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FUNCTIONS OF

THE FARM BUREAU : Prof. L.R. Simons, County Agent Leader for the State, gave an interesting account of the Farm Bureau organization and of the purpose of the Farm Bureau in an address before the Staff Monday afternoon. He stated that despite hard times there were 35,000 paid up memberships in the Farm Bureaus for 1932 as compared with 40,000 for last year. The developments of rural leadership among the farmers themselves, he said, was one of the chief objectives of the organization, and he showed how the central Farm Bureau office and the local county agent aided in bringing this about. He concluded by saying that the Farm Bureau was just as much an extension agent for the Experiment Station as for the College of Agriculture.

GRANGE MEETING : A hundred or more Masters and Lecturers from the Granges of Seneca, Yates, and Ontario Counties met in Jordan Hall Monday for an all-day meeting. Miss Elizabeth Arthur, State Lecturer, presided, and the chief item of business was an open forum on ways and means of improving Grange programs. The State Master, Mr. J.F. Freestone, spoke in the afternoon; and Mrs. Freestone, National Juvenile Matron, addressed the conference in the morning on the development of juvenile Granges. There are to be a number of Grange meetings at the Station during the next few months, including a tri-county Grange picnic this summer. Local Grangers are also hopeful that the State officials will look with favor on the invitation issued by Geneva and the Station for the meeting of the State Grange here in February, 1933. The final word on the place of this meeting will be handed down the latter part of this month.

DAIRY WORKERS : Dairy laboratory workers from many of the eastern states and Canada will gather at the Station next Monday and Tuesday for a discussion of problems encountered in the routine chemical and bacteriological examination of milk. The meeting is sponsored by the Laboratory Section of the International Milk Dealers Association and is in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Station. The same group meeting here in 1930 attracted about 150 technicians and officials. A feature of the meeting this year will be reports from 25 different laboratories on samples of milk prepared by the Dairy Division and sent to these laboratories for testing. It is expected that the results of these tests by similar methods on samples of identical composition will furnish much food for discussion. On the whole, the program will be rather technical, except for Dr. Danberg's address at the "Anniversary" dinner Monday evening when he will speak on "Fifty Years of Dairying."

FIFTY YEARS OF RESEARCH : In line with the semi-centennial idea, Dr. Hedrick is to be the speaker at the May meeting of the University Club to be held at Pulteney Inn next Tuesday evening, when he will speak on "Fifty Years of Research at the Experiment Station." This will also be the annual business meeting of the Club, with election of officers.

FROZEN FOODS AGAIN : DR. Hedrick and Mr. Sayre on their recent trip to Gloucester, Mass., completed arrangements for a renewal of the cooperative experiments with frozen fruits and vegetables to be conducted by the Frosted Foods Laboratories of Gloucester and the Station. The work this year will be considerably expanded, at least so far as the Station is concerned. In addition to the main project of determining what varieties of fruits and vegetables are best suited to preservation by the freezing process, Dr. Nebel will make studies of the physiological effects of freezing on the tissues, while Dr. Pederson will study the effects of the freezing process on the bacterial life carried by the different products and Dr. Kertesz will determine the effect upon their chemical composition. Work will begin on June 1 with the installation of equipment by the Massachusetts concern and the assignment of three of their men to carry on the various operations.

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WILL WORK ON : Dr.Hedrick introduced to the Staff on Monday Mr.A.L.
SEED-BORNE DISEASES : Harrison, a graduate student at Cornell, who will work
-----: in the Division of Botany this summer on seed-borne dis-
eases of beans. Mr.Harrison holds a fellowship from the Rogers Brothers Seed
Company, and will return to Ithaca in the fall to continue his graduate work in
the Department of Plant Pathology.

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GOOD : Those who have noted the brighter eye and the sprightlier gait
TONIC : that have marked the demeanor of Dr.Yale know the reason why,
-----+ The arrival of Paul last week at the Geneva General Hospital is
the best tonic that could be prescribed for any convalescent. We extend our best
congratulations to Dr. and Mrs.Yale.

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MILK : The Dairy Division wishes to have it understood that until further
-----: notice the Station milk supply will not be pasteurized, the ex-
perimental work requiring pasteurization having been brought to a close.

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GOES TO : Dr.Kelly left on short notice last week for Calgary, Alberta, to
CALGARY : serve in a consulting capacity with a milk plant in that city which
-----: has been having difficulty with its milk supply.

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HOPKINS'S :
MOVE : "Vic" Hopkins and his family have moved from their apartment
-----: in the Entomology Building to a residence on Lafayette Avenue.

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DR.KLUYVER : Dr. A.J.Kluyver of the University of Delft came to Geneva yester-
ARRIVES : day following the meeting of the Central New York Branch of the
-----: Society of American Bacteriologists in Ithaca, attended by several
members of the Staff. Dr.Kluyver will be at the Station just for today.

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PLEASE : The Librarian asks that the following publications be returned to
RETURN : the Library or that she be advised of their whereabouts:
-----: Landwirtschaftlichen Versuchs-Stationen, Vol. 112, Nos. 1 and 2
(1931); and Revue Horticole, Vol. 102, No. 12 (1920).

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CALLED : Mrs. Sipple was called to her home in Ithaca last week due to the
TO ITHACA : serious illness of her mother.
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A TRAVELING : For ingenious arrangement and compactness the State Department of
LABORATORY : Health's traveling milk laboratory which is stationed down by
-----: the greenhouse is certainly in a class by itself. The big bus with
its three attendants will remain here for three weeks while a general inspection is
made of pasteurizing plants in Ontario, Yates, Seneca, and Ontario Counties. Dr.
M.P.Kloser is in charge of the laboratory.

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COTTON : Mr.Holmes of the Union Wadding Company at Pawtucket,R.I., was a
STRAINERS : recent visitor in the Dairy Division where he discussed the work with
-----: cotton strainers carried on at the Station.

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ENCOURAGING :
RESPONSE : With many contributors doubling and even tripling the amounts of
-----: their donations to the Community Chest over last year's figures,
the prospects for the Station's quota in the campaign are encouraging.Returns at
this writing are too incomplete to mean much, but the "trend" as they say in the
political world indicates a much better total for the Station than was turned in
last year.