

# The Station News

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**CALIFORNIA :** Recounting impressions of the annual meeting of the Dairy Science  
**PROVED WARM :** Association held at Davis, California, the middle of this month,  
Dr. Dahlberg, who returned to his office Monday, reports that the weather, always a popular topic in the Golden State, was one of the outstanding memories of the trip and meeting. Upon leaving Chicago, he says, each successive stop seemed to grow warmer and warmer, until at Davis temperatures of 105 or better prevailed most of the time. In contrast, when his travels took him into San Francisco, a top coat was not amiss for real comfort. The meeting itself was highly successful and altho not as largely attended as some, there was a very representative attendance. Both Dr. Dahlberg and Mr. Marquardt participated in the program. Dr. Dahlberg was re-elected Editor of the Journal of Dairy Science, a position he has filled for the past several years.

**CONFER ON :** Several members of the College staff concerned with the spray  
**SPRAY PROGRAM :** programs in the State, together with some of the field men, met here last Friday to discuss with Mr. Parrott and other members of his Division several pressing problems that have arisen this season, particularly with regarding to orchard spraying. Insect and disease outbreaks, particularly scab, have been especially severe this season, and in view of the economic situation control problems are more complicated than usual.

**PRE-VIEW :**  
**NEW PEAS :** Hollywood has no monopoly on pre-views, for last Friday members of the State Cannery Association interested in the packing of peas met with Mr. Sayre in Rochester and opened a large number of samples of peas canned by the Geneva Preserving Company in a test of new varieties of peas grown on the Canning Crops farm. This is part of a project Mr. Sayre has had under way for several years, and on the basis of his observations in the field and the result of canning tests it is expected that several new varieties of unusual merit will soon be introduced to the trade.

**VISITORS FROM :** W.S. Abbott, entomologist, and Dr. E. Wallace, plant pathologist  
**WASHINGTON :** of the U.S. Insecticide and Fungicide Board, with headquarters at Washington, called at the Station Monday in company with Mr. F.P. Schlatter, representative of the Board at Sodus.

**TOO LATE, :** Advance notice of two talks by Station men over WGY last  
**WE ARE SORRY :** Monday should have appeared in these columns last week in order that those who wished to do so might have tuned in. We are sorry for the oversight, but hasten to say that at noon Mr. Munding spoke on the work of the entomological work sponsored under the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations, while Dr. Chapman spoke on the Farm Forum hour that same evening on a topic which we do not have at hand. Speaking engagements for the Station staff over WGY have been somewhat curtailed this year, the next appearance being scheduled for November 30. On each date this year, however, there will be two speakers, one at noon and one in the evening.

**BREWS ON :** Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Brew have been spending a few days visiting  
**VACATION :** friends in Geneva during their vacation. Dr. Brew, formerly a member of the Bacteriology Division here and more recently with the Dairy Department at Ithaca, is now with the State Department of Health at Albany.

**A CALLER :** Dr. M. B. Linford, plant pathologist at the Hawaiian Pineapple  
**FROM HAWAII :** Growers Experiment Station, visited here recently to discuss plant disease problems under study, particularly with regard to the use of calcium compounds on the control of the root-rot of peas.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE :** Under the title of "The Curse of Plenty", a writer in a  
**AGRICULTURAL SITUATION:** recent number of The Saturday Evening Post has some rather pertinent things to say about the agricultural situation and the possibilities of meeting existing conditions by well-directed research. He cites, among other things the prediction made by Sir William Crookes, noted English scientist, in 1900, that in 1931, the world would come to the end of its wheat supply and "the United States will consume all the wheat grown within its borders and will be driven to import, and, like ourselves (the English), will scramble for the lion's share of the wheat crop of the world". Yet, in 1931, no one wants the lion's share of the wheat crop, and in fact the United States

wheat crop right now. The explanation, of course, at least so far as wheat is concerned, is the development of the tractor which has released vast areas for the growing of wheat which heretofore were devoted to growing hay and stock feed, not only in this country but in the world at large. Pointing out the falacies of telling the farmer to grow less wheat without telling him what else he can grow or without making certain that he can dispose of these other products at a profit, the writer stresses the need for information, to be supplied by research, on the industrial utilization of a great array of farm products, concluding with the statement that "If one-tenth of the public money that has been lost in the vain attempt to uphold commodity prices had been spent instead to find new use for surplus production and to evolve new activities for the soil, we should, perhaps, now be within sight of many saving alternatives for agriculture. Our thinking is as if we were still hitching horse tools to tractors--power handed and buggy-minded."

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**THE COURAGE OF CONVICTION :** Here is something new in the way of demonstrating a scientific finding. J.I. Hambleton in charge of the bee culture laboratory of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will illustrate on his own person for visitors to the laboratory, the advantages of scraping out bee stings over pulling them out, the theory being that the former operation prevents the discharge of the poison in the poison sacks attached to the bee's sting. What an idea for an entomology exhibit at the State Fair!

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**MR. HANSEN WRITES FROM HOLLAND :** Dr. Breed is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hansen telling of the beginning of the World Dairy Congress held in Copenhagen July 13-19. Mr. Hansen writes quite enthusiastically of his experiences at the Congress, mentioning many of those whom he has met, including Dr. Dorner who spent some time here under the auspices on the International Education Board. As an index to the size of the Congress, Mr. Hansen tells of 3,500 persons being served at the "welcoming supper". His comments on the financial situation are especially enlightening in view of newspaper comments. On July 15 he wrote, "The message yesterday that the German banks had closed created a most disagreeable situation. The German people could not get so much as a sandwich in Copenhagen for their marks, and German tourists were left in a more unpleasant situation. The Congress had to take extraordinary measures to secure money for their guests. The crisis is serious, but may already be overcome when you receive this letter."

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**BOTH ENDS AGAINST THE MIDDLE :** The outposts of the Station's State Fair Exhibit, the two flanks that first greet the visitor to the Station's display, have advanced so far as to be placed in the hands of the sign painter. These two exhibits each occupy a space about eight feet square and when the remaining 4,672 square feet of floor space occupied by the Station display has been worked out the middle will fulfill the expectations inspired by the ends. The truck rolls toward Syracuse five weeks from today!

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**WHATCHA MEAN TWENTY HOURS? :** Or words to that effect have greeted the Editor from several veteran members of the Staff following the comment in these columns on the hours of labor indulged in by various workers in the Division of Bacteriology. In fact, our sense of news values has been severely challenged on the grounds that the subject of long hours of toil for Station employees has long since ceased to be a matter of news. One critic cited numerous instances in which he had spent many weary hours going to and from appointments on Station business and resented the applauding of a mere twenty-hour tour of duty. All of which sinners down to the opinion expressed by that philosopher, Bill Lydon, that "It isn't the long days that they put in once in a while, and then brag about, that count, but it's what their total time figures up to at the end of the year that gives results!" So much for that, altho we want it known that the Editor is signing off exactly at 10:05½ p.m., eastern standard time to mark the end of a perfect day.