition of the generous cooperation of the New York Botanic Garden in this project. The work will be continued in an effort to develop even better varieties of seedless grapes.

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A NEW : Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kokoski on the arrival of Elaine
ARRIVAL : Marie last Sunday!
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PLEASE : In connection with the summer meetings of the A. A. A. S. in Rochester in
NOTE! : June, arrangements are being made for a visit to the Station on the morning
-----: of June 18 by horticulturists, plant physiologists, and botanists attending
the Rochester meetings of the A. A. A. S. and the joint sessions of the American
Society for Horticultural Science and the American Society of Plant Physiologists.
Any one at the Station who has some particular item or exhibit which he believes
might appeal to this group of visitors is asked to get in touch with Dr. Kertesz or
Dr. Tukey not later than tomorrow noon.

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APPLE : Acting upon the courage of his convictions and fully aware of the fact
BLOSSOMS : that a prophet has no honor in his own land, Mr. Wellington has gone on
-----: record with regard to the probable blooming dates of fruit trees in New
York State. He says that blooming dates will be a little ahead of last year, with
Japanese plums blooming about May 8, peaches and sweet cherries May 10, to be followed
immediately by sour cherries, pears May 18, and apples May 21. These dates represent
approximate times of full bloom of the different fruits, with considerable spread for
varieties and different localities. Western New York's apple blossom festival will
be held at Brockport on May 23, when the Director and Vice-Director will represent
the Station most efficiently in paying homage to the year's Apple Blossom Queen.

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AROUND : Prof. William Riddet, Director of the Dairy Research Institute, Palmers-
THE WORLD : ton North, New Zealand, spent some little time at the Station last week
-----: visiting the Bacteriology and Dairy Divisions. Prof. and Mrs. Riddet
have been making a leisurely trip across the United States and were bound for Canada,
England, and Europe where they will visit dairy research institutions before return-
ing to New Zealand.

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STUDYING : Miss Helen Grozes, laboratory technician for a cheese manufacturer in
CHEESE : Syracuse, begins today a study of various cheese tests in the laboratory
-----: of the Dairy Division here. She expects to remain in Geneva for several
weeks.

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RESUME FIELD : Mr. G. A. Culings of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, U. S.
EXPERIMENTS : Dept. of Agriculture, was here last week to resume cooperative ex-
-----: periments with Mr. Sayre on fertilizer placement. The project has
been considerably enlarged over last year when it was rated as one of the most am-
bitious fertilizer placement experiments in the country. Another interested visitor
to the Vegetable Crops Division last week was Dr. C. G. Woodbury of the National Can-
ners Association in Washington.

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BEGINNING : Mr. Tapley has been in Mount Morris and Lina the past few days laying
EXPERIMENTS : out an extensive series of fertilizer tests with spinach in coopera-
-----: tion with the Snyder Packing Corporation. The chief purpose of the
tests is to determine the influence of fertilizers on quality of spinach--something
which should be of considerable interest to "Pop Eye" as well as the canning industry
and consumers in general.

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THIS IS : The Librarian reports that Biochemische Zeitschrift, Vol. 234, Nos. 1 and
MISSING : 2 (1936) is missing. These two numbers are bound together under one cover
-----: and information as to their whereabouts will be appreciated.

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SHE'S A : The newspapers have been carrying pictures of Miss Carol Kulp, winner of
WINNER : the traditional hoop race at Wellesley College which is reputed to mean
-----: that she will be the first of her class to wed. Our chief interest in
Miss Kulp, however, is that she is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Kulp of the
Storrs (Connecticut) Experiment Station and that Walter was for several years a mem-
ber of the Chemistry Division here. Also, Carol's grandfather, the late Mr. Casler,
was for many years the engineer at the Station. We learn thru Mrs. Casler who still
resides in Geneva that Carol has been granted a scholarship in the University of
Heidelberg where she will go immediately upon graduation from Wellesley in June for
a course in art.
