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A WEEK OF MEETINGS : For those who like to go to meetings, next week will afford un-
limited pleasure for it is to be crammed full of gatherings here at
the Station. The schedule starts off with the annual meeting of the
Northern Nut Growers Association on Monday; with the New York Fruit Testing
Cooperative Association, Inc., getting under way on Thursday; and finally, on
Friday, horticulturists from the northeastern states interested in soil fertility
problems will meet for an exchange of ideas.

THE NUT GROWERS : Mr. Slate is largely responsible for the presence of the nut growers
association which is said to be made up largely of amateur enthus-
iasts who are growing nuts as a hobby, together with a few profession-
al growers. The organization is national in its scope with its president located
at the Michigan State College in the person of Prof. J.A. Neilson. Some of the
topics listed on the program are as follows: Walnut Breeding, Richard Wellington;
Some Cytological Aspects of Nut Culture, Dr. Nebel; Botany of the Nuts, Mr. Van
Eseltine; the Walnut Maggot, F.L. Gambrell; Disease of Nut Trees, W.H. Rankin;
Some Phases of Nut Tree Propagation in Europe, Karl Brase. A field trip to nearby
nut plantings is also contemplated.

THE FRUIT ASSOCIATION : The meeting of the Fruit Testing Association has for many years
been one of the outstanding events at the Station, particularly
with regard to the exhibit of new fruits. This year the exhibit
promises to be even better than usual, and will undoubtedly repay a visit to
Jordan Hall during the days of the meeting. It is expected at this writing that
the display will be ready for inspection next Wednesday. The second day of the
meeting (Friday) will be devoted to tours of the orchards and vineyards. Mr. Well-
ington as Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. King as Manager need no introduction, neither
do the several members of the Pomology Division who will participate in the
program, including Messrs. Slate on small fruits, Howe on apples and pears, Van
Alstyne on plums, Einset on peaches, and Gladwin on grapes. Dr. G. F. Waldo of the
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will also talk on new varieties of small fruits; while
Prof. E.F. Palmer of Vineland Experiment Station in Ontario and Prof. M.B. Davis
of the Dominion Experimental Farms at Ottawa will report on new fruits in Canada.

MORE MEETINGS IN MONTREAL : The annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will
convene in Montreal on September 21 and will be attended by
Dr. Breed and Dr. Hucker. The latter will present a report on the
work with mastitis which has been in progress in the Bacteriology Laboratory here
for some time, while Dr. Breed will make a report on bacteriological control of
milk supplies.

TO INSPECT CHEESE PLANTS : According to present plans, Mr. Kelly will journey to the north-
ern part of the State next week and inspect a number of cheese
factories in connection with projects he has under way.

HAD A GOOD FIELD DAY : Ideal weather aided in making a complete success of the field
day of the State Vegetable Growers Association held here last
Thursday. A summary by Dr. Hedrick of the vegetable work under
way here and at Ithaca and brief comments on the various phases of the work in
which they were especially concerned by members of the Staff working with vegeta-
bles crops made up the formal program in the morning, while the afternoon was
devoted to an inspection of field work and a visit to the Gasper Farm. Needless
to say, the ice cream supplied so generously by the Dairy Division added to the
success of the day.

MRS. KERTESZ ON VISIT HOME : Mrs. Kertesz sails this week with the baby for an extended visit
to her home in Budapest. Dr. Kertesz is looking forward to
joining his family on Christmas day and will bring Mrs. Kertesz
and the baby back to Geneva after a brief visit with his family who also reside
in Budapest.

MORE GOOD JUDGING : "Received too late to classify" would probably be the proper
way to head this note, which is to the effect that the Seneca
County Fair has recalled the two judges from the Station Staff
who officiated at last year's Fair, namely, Messrs. Wellington and Van Eseltine.
They performed their functions, we hope satisfactorily, on Thursday of last week.

RETURN TO IOWA : Prof. and Mrs. Guy Green and children expect to leave today for their
home in Ames, Iowa, where Prof. Green will resume his duties as head
of the English Department at Iowa State College.

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THE CONNS : Dr. and Mrs. Conn and the children have returned to their home,
BACK HOME : following a trip to the Coast and back and several weeks in New
----- : Hampshire. Altho he still has left about a month of his sabatic
leave, Dr. Conn expects to return to his laboratory for the present.

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MR. STEWART'S : Mr. Stewart had the misfortune to break his glasses while in his
BAD LUCK : camp in the mountains, necessitating a hurried trip back to
----- : Geneva and a delay of a day or two for replacements. He report-
ed very satisfactory weather conditions, altho later newspaper accounts tell of
freezing temperatures in that section of the State.

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A HIGH : A recent communication from Mr. Marquardt tells of an interview with
TRIBUTE : a Mr. S. H. Greene, presumably of Standord, in which the latter
----- : stated that it was ^{his} opinion and the opinion of many others on the
Coast that Dr. Dahlberg had developed the finest research program in dairying
conducted in this country. Coming from a Californian, Jules regards this as espec-
ially significant. The Marquardts will soon be turning their car in this direction
as they are due back about October 1, but plan to make two or three stops enroute.

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Monday At : Ideal weather and the holiday was strikingly reflected in the crowds
The Fair : that streamed thru the Station exhibit on the opening day of the
----- : Fair. Those concerned with the several exhibits should feel well re-
paid for their labor and effort if the response of visitors to the displays is any
recompense. Every unit has had its full share of admiration and interest; and with
the increasing ratio of farmers over city sightseers that will prevail for the re-
mainder of the week, this interest is bound to grow in proportion. Comissioner
Fyrke, Mr. Ackerman, Director of the Fair, and others in whose judgment we have
considerable confidence, have expressed themselves as well pleased with this
year's effort.

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VEGETABLE : The fifth annual vegetable variety field trip for seedsmen and
FIELD DAY : college and experiment station workers will be held Monday, Tuesday,
----- : and Wednesday of next week, with the first two days at Ithaca and
the third day here. The extensive canning crop experiments will be looked over as
well as the variety plantings which are being studied in preparation for further
publication of the "Vegetables of New York" There will also be an opportunity to
see the equipment for quick-freezing of vegetables,

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JUDGES 4 H : Judging assignments continue to seek out Station "specialists".
CLUB EXHIBITS : The last assignment has come to Mr. Tapley to judge the vegetable
----- : exhibits put on by the 4-H Club boys and girls, a task of konsid-
erable magnitude as the youngsters are at the Fair about 500 strong and many of
them are exhibiting products from their gardens.

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THEY KNOW : The unexpected always happens in an exhibit. Among the unexpected
THEIR MILK : developments in the dairy exhibit at Syracuse was the refusal of
----- : the two little heifers to countenance a change from Station milk to
milk of the Syracuse variety, not that we can blame them. Provision was made to
obtain pasteurized milk for their special benefit and this was diluted to bring it
somewhat in line with the diet to which the calves were accustomed. An obliging
Home Bureau agent who has a pitcher in her exhibit even supplied hot water to warm
the milk, but to no avail. Hay and grain were accepted, but not the substituted
milk. However, Mr. Hening is confident that nature will soon assert itself and that
the new milk supply will soon be tolerated. Otherwise, the calves could not behave
better than they do.

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STATION CLUB : The nominating committee of the Experiment Station Club will con-
ACTIVITY : sist of Mr. Hartzell, Mr. Tukey, Mrs. Sayre, Mrs. Van Eseltine, and
----- : Mr. Streeter, chairman. According to the constitution this committee
should present two nominations for each vacant office. The officers to be elected
at the October annual business meeting are President, Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer, and two directors. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the
meeting, but the Station politicians will probably use their influence on the
committee rather than wait for the open election meeting.

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DAIRY REFRIGERATORS :
WELCOMED : On September 21 and thereafter, no special experimental
----- : material will be stored in the refrigerators of the dairy
building for any departments. These refrigerators are so filled with various
materials that they can no longer be satisfactorily used by the Dairy Department
except under serious handicaps.