

# The Station News

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THE FRUIT : Mr. Roy P. McPherson, Secretary of the State Horticultural Society,  
GROWERS : paid a brief call to the Station yesterday to check up on final  
-----: plans for the summer meeting of the Society to be held here on  
Thursday, July 28. Mr. McPherson has sent out 2,000 invitations to fruit growers in  
this State and Canada to participate in the meeting which has been called partly  
in recognition of the Station's fiftieth anniversary. Among others who will take  
part in the program will be Mr. Chas. H. Baldwin, recently appointed Commissioner  
of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and Dr. C. E. Ladd, the new Dean  
of the College of Agriculture.

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STATE FAIR : The time for making State Fair plans cannot be much longer, deferred,  
DAYS AHEAD : hence several of those directly concerned with this fall event will  
-----: make a trip to the Fair grounds next Friday to consult with the car-  
penters and painters on necessary changes in the exhibit spaces. At this writing  
there are thirteen separate units assured to the Station exhibit this year, with a  
possibility of an additional one or two units to be included later. While the general  
arrangement will follow much along the same lines as those of last year, changes  
are contemplated which are expected to give a decidedly different aspect to the  
display.

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ANOTHER : Dr. and Mrs. Nebel are receiving congratulations on the arrival of  
SCIENTIST : an eight-pound boy. We understand that even at this early date the  
-----: youngster is displaying those qualities of determination and self-  
expression that are so characteristic of the research spirit.

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BACK ON : "Bill" Lydon held an impromptu reception in the dairy laboratory  
THE JOB : Monday upon his return to work, following a long convalescence from an  
-----: operation for an injury sustained in the milk room several weeks ago.  
Bill's host of friends are delighted that he is able to resume his duties again.

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JOURNAL : Attention is once more directed to the request from the editorial  
ARTICLES : office for lists of papers published in scientific journals during  
-----: the year ended June 30. These papers are to be listed in the Annual  
Report, and if you have not yet made your report an early reply will be appreciated.

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WALKING : It is becoming something of an adventure to enter Jordan Hall  
THE PLANK : these days. With the destruction of the front steps in preparation  
-----: for a new entrance to the building, approach to the front door is to  
be had by means of a couple of planks set at a rather steep angle. The constant  
pounding attendant upon the removal of the old cement is not exactly soothing to  
the nerves of those of us who must sit thru it all day. Even the man who swings the  
hammer is beginning to feel the strain and tells about pounding his wife in his  
sleep under the impression that he is still on the wrecking job, at least that is  
his alibi. Undoubtedly the new approach to the building will be a marked improvement  
over the disintegrated concrete that has been an eyesore for so long.

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DR. GLASGOW : Dr. Glasgow's two sisters, who are research chemists for the  
VACATIONING : Fleischman Yeast Company of Baltimore, were recent visitors in  
-----: Geneva. Following a brief stay, Dr. Glasgow joined them for a short  
vacation.

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TO CLIMB : Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have left for a vacation in New England which  
MOUNTAINS : will include the climbing of some of the more imposing of the  
-----: mountains of the region.

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THE HERD : Following a conference of veterinarians and others held here last  
PASSES : week, the Station herd has once more been given a clean bill of health  
-----: with regard to tuberculosis. One animal, a young Holstein bull which  
has been isolated from the main herd, failed to give a clean-cut test and will be  
retested in 60 days. For all practical purposes, however, the herd has been given an  
official O.K. Those participating in the test included Dean W.A. Hagan, Dr. Zeisig,  
and Dr. Newman of Ithaca and Dr. Cady and Dr. Dowdle of Albany.

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ILLUSTRATED : An illustrated booklet of "Facts About the Station" has been  
BOOKLET : approved at Albany for publication and will constitute something in  
-----: the nature of a souvenir booklet of the Station's fiftieth anniversary  
for use at meetings to be held at the Station this summer and at the State Fair.  
The pamphlet will contain 36 pages of illustrations and descriptive matter and will  
have a distinctive cover carrying the dates 1882 and 1932.

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THE SOD : All of those who read for many years the "Mixed Goods" section of  
SURGEON : the little monthly pamphlet put out by the National Fertilizer  
-----: Association, purporting to be a broadcast from Station NFA, "amidst the  
hauls of fame", will learn with regret that the author of this feature, H.W. Warner,  
otherwise known as the "Sod Surgeon", died suddenly about two weeks ago.

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VISITORS : Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Williams of Lafayette, Indiana, are  
FROM INDIANA : spending several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Luckett.  
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COMPLETE : Dr. Breed and the other judges in the State Fair milk contest  
MILK JUDGING : completed their work last week in Ithaca on the judging of the  
-----: entries for the 1932 State Fair. There were 181 entries this year  
as compared with about 70 last year. The State Fair milk judging has been placed on  
a much more satisfactory basis the last few years than formerly when milk entries  
were judged two or three days in advance of the Fair on samples submitted by the  
contestants. Under present arrangements contestants enter the competition by pay-  
ing a small fee to the State Fair. Samples of their milk are then collected in the  
open market by agents of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets in the fall,  
in the winter, and in the summer. These samples are then forwarded to Ithaca where  
they are examined chemically and bacteriologically and scored by a board of judges.  
The results of the scoring are announced during the Fair and certificates of merit  
are awarded all contestants whose products score about 90 per cent. Obviously, the  
results of such a contest have much greater significance as to the relative merits  
of the various products than did the findings under the old method of scoring.

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AGRICULTURAL : The following editorial comment which appeared recently in the  
RESEARCH : Minneapolis JOURNAL, coming as it does from what might be con-  
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especially interesting and, we believe, somewhat significant. The editorial is in  
part as follows: So many suggestions have been made as what the Farm Board should do  
and should not do that another one will do no harm if it does no good. The latest  
suggestion conveyed in an editorial in The Country Home, is that the board devotes  
part of its immense revolving fund to research work in behalf of agriculture.

Country Home makes an interesting comparison of research in industry in  
this country with research in agriculture. For every thousand dollars invested in  
industry, 13 dollars go into research, it says. But for every thousand dollars in-  
vested in agricultural production only 43.5 cents are expended in research. Agricul-  
ture, it reasons, resembles any other industry in respect to the advantage that  
accrues from properly directed experimental activities. If the manufacturing  
industries are able to turn waste and surpluses into profitable lines, why, it asks,  
cannot agriculture, \*\*\*\*\*

Research, like art, is long and often tedious, but if it has paid the  
strictly commercial industries, and we know it has, it should be highly profitable  
to farming. A comparatively few widely separated experiment stations, of which Minn-  
nesota has one of the most active and best, are giving material assistance to agricul-  
ture. Imagine what might be accomplished if research in its behalf could be carried  
forward on a scale comparable to that developed by other industries.

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