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THE BOTANY : Some hundred and seventy-five persons who assembled in Jordan
OF THE PALMS : Hall Monday evening to hear Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey were held en-
-----: tranced by the speaker's account of his botanical explorations in
Central and South America and more particularly of a two-months' sojourn on the
Island of Barro Colorado in the Panama Canal Zone. Interspersed with bits of phil-
osophy, human interest, and humor, so characteristic of all of Dr. Bailey's public
addresses, he succeeded in conveying a general impression of the great diversity
found in the palms and of the methods followed in collecting and preserving speci-
mens for identification and study, without inflicting upon his audience an overdose
of botanical lore. It was a striking example of a truly popular address on a tech-
nical subject by a master of the art, and our hope is that there may be many more
opportunities for the Staff and their friends to hear Dr. Bailey on future occasions.

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FOR THE GOOD : The brief business meeting of the Staff held Monday afternoon
OF THE ORDER : was devoted chiefly to a few announcements by the Director and
-----: Brief discussions of the activities of some of the standing
committees. Also, reprints of a series of four addresses on "The Spirit of the Land-
Grant Institutions" delivered at the recent meeting of the Association of Land-Grant
Colleges at Chicago, were distributed to the staff. These are inspirational
addresses by such men as Dr. Edugene Davenport, formerly Dean of the College of Agri-
culture, University of Illinois; Dr. W.O. Thompson, formerly President of the Ohio
State University; Dr. E.A. Bryan, formerly President of the College of Washington;
and Dr. W.J. Kerr, President of Oregon State Agricultural College. Additional copies
may be obtained from the Director's office.

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JINGLE : All is in readiness for the really big event of the year next Monday
BELLS : evening when the Station Club puts on its Christmas party. As announc-
-----: ed earlier, the program this year is to be preceded by a supper. The
committee in charge states that supper will be served promptly at 5:30 in Jordan
Hall, and that the entire entertainment will be completed in time for the younger
generation to get home at a reasonable hour. It is also announced that Club members
are welcome to bring guests, but that the committee should be advised in advance
of the number and that a nominal fee will be charged for each guest.

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"BOB" : With profound regret we note the death in a Philadelphia hospital
ADAMS : last Saturday of Professor Robert M. Adams of the Department of Vege-
-----: table Crops at Cornell. Better known as "Bob" Adams of "Rude Rural
Rhyme" fame, he had attained a high degree of success in the dissemination of agri-
cultural information thru the medium of homely rhymes on farm topics which were
widely syndicated. To hear him render his rhymes in person was a treat indeed, and
to those who knew him it was not surprising that he should be especially successful
in working with the boys and girls of the 4-H clubs of the State. His was a unique
and winning personality that can never be fully replaced.

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TALKED TO : Several members of the Staff attended some of the sessions of the
NURSERYMEN : "School for Nurserymen" held at the College of Agriculture last week.
-----: Mr. Van Eseltine appeared on the program the lastday, when he dis-
cussed the subject of ornamentals.

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CONFER IN : On Friday of this week Mr. Van Alstyne and Mr. Luckett will go to Roc-
ROCHESTER : hester to discuss with the Secretary of the State Horticultural Soc-
-----: iety plans for the Station exhibits at the meeting of the Society
to be held in that city in January. This will also be a joint effort with the
College of Agriculture and will involve considerable effort on the part of many
members of the Station staff.

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CONFER IN : Dr.Hucker and Mr.Marquardt are in Syracuse today for a conference
SYRACUSE : with representatives of the several dairy organizations who are
-----: holding their annual meetings in that city next month. Arrange-
ments for exhibits will also be made with the hotel authorities. Present indica-
tions point to a truly novel gathering in Syracuse on January 13 to 15, when for
the first time a concerted effort will be made to bring together in one place and
at one time a number of dairy organizations in this State that have more or less
common interests. The groups include the Holstein-Friesian Association, the State
Jersey Cattle Club, the State Guernsey Breeders' Association, the State Breeders'
Association, and the State Dairymen's Association. Of the last-named organization,
Dr.Hucker is Secretary and Dr.Breed chairman of the program committee. The Dairy
Department at Ithaca and the Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions at the Station are
joining forces in an exhibit at Syracuse which will also include a display of pub-
lications on dairy topics.

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RISQUE : In commenting on Station exhibits activities for the coming week
EXHIBITS? : before the Staff last Monday afternoon, the Editor chanced to refer to
-----: the exhibits to be made at the dairy meetings in Syracuse as "modest",
meaning, of course, that in this first effort the Station would not attempt anything
pretentious at Syracuse. Critical listeners, following the meeting, professed to
entertain fears (or hopes) that perhaps there was something "immodest" contemplated
in some of the other exhibits. If so, we have not yet learned of it, but will most
certainly pass along the word if we do.

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ATTEND ICE : Dr.Dahlberg and Mr.Hening are in Binghamton for the annual meet-
CREAM MEET : ing of the State Ice Cream Association. Dr.Dahlberg is to review
-----: research in ice cream in general and the ice cream research program
of the Station in particular.

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DR. BREED : Dr.Breed will attend hearings before the Advisory Committee on
IN ALBANY : Milk Sanitation of the State Department of Health which are to be
-----: held in Albany Thursday and Friday of this week.

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MISS FLOOD IN : Continuing the "moving-up" process that is in general progress
NEW QUARTERS : around the Station, Miss Flood has now taken up her permanent
-----: quarters in the west front office in Jordan Hall. It is expected
that the switch board will be installed and operating sometime in February, when
Miss Flood's troubles will begin in earnest.

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IN THE : The following publications went into the mail last week:
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Bul. No. 598. The propagation of Multiflora rootstocks for roses
by soft wood cuttings. H.B.Tukey and K.Brasc.

Bul. No.599. The response of apples,cherries, and roses to fer-
tilizer applications in the nursery. H.B.Tukey and K.Brasc.

Tech.Bul. No. 184 Therate of chemical change in milk brought
about by certain lactic acid streptococci. K.D.Kelly.

Tech. Bul. No. 185 Correlation studies of the growth of apple
and cherry trees in the nursery from the seedling to the
two-year budded tree. H.B.Tukey and A.Brasc.

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SPEAKING : The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture estimates that it costs the Govern-
OF BULLETINS: ment \$200,000 a year to make what it terms as "needless" author's
-----: alterations in proofs on the Department's bulletins. We have never
estimated the cost of changes in Station proofs, tho we know it runs rather high.
Also, there is room for argument as to whether certain changes are "needless" or
not, depending very largely on the point of view. The Department figures that it
could print 2,260,000 sixteen-page Farmers' bulletins for what it costs to correct
proofs. All of which is to say that changes in proofs are many, many times more
costly than changes in the manuscript, and that very substantial economies are
possible by more careful preparation of the manuscript in advance of publication.