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THE PICNIC : If there are any waning appetites or jaded spirits in the Station
SOUNDS GOOD : ranks, we advise a consultation with Colonel Sayre as to the detailed
-----: plans for the Station picnic to be held in Seneca Park next Wednesday
afternoon. The most expert cake makers, the best coffee maker in the County, if not
in the State, the most skillful ice cream makers, and a noted lemonade "mixer", and
the outstanding cooks of the community will combine their efforts to give assurance
of a repast that will far exceed all Station traditions, both as to quantity and
quality. The committee has also enlisted the aid of such leaders in the world of
sport as Messrs. Harman and Daniel to provide athletic diversions for the so-called
adults, while Messrs. Munn, Traphagen, and Enzie will look after the entertainment
of the youngsters. Also, any who do not have means of transportation available are
asked to communicate with Mr. Sayre who will see that proper provisions are made.
The center of activities, that is the serving of the big meal, which will take place
about 5:30, will be located near the drinking fountain, but the party will undoubtedly
cover the whole park.

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THE ROSE : Altho the number of entries were about the same as for the tulip show,
SHOW NEXT : the iris show held in Jordan Hall last week did not quite come up to
-----: the first show in quality and general attractiveness of the exhibit in
the opinion of most of those who have commented on the event. The Garden Club is now
looking forward to the rose show, which will probably occur during the week of June
22, depending on the return of summer weather, and is anticipating a colorful and
interesting exhibit of this most popular flower.

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OPEN PRINTING: Bids for printing the bulletins and circulars of the Station for the
BIDS TODAY : fiscal year beginning July 1 were opened in Dr. Hedrick's office at
-----: 10:00 o'clock this morning.

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COUNCIL MEETING: Dr. Hedrick is planning to attend the meeting of the Agricultural
NEXT FRIDAY : Council of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University next Friday
-----: in Ithaca when many items of interest to the Station will come up
for consideration, including a discussion of requests for funds to be presented in
the 1931-32 budget which will go to the Legislature next winter.

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NURSERY INSPECTORS: About fifteen State nursery inspectors from central and western
HOLD MEETING HERE : New York met here last Friday to discuss this year's plans for
-----: raspberry inspection with Dr. Rankin and Mr. Van Buren, chief
of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets
under whose supervision the inspectors operate.

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GET MANY : Dr. Hedrick, Mr. Van Alstyne, Dr. Nebel, and Mr. Jahn went to Ottawa
NEW IDEAS : over the week-end to look over the orchards and grounds of the Canadian
-----: Experimental Farms located there. These grounds are famous for their
landscape effects, and many helpful ideas were brought back by the party for adapta-
tion here.

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RADIO : What is probably the record long-distance return from a radio broadcast by
WAVES : a member of the Station Staff went on file the other day when a letter
-----: was received by Dr. Breed from Porto Rico requesting further information
along the lines of his recent talk over WGY on "Research in its Relation to the
Production of Sanitary Milk".

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MRS. HEDRICK: Mrs. Hedrick left yesterday with Geneva friends for a two-weeks' motor
GOES SOUTH : trip through the mountains of Tennessee and the Carolinas.
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HELPED AT : Messages are beginning to filter back from the Marquardts on their
DEDICATION: passage across the country to California, and one communication tells
-----: of their arrival at a large milk plant in Illinois in the midst of
dedication ceremonies held in connection with the opening up of a beautiful new
building. We are not advised as to whether or not Jules made a speech, but we are
sure that he did the Station and himself proud as an uninvited "social ambassador."

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DISCUSSED IOWA: Dr. Huckler addressed the Bacteriology Seminar yesterday on problems
STATE PROGRAM : of mutual interest under way in the Department of Bacteriology at
-----: Iowa State College at Ames and the Bacteriology Division here.
Dr. and Mrs. Huckler returned Sunday from a two-weeks' visit to Iowa.

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NOTED FOREIGNERS: Among the week's visitors to the Station were Professor F. R.
VISIT STATION : Petherbridge, entomologist at the School of Agriculture at
-----: Cambridge University, England, who spent three days here last week;
Professor N. V. Kanitkar, soil physicist of the Indian Department of Agriculture at
Bombay, India; and Dr. Sima Dobelic of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, a fellow of the Rockefel-
ler Health Board who has been spending several months at Ithaca and visited the
Station last week to obtain further information on sanitary milk control methods.

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ON THE "FRINGE" : "Research problems may be solved when the mind is on the fringe of
-----: consciousness," was the prevailing opinion expressed by several hundred
research workers and directors of research who answered questions as to
conditions which are favorable or unfavorable to efficient research propounded by
Washington Platt of the Borden Company at Syracuse and R. A. Baker of the College of
the City of New York. These investigators reported to a recent meeting of the
American Chemical Society that as a result of their studies it seems evident that
periods of mental rest or temporary abandonment of effort are essential to the suc-
cessful research worker. Undoubtedly, the same principle applies to the editorial
mind, for our best ideas always come during periods of unconsciousness and are
promptly forgotten with the awakening that follows.

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PAGE MR. : In a recent number of The Official Record of the U. S. Department of
WELLINGTON: Agriculture mention is made of the need for attention on the part of
-----: plant breeders to the development of new varieties of fruit and vegeta-
bles to meet the demand for frozen foods which is gaining headway in many parts of
the country. The Department of Agriculture workers point out that it is just as
reasonable to expect the creation in the future of new varieties better adapted to
freezing than existing kinds just as new sorts have been brought out and are still
making their appearance as being especially well suited to preserving and canning.
Doubtless when Mr. Wellington has developed new strawberries, raspberries, cherries,
etc., for the freezer, he will need to have them subjected to "consumer" tests, for
which we hereby volunteer.

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WEATHER : The Weather Man is right 89 times out of 100 we are told by the U. S.
PROPHETS : Weather Bureau, where a check up has been made on predictions by 150
-----: local stations as against conditions as they actually occurred. Over-
confidence in this high batting average led us into difficulties on a recent auto
trip when we took the weather man's word for it in Cleveland that the next day would
be "fair and warmer" and had the family car washed overnight only to have to run
through a day of steady downpour. Also, to make matters worse, our better half had
predicted just what did occur, proving that she is right at least 11 per cent of the
time.

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ETERNALLY : Assuming once more our role of "missing link", we offer grateful acknow-
GRATEFUL : ledgement of the excellent results turned out by the girls last week and
-----: assure our readers that in the future our absences will be made still
more bearable by the superior products from their pens.

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MR. GREEN: Mr. Green was recently advised of his election to the newly created
HONORED : chapter of Sigma Xi at Washington State College at Pullman in recognition
-----: of his work while associated with that institution.
