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-----: The series of meetings and field trips held here last week all
A BUSY :
WEEK : appeared to be highly successful and were well attended. The nut growers
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expressed themselves as especially well pleased with the Station and this terri-
tory as a meeting place for their group; while the Fruit Testing Association,
of course, regards the Station as home. The meeting of the latter organization
brought in Mr. Anderson from the Hudson Valley and Mr. Gladwin from the Vineyard
Laboratory on an all too infrequent visit to the Station. The orchard soil con-
ference held on Friday drew representatives from several of the northeastern
states who discussed problems of mutual interest. Prof. R.D. Anthony, formerly a
member of the Horticultural Department here and now with Pennsylvania State
College, attended the soil conference.

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MR. GORDIN'S : It is with deep regret that we note the receipt of news of the
DEATH :
-----: death of Mrs. Sayre's father, Mr. Gordin, in Champaign, Illinois,
last week. Mr. and Mrs. Gordin were annual visitors to Geneva where they had
many friends, and Mr. Gordin had particularly endeared himself to the fishing
fraternity at the Station for his unfailing optimism (the hall-mark of a real
fisherman) in the pursuit of Seneca Lake's finny inhabitants. We extend our
sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gordin and to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre.

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DR. PRICKETT : Dr. Paul S. Prickett, at one time a member of the Bacteriology
PAYS A CALL :
-----: Division and now with Mead Johnson Company of Evansville, Indiana,
spent the week-end in Geneva with Mrs. Prickett and the baby. Dr. Prickett left
the Station a few years ago to accept a position with the U.S. Dept. of Agricul-
ture, later going with the firm with which he is now associated. Dr. Prickett is
in close touch with "Nate" True, one-time Station chemist, who is also with
Mead Johnson, and states that Mrs. True, whose prolonged illness in a New York
hospital was noted in the NEWS sometime ago, is now sufficiently recovered to
return to her home in Evansville.

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SPEAKING OF : Reminds us that we note with pleasure that George Howe is back in
HOSPITALS :
-----: his office, following an unpleasant but fortunately brief exper-
ience with an infected arm in the Geneva General Hospital last week.

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DR. VAN SLYKE : Dr. Van Slyke was also on the sick list last week, and while
ON THE MEND :
-----: still confined to his bed is reported to be very greatly
improved.

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NEW CASES : The first tangible evidence of the extended readjustment of office
ARRIVE : space that will take place when the new building is ready for
-----: occupancy arrived at the Station on Monday in an A. & P. truck. It
consists of ten steel filing cases, each 3 by 7 feet, with 84 compartments in
each case, for use by the Mailing Division when it takes over the room in Jordan
Hall now occupied by Mr. Sayre and Mr. Tukey. These cases will be used to hold the
working stock of bulletins and circulars sent out in reply to requests received
in the daily mail, as this part of the work of the Mailing Division will then be
performed in that office where Mrs. Hening will make her headquarters. Mrs. Hoag
will remain in her present quarters, and the distribution of new publications to
the mailing lists will be made from the basement of Jordan Hall, as in the past.
By moving part of the Mailing Division up to the first floor, a considerable gain
will be effected in much-needed storage space for surplus stocks of Station
publications.

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REPORT ON : The Bacteriology Division resumed its weekly seminars yesterday
MEETINGS : with reports on the Montreal meetings attended by members of the
-----: Division recently. Dr. Yale told of the meeting of the International
Milk Inspectors in which he participated, while Dr. Breed and Dr. Hucker reported
on the sections of the American Public Health Association which they attended.

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WHO SAID : It didn't take long for the two calves from the Station herd to
MILK? : discover that they could have their favorite milk supply upon their
-----: return from the State Fair. Altho they firmly refused to touch any
offering of milk from the various sources tried out in Syracuse,
they were quick to accept Station milk, and are now as contented as cows, both
big and little, should be.

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CONFER ON : New types of short time, high temperature pasteurizers are
PASTEURIZERS : to form the subject of conferences and demonstrations in the
-----: Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions this week with Dr. Tiedeman of
the State Department of Health; Mr. Byer of the General Ice Cream Corporation; and
Mr. Putnam of the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company.

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COMMENDS WORK : BETTER FRUIT, published in Portland, Oregon, and designated
WITH FILBERTS : as "The Magazine of the Deciduous Fruit Industry", commenting
-----: editorial on a recent statement sent out from the Station on
the filbert tests here, says, "New York State is to be commended upon the impor-
tation and trial planting of filberts from Europe. Filberts are one crop that
has grown here in the West by private introductions and trials. There are
hundreds of varieties in southern Europe that have never been given a trial in
this country. Our filbert industry needs an experimental farm. There are experi-
mental nut farms in the East, Southeast, Southwest, and in California. But the
Northwest with its greater possibilities of nut culture has none, except those
owned by individuals.

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THIS IS : Miss Rogers would like to learn of the whereabouts of a bound
MISSING : volume of U.S. Dept. of Agriculture bulletins Nos. 646-670.

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STRAW FROM : The Israelites, it will be recalled, complained bitterly about
BRICKS : having to make bricks without straw, but this obstacle evidently
-----: did not confront the makers of the adobe bricks out of which the
early buildings of southern California, the Southwest, and Mexico, were construct-
ed as revealed by interesting and unique researches reported recently by the
University of California. Adobe bricks from various historic structures in Upper
and Lower California, Arizona, and Sonora have been decomposed in water and an
immense amount of plant material recovered in a good state of preservation.
Identification of this material has contributed much to the knowledge of the var-
ieties of cultivated plants grown by the early missionaries to this region and
also on the probable date of introduction of numerous weeds.

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LIKED THE : Commenting on things of interest seen at the State Fair, the
WATER BUGS : AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST for last week mentions the Experiment
-----: Station exhibit in general and the "Insect Zoo" in particular,
especially the display of pond life which was recommended to those who might
be interested in establishing ponds or aquariums for ornamental purposes.

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POSTAL : Eight letters addressed to Canada were returned to the Station this
RATES : morning because of insufficient postage, and this is simply a
-----: repetition of similar experiences almost every day since the new
postal rates went into effect on September 1. The rate to Canada is now 3 cents
and to England 5 cents. Failure to attach sufficient postage "delays the mails".