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THE DAIRY MEETINGS : The meetings of the various Dairy Associations held in Albany last week were pronounced by all those in attendance as a success. The Station was represented by Dr. Breed, Dr. Dahlberg, Dr. Hucker, Dr. Yale, Mr. Hening and Mr. Lockett. The attendance, altho somewhat smaller than in previous years, was considered to be satisfactory by those who had followed the affairs of these Associations for a number of years. A spirit of optimism seemed to be in evidence at these meetings and no fears for the future of the dairy industry were in evidence at any time.

On Thursday evening a representative group of the dairy interests in New York State met at a dinner conference at which time Senator Perley Pitcher, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee for Milk Control, outlined the work of the committee which has been investigating the milk situation during the past summer. At this conference, the so-called Smith plan for regular milk prices was first proposed. The plan involves the establishment of an Advisory Control Board which would regulate the price of milk in the States of New York and New Jersey. Mr. George W. Sisson was Master of Ceremonies at this dinner.

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ALBANY ELECTIONS : At the annual business meeting of the New York State Dairymen's Association in Albany, Dr. Hucker was elected to serve as Secretary for the sixth consecutive year. Dr. Breed was re-elected a Director and Dr. Dahlberg was selected to act as a Chairman of a Special Committee to formulate plans for a closer cooperation between the New York State Breeders and the New York State Dairy Association. It is planned to hold the 1934 meeting in Ithaca in conjunction with the Farmers' Week program.

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DR. HEDRICK MISSED : The New York State Dairymen's Association, in executive session, passed the following resolution, expressing regret at the illness of Director Hedrick:

"The New York State Dairymen's Association has learned with regret of the illness of Director U. P. Hedrick.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we express our regret that he could not be with us, and express our hopes that he will soon recover."

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THE LAST STAND : The Station's road show makes its last stand in Kingston this week, where the State Horticultural Society holds its eastern meeting. The exhibit at Kingston will include the usual apple variety collection from the Pomology Division, a joint publication exhibit by the College and the Station, a raspberry disease display, a demonstration on training fruit trees, a legume inoculant exhibit, entomology and plant pathology exhibit centered around the special work in these fields that is being carried on by the Station in the Hudson Valley, and two or three special features from the College. Among those who will attend the Kingston meeting will be Mr. Parrott, Mr. Wellington, Mr. Slate, Dr. Rankin, Mr. Van Alstyne, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Chapman, and Mr. Munding. And of course Jim Hefferon will be on hand with the truck.

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THE SECOND CENTURY : The State Agricultural Society got away to a good start on its second century last week, especially when it came to the dinner of New York State products. In our long experience with dinners at home and abroad, we never saw so much food at any one time as was heaped upon the tables at the banquet spread by the Agricultural Society, and every article a product of a New York farm. More than 600 persons were served; and following the dinner and the necessary speech making that always goes with such an event, the guests, at least those of them who were able to do so, had an opportunity to partake of a generous supply of carbonated cider contributed by Assemblyman Porter of Crown Point, N. Y. Dr. Carpenter has had a hand in the development of Mr. Porter's cider project, and we can assure him the samples passed out at Albany received enthusiastic approval by all who tried them.

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DR. HEDRICK : At the business session of the State Agricultural Society action
ACCLAIMED : was taken expressing the appreciation of Dr. Hedrick's work on the his-
-----: tory of agriculture in this State and on his many other contributions
to the Society, together with an expression of hope for his speedy recovery.

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MARKED : Each day we receive at the Station the news of marked improvement
IMPROVEMENT : in the health of our Director and we are looking forward to the days
-----: when he will be back with us.

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HIGH HONOR : Word has just been received at the Station of the election of our
-----: Vice-Director, Mr. Parrott, as Councillor of the American Association
from the Entomological Society of America. Our congratulations to Mr. Parrott on
this further expression of appreciation of all of his excellent contributions to
science.

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STATE FAIR : From the beginning the State Fair has been one of the special interests
FAIR : of the State Agricultural Society, hence considerable time was devoted at
-----: one of the sessions last week in discussing the future of the Fair. Of par-
ticular interest to us here at the Station is the probable realization of the pro-
posed horticultural building for use at the Fair this fall. In the event that this
building does materialize, it will mean a radical change in the set up of the Sta-
tion exhibit from the plan followed for the past two or three years. The architect
in charge of the plans has promised to supply us with blue prints of the new build-
ing as soon as possible.

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STATE FAIR : Dr. Breed met in conference with other members of the State Fair
MILK JUDGING : Milk Judging Committee to crystallize plans for the regular milk judg-
-----: ing contests of 1933 which culminate in the State Fair in Syracuse.
Plans are being made for the first series of samples which will be judged in Ithaca
in the near future. From all indications it appears that a large number of entries
will be on hand.

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ANOTHER : It was announced in Albany at the meeting of the New York State
"DAIRY DAY" : Dairymen's Association that the Station would hold another "Open House"
-----: for all its friends in the dairy field on August 18, 1933. This an-
nouncement was received with considerable enthusiasm and many visitors to the Sta-
tion last year promised to return to our second annual dairy day and, in addition, to
circulate the good news among their friends. It is hoped that the attendance will
be even larger than last year and that a better cooperation will be given by the
weather prophets.

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MASTITIS : An item of interest to the readers of the NEWS developed at the re-
DISCUSSED : gular meeting of the New York State Dairymen's Association in Albany.
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reported upon at the meeting, a special conference was held to discuss further ac-
tion in this field of endeavor. In attendance at this conference were representa-
tives of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Department of Health and
representatives from the various Dairy Cooperatives in the State. As a result of
this conference, it is hoped that a definite plan will be put into action in this
State for the control of mastitis. The Station was represented by Dr. Hucker.

The importance of this work was manifested further in a conference called by
the State Department of Health to consider the possible public Health significance
of mastitis, and to discuss regulatory measures in the control of this disease.

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SEMINAR : Dr. Shuck will speak before the seminar at 7:30 tonight on "The In-
TONIGHT : fluence of a Decreased Oxygen Supply on the Growth of Plants". The semi-
-----: nar has been attracting an interested group all winter and the meetings
are well worth attending.