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The twentieth annual meeting of the New York State Cooperative Fruit Testing Association will be held in Jordan Hall tomorrow in a setting of delectable new fruits that will comprise the exhibit that has come to form such an important part of these annual gatherings of amateur and professional fruit growers and horticulturists. During the morning there will be tours of the orchards and vineyards and visits to the rootstock investigations on Dr. Tukey's farm where the dwarf fruit trees are attracting much attention. In the afternoon, a brief business session will start off the activities and will include reports by H. L. King, Manager,

and Mr. Wellington, Secretary of the Association. Mr. George Morse of Williamson is President. With the business of the Association out of the way, the remainder of the afternoon will be given over to a discussion of the new varieties of fruit under test by members of the Association in many sections of the country. Members from several nearby states and from Ontario are expected to be present in addition to the usual large gathering of New York State fruit testers.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY GROWERS

The Chautauqua County Farm Bureau has arranged for a tour of its members to the Station and the meeting of the Fruit Testing Association tomorrow. Grapes and small fruits are a major interest with many Chautauqua County growers.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

While the meetings of the Fruit Testing Association have always been open to anyone interested in new fruits whether a member of the Association or not, the general public has not as a rule availed itself of the opportunity of examining the many new varieties which are now to be seen at one of these meetings. As a new departure this year, plans have been made to hold the exhibit intact thru Friday and to invite the public to view it during the day and evening. Mr. Jahn plans to embellish the hall with flowers and the display will undoubtedly be well worth a visit by members of the Staff as well as outsiders.

THE GARDEN CLUB

The September meeting of the Geneva Garden Club is to be held in Jordan Hall, Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, with the fruit exhibit as one attraction. An additional attraction offered members of the Club that evening will be a talk by Dr. Dahlberg on gardens visited by him on a recent trip to England and the continent with colored motion pictures.

AN IMPORTANT DAIRY MEETING

Members of the Bacteriology and Dairy Divisions will be in Rochester this week for the three-day annual meeting of the New York State Milk Inspectors Association at the Hotel Seneca. These meetings attract about 400 milk plant operators and inspectors. Among special features on the program is a "Question Box" to be conducted by Dr. Hucker in which a number of questions already submitted by members of the Association will be discussed from the floor. Dr. Hucker will also report on his observations on the New Zealand dairy industry. Dr. Dahlberg is scheduled to make the initial report of a "milk waste" study which has been in progress as a cooperative study between the Station and several milk companies in the State.



BACK HOME

Dr. Nebel has returned from a brief visit with relatives in Switzerland.

IN BATH HOSPITAL

Pete Gigliotti is in the Veterans Hospital at Bath for treatment for the recurrence of an old disorder. Chris De Wall is carrying the mail during Pete's absence.

LEAVING FOR WISCONSIN

Dr. Yale leaves tomorrow for Madison, Wisconsin, where he will spend the next six months in cheese investigations. Mrs. Yale and the children will make their home with Mrs. Yale's mother in Marshalltown, Iowa.

LEAVING FOR PITTSBURGH

Miss Katherine Wheeler leaves today for the University of Pittsburgh where she will carry on cooperative work between the University and the Station and also do some work toward an advanced degree.

RECUPERATING

We have just about recovered from the first two weeks' State Fair--even though we haven't recovered all of the Station property that was removed by "collectors". The collecting instinct held sway clear up to the closing moments of the exposition when the biggest haul of all, at least the biggest in actual bulk, was consummated with the removal of an eight-foot ladder used in the Station's fruit juice exhibit. It wasn't just an ordinary ladder either, but a rather cumbersome affair up which the hired man was supposed to carry the fruit juice to the supply tank which furnished the raw material to the pasteurizer. It was substantially built with a wide top and was painted a nice aluminum. It probably afforded someone an excellent vantage point from which to view the auto races, altho at this writing it has completely disappeared. But enough about the State Fair--except that expense accounts and any other items chargeable against the Fair should be turned in as soon as possible.

BOOK REPAIRS

Miss Jennings has done a good job of repair work on a number of old books in the Library with a recasing leather which promises to add materially to the life of volumes that were badly in need of re-binding. She offers to render a similar service for wornout bindings in Division libraries if desired.

CHEESE MAKING AT HOME

Dr. J. S. Plesner of the Chr. Hansen Laboratory at Little Falls conferred with members of the Dairy Division during the past week in regard to methods for making cheese from small quantities of milk. The conference revealed that 25 per cent of the methods proposed were developed at this Station. All of the Station methods proved to be satisfactory when tried out in the experimental kitchens of the Chr. Hansen Laboratory, altho the methods had been proposed mainly for experimental purposes. Occasionally they have been used by sub-marginal rural residents. However, the conference with Dr. Plesner revealed that the practice of making cheese in the home on an exceedingly small scale is much in vogue at the present time, especially in the metropolitan area. The Chr. Hansen Laboratory and the Station see no reason why anyone should be denied indulging in this pleasure. Methods for making cheese from as little as a quart or a gallon of milk to 100 pounds of milk will soon be available. Another recent visitor to the Dairy Division and who also called on the Bacteriology and Chemistry Divisions, was Dr. F. R. Erbach, Director of Research of the Ellis-Chalmers Company of Milwaukee. Dr. Erbach conferred on details of a proposed four-year research program in the development of certain types of equipment.

GENEROUS SUBSCRIBERS

The more abundant life has been enjoyed by the Editor's family the past few days thru the generous offerings of satisfied (?) subscribers to the Station NEWS. To the credit of Messrs. Enzie, Tapley, and Fanson, we mark up a basket of luscious, spicy, melting muskmelons (we believe those are the correct adjectives); while to Mr. Munn we owe thanks for adding an esthetic touch to our table with the presentation of a lovely bouquet of asters from his test gardens. Needless to say, the activities of these gentlemen will rate first-page consideration for some time to come--not that the columns of the NEWS can be purchased, but after all we are only human!