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NURSERYMEN : The Station will play host to the New York State Nurserymen's
HERE TOMORROW : Association tomorrow when the summer meeting of that organization
-----convenes at 10:00 a.m. in Jordan Hall. The morning is to be spent
in an inspection of the nursery investigations under way on the farm just west of
the Station on Preemption Road. Following a lunch and recreational period at the
Rod and Gun Club, the group will return to the Station for a tour of the grounds,
particularly the orchards and small fruit plantings, the rose and lilac gardens,
and the canning crops farm, with a final social hour in the rock garden in the
rear of the Director's residence. Local nurserymen are in charge of the lunch and
general arrangements for the meeting, while Mr. Tukey and Mr. Brase will direct
activities on the Station grounds.

LEAVES FOR:

CALIFORNIA: Dr. Dahlberg left yesterday for Davis, California, where the annual
-----convention of the American Dairy Science Association will be held the
first three days of next week. This is the first time in the history of the
Association that its annual meeting has been held west of Iowa, and the West Coast
dairymen are promising great things for the 1931 meeting. The Station will be well
represented at the meeting with two formal papers from the Dairy Division and
committee reports by Dr. Breed and Dr. Dahlberg. Mr. Marquardt, who will also attend
the meeting, and Dr. Dahlberg have two joint papers, one on "The Pasteurization
and Cooling of Milk in a Vat to Secure Optimum Creaming", which will be read by
Mr. Marquardt; and one on "The Effect of Flash Pasteurization on the Creaming of
Milk", which will be read by Dr. Dahlberg. Dr. Dahlberg will also present reports
from the committees on Chemical Methods of Analyzing Dairy Products, on the
Babcock Test of Milk and Cream, and on the proposed new contract for publishing the
Journal of Dairy Science of which he is editor. Dr. Breed has forwarded a report
of his committee on Bacteriological Methods of Analyzing Dairy Products, which will
be read for him by some member of his committee. Incidentally, Dr. Dahlberg's
brother, A.O. Dahlberg of the Golden State Creamery Company, is chairman of the
Manufactures Section of the Dairy Association. Dr. Dahlberg will return to Geneva
immediately following the meeting.

DR. CONN :

TO REPORT: Dr. Conn and his family reached Geneva late last Friday from their trip
-----: to the Coast, having covered almost 13,000 miles since their departure
in April. This afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Breed are entertaining the
Bacteriology Division, including the wives, at a "Seminar Tea", when Dr. Conn will
give an account of their experiences and of the points of interest visited in the
course of their travels. Within a few days the Comms will set out for New Hampshire
where Mrs. Conn and the children will spend the remainder of the summer while
Dr. Conn will engage in some special work at Cold Springs Harbor. They all expect
to return home in time for the opening of school this fall.

DR .BABCOCK'S:

DEATH : The passing of Dr. Stephen M. Babcock at his home in Wisconsin has
-----: been noted in the press during the past week. This Station has always
prided itself on the fact that Dr. Babcock was one of a noted group of scientists who
were associated with our early history. As the first Chemist at the Station,
Dr. Babcock is generally believed to have begun here the researches which later
culminated in the development of the Babcock test for butterfat in milk and cream.
So far as our records go, he published four bulletins while at this Station, all of
which had to do with studies of the chemical composition of various plants, but
with no mention of his work on the butter fat test. It is a matter of Station
history, however, that while here he evolved a crude outfit for centrifuging his
samples which he later perfected when he had taken up work at the University of
Wisconsin. The press takes occasion again upon his death, as it did at the time of
the award to Dr. Babcock of the first Capper prize for outstanding service to
agriculture, to eulogize his refusal to make personal gain out of his important
contribution to the dairy industry. While we would not detract in the least from the
honor due Dr. Babcock in this and other respects, we are sure that he would be the
first to point out that hundreds of experiment station men the country over are
doing the same thing every day and have been doing so from the beginning of these
institutions. In his own words he best expressed the general attitude toward such
things on the part of experiment station men when he said, "Weren't the people of
the state taxed to pay my salary? Why should I get more? I felt that the discovery
belonged to the country and to the dairy industry."

THE PRINTING : Final approval from Albany for awarding the 1931-32 contract
COMES HOME : for printing the bulletins and circulars of the Station to
----- : W.F. Humphrey of this City was received last week, and the con-
tract has now been drawn and work begun on the year's printing budget. Needless to
say, the convenience of having this work done locally is welcomed by those who
deal with the Station printing.

DR. YALE : Two-fold congratulations are hereby extended to Dr. M.W. Yale, for not
ARRIVES : only does this erstwhile City Bacteriologist return to the scenes of his
~~former activities~~, but he brings with him a Ph. D. degree and a wife, both very
recently acquired. Dr. Yale reached Geneva the first of the week to enter upon his
duties as Associate in the Bacteriology Division, and will very shortly take his
departure for a period of several weeks which he will spend in Albany where he will
conduct a special study of thermophilic bacteria in two Albany milk plants which
have recently installed flash pasteurization equipment. The Yales will later take
up their residence in Geneva.

A NEW : Mr. W.E. Jennings of the Veterinary College at Cornell has begun work in
AID : Dr. Hucker's laboratory under a temporary appointment covering the summer
: months. Mr. Jennings and Mr. Trudell, whose coming was mentioned some weeks
----- ago, will devote most of their time in assisting Dr. Hucker on some special
milk problems.

HENNINGS : Mr. and Mrs. Henning have left for their vacations, Mrs. Henning going to
AWAY : her home in Minnesota while Mr. Henning is spending his vacation at the
----- : University of Wisconsin.

A NEW : Not long ago we had occasion to note an inquiry received by Dr. Breed
RECORD : from Cuba with regard to further information about a subject discussed by
----- him in a talk over WGY. At that time that inquiry established a long
distance record for a response to a radio broadcast by a member of this staff. This
record will have to give way now, however, to a new one hung up by Mr. Tapley who is
in possession of a request from Chanaral, Chile, for publications mentioned by
Mr. Tapley in a talk given by him this spring. Even the officials at WGY thru whom
the request was forwarded, seemed to regard this as something out of the ordinary.

ENHANCED AND :
EMBELLISHED : In a recent number of The Milk Plant Monthly, a leading dairy
----- trade paper, Station Bulletin No. 591 on "How the Cream Layer Forms on
Milk" is reprinted in full. Not content with a mere recital of the subject matter,
the editor has also seen fit to supplement the manuscript with the pictures of the
joint authors, Messrs. Dahlberg and Marquardt, adding very materially, of course,
to the value of the article--at least for the lady readers.

RECENT VISITORS: Among those who called at the Station the past week should be
----- mentioned Dr. P.A. Downs, Dairy Bacteriologist at the University
of Nebraska, who called upon Dr. Breed and Dr. Dahlberg with regard to certain
details of Dr. Breed's report to the American Dairy Science Association; Dr. W.A.
Albrecht of the Soils Department of the Missouri Experiment Station, who consulted
with Dr. Conn, Mr. Sayre, Mr. Harlan, and others on details of the work here in which
he is especially interested; and Dr. H.C. Batton, chemist for Swift & Co., with
headquarters in Baltimore, who called on Mr. Clark to discuss some fertilizer
problems that have developed on Long Island.

THE PASSING OF : The Station is about to see the last of one of its most treasured
AN OLD FRIEND : possessions, in fact we believe one of the most unusual possess-
----- ions that has ever fallen to the lot of an experiment station,
and that is, our old friend the hen that lays thirteen eggs to the dozen will
become only a memory on or about September 1 and her place of abode abandoned to
the wreckers or assigned to some other much less interesting use. We have never seen
this phenomenal bird described in the literature, but her existence has been taken
as a matter of course for so long around the Station that we are breaking the news
of her departure as gently as we can this far in advance in order that when the
end does come the readjustment may not be too severe. Fortunately, the obliging
Mr. O'Neil, much better known as "Pat", will be retained on the Station payroll in
other capacities, for with his forty-odd years of service he is just getting the
hang of the place and should prove invaluable in the years to come.