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THE STAFF : A brief business meeting of the Staff has been called by Dr. Hedrick  
MEETING : for next Monday at 4:30 in Jordan Hall, when several matters of  
-----: routine business will be discussed.

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DR. BAILEY TO : Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, noted botanist, poet, and philosopher  
GIVE ADDRESS : will be the guest of the Station on Monday evening, December 14,  
-----: when he will speak on "Rambles Thru Central America". Dr. Bailey  
recently spent some time botanizing in that part of the world, and all of those who  
have heard him talk on his travels may well look forward to a delightful account  
of his experiences. The meeting is to be open to the public, and will be held in  
Jordan Hall, probably about 8:00 o'clock.

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"FIFTY YEARS : Honor for the first public recognition of the fiftieth anniversary  
OF SERVICE" : of the Station which occurs next March goes to the Rochester  
-----: Democrat and Chronicle, which yesterday published the following  
editorial entitled "Fifty Years of Service": Romance as well as statistics and  
solid facts is contained in the fiftieth annual report of the New York State Agri-  
cultural Experiment Station just issued at Geneva in preparation for observance of  
the semi-centennial of the station's founding. The anniversary date is March 1, 1932.  
Many volumes might be written, in addition to those already pub-  
lished, concerning the work of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and each of them  
would contain material of absorbing interest. The station, as the report indicates,  
is conducting more than a hundred major lines of work, including investigations  
that may have far-reaching results on the agriculture of the state. Results already  
achieved in the development of new and better strains of fruit have attracted world-  
wide attention and brought students and practical horticulturists from the ends of  
the earth to see for themselves the work being done near Geneva.

What has been done at the Experiment Station, it is stated, is in  
a way merely preparatory to results likely to develop from work now proceeding. The  
years that are gone have been fruitful; the next half century seems likely to yield  
immensely more in substantial values than the first fifty years. The day by day  
planning and plodding may not appear at first sight to be of the stuff that makes  
romance, but viewed in the retrospect, there are few stories of human achievement  
that contain more of the solid realization of golden dreams than does that of the  
first fifty years of the State Experiment Station at Geneva.

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NO "OFFICIAL" : This very gracious act on the part of the Democrat and Chronicle  
CELEBRATION : leads us to state at this time that, owing to various circum-  
-----: stances which need not be discussed in detail here, Dr. Hedrick  
and the heads of Divisions have agreed that it will be inexpedient to attempt any  
formal recognition of the Station's anniversary in 1932. The event will not pass  
unheralded, however, for it is proposed to give recognition to the Station's birth-  
day on numerous occasions thruout the year, special mention of which will be made  
from time to time in these columns. One phase of the present plan is to invite  
to the Station numerous agricultural organizations, particularly farmer organiza-  
tions in this State, during the coming year at which time aspects of the Station's  
work during the past 50 years appropriate to the occasion will be stressed. It is  
also contemplated that during the course of the year each of the research divis-  
ions will issue a resume of their contributions to New York agriculture during  
the half century. At the various exhibits made by the Station next year, beginning  
with the meetings of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester and the large  
group of dairy meetings in Syracuse, both to be held next month, an effort will be  
made to give some recognition to the Station's semi-centennial. Numerous articles  
in the press and addresses by various members of the Staff will also focus  
attention on the event.

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AGRONOMISTS : The first group to make definite plans to visit Geneva in 1932,  
MAKE PLANS : partly in recognition of the anniversary date, is the Northeastern  
-----: Section of the American Society of Agronomy. In Chicago recently  
Dr. Bizzell, representing the College at Ithaca, and Mr. Lockett, representing the  
Station, conferred with representatives of the executive committee of the North-  
eastern Section on details of the meeting to be held here and at Ithaca in June.  
It is expected that this will partake largely of the nature of a field trip and an  
inspection of laboratories at the two institutions rather than the formal sessions  
usually encountered at such meetings.

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UNIVERSITY : The December meeting of the University Club is to be held next  
CLUB TO MEET : Monday evening at the Multeney Inn, when Stanley U. Mock of Attica,  
-----: N.Y., will talk on "The Historical and Political Significance of  
the Morgan Episode". Those who are informed on western New York history will  
remember from their reading that the "Morgan episode" involved the revelation of  
certain Masonic secrets by one named Morgan who lived in the vicinity of Batavia.  
Morgan was arrested on some minor charge and brought to Canandaigua for trial from  
which point he was spirited away never to be heard from again. The episode led to  
a fanatical attack on all secret societies and even to the formation of a pol-  
itical party especially antagonistic to the Masonic Order. Mr. Mock has made a  
special study of Morgan's life and activities and of the political history of the  
period, and is reported to have an especially interesting and informing address on  
the subject. The program will be preceded by the usual supper at 6:30.

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SAILS FOR : Dr. Kertesz plans to sail the last of this week for his home in  
HOME SOON : Budapest where he will join his wife and baby for the holidays. We  
-----: trust that the winter seas will be kind to him and extend the season's  
greetings at this early date in anticipation of his absence from Geneva during the  
holiday season.

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GOOD : There are rumors from authentic sources that the Station Club is to  
NEWS : have a Christmas party and supper! Judging from past events of a  
-----: similar nature, this is good news indeed, and especially when we are  
informed that the entertainment following the supper will be by and for the  
youngsters.

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MR. MARQUARDT : Mr. Marquardt spent Monday in Schenectady on a two-fold errand.  
IN SCHENECTADY: At 12:30 he went "on the air" over WGY, and later conferred with  
-----: representatives of the General Ice Cream Corporation on some  
proposed cooperative projects in ice cream research. While at  
WGY, Mr. Marquardt heard with considerable interest the broadcast of news items  
from this Station. Not being aware that the Station was supplying WGY and other  
radio stations with weekly news releases the broadcast came as something of a  
surprise.

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ASK FOR : When the bids on the new greenhouses were opened in Albany last  
NEW BIDS : week, it was found that the lowest figures totaled about \$15,000 over  
-----: the appropriation of \$80,000 provided for this new equipment. All bids  
were rejected, therefore, and the specifications are now being revised in the hope  
that when new bids are called for a figure within the limits of the appropriation  
will be obtained.

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CONTRIBUTES : Dr. Breed, as Associate Editor of Le Lait, the leading French  
TO JUBILEE : dairy science journal, is one of two American contributors to a  
-----: jubilee volume commemorating the seventieth birthday of  
Dr. Ch. Porcher, for many years Editor of Le Lait and a leading figure in dairy  
science. Dr. Porcher, who is a member of the faculty of the Veterinary College at  
Lyon, France, has made several visits to this Station. Dr. Breed's paper deals  
with studies of thermophilic bacteria in relation to low temperature pasteuriza-  
tion.

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THE BIG TRUCK : Mr. Van Alstyne and Mr. Hefferon have been on another collecting  
THIS TIME : trip to the Hicks Nurseries on Long Island, where considerable  
-----: more ornamental nursery stock was obtained for use on the  
Station grounds.

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DR. YALE :  
BACK HOME : Upon his return from Albany yesterday, Dr. Breed reported that  
-----: Dr. Yale had completed studies on the efficiency of the new type  
of flash pasteurizers installed in an Albany ice cream plant and that he would  
return to Geneva today. The studies have been in progress for several months in  
cooperation with the State Department of Health, the General Ice Cream Corporation,  
and the Creamery Package and Dairy Machinery Company.

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GRATE- : The best part of going away is getting back home again, even when  
ful : it means such prosaic business as writing the NEWS instead of  
-----: following the fortunes of would-be football champions. A contribut-  
ing factor to a successful vacation was the knowledge that the readers of the  
NEWS were being well served by the generous cooperation of Mr. Marquardt for which  
we are most grateful.