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A GALA : Monday night, amid a setting emblematic of the spirit of Hallowe'en and
EVENT : representing the height of interpretative decorations, a brilliant gath-
-----: ering, including many of the world's prominent figures of the theatre,
politics, the arts, science, and society, celebrated the opening of "Gamboling
Gables," the City's newest night club. A world-famous master of ceremonies and a
charming hostess imported from abroad for the occasion added just the "touch", aided
by a corps of waiters, that was needed to make the club a success. The floor show
was splendid, Rosa Ponselle and Kate Smith were in the best of voice, the orchestra
did its throbbing bit, and the cuisine was excellent. The popular verdict awarded
honors to Aunt Jemima and her escort and to Mahatma Gandhi for originality in cos-
tumes, while the Mahatma's dalliance with a torch singer was easily the evening's
outstanding scandal. Even Walter Winchell was left speechless for the moment. If
Gamboling Gables can maintain the pace set on opening night, it is destined to have
a long and prosperous run and to triumph over the Big Bad Wolf of Depression.

THOSE : Everyone who attended the Station Club party Monday night will testify to
DUES : the fact that the Club got off to an excellent start under its new manage-
-----: ment. They are now seeking our financial support in the form of the 1933-
34 dues which have been set at the very modest figure of one dollar. Out of these
dues will be financed the Christmas party, the picnic, and the fall meeting and sup-
per of the Club. All other events, including the party Monday night, pay their own
way by means of small assessments. The Club has come to represent the social life of
the Station and is thus deserving of the support of everyone associated with the in-
stitution. Your contribution will pay big dividends in good will and pleasure thru-
out the year.

THE SCIENCE : Seventeen persons turned out for the first science seminar held last
SEMINARS : Wednesday evening with Dr. Tukey in charge. The second meeting will
-----: be held next Wednesday with Mr. Sayre leading a discussion of the
general subject of maturity. The program for the remainder of 1933 is as follows:
Nov. 8. Maturity, C. B. Sayre.
Nov. 22. Freezing Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables,
D. K. Tressler.
Dec. 6. Methods of Testing Legume Cultures, A. W. Hofer
Dec. 20. Publications, J. D. Lockett.

SCHEDULED : While on the subject of seminars, Dr. Tukey is to address the Pomology
FOR ITHACA : Seminar at Cornell next Monday on "The Effect of the Cion and of an
-----: Intermediate Stem-piece Upon the Stock."

THE FLOWERS : A constant stream of visitors have been passing thru the greenhouses
ATTRACT : for the past week to view the chrysanthemums, and the number last
-----: Sunday was well above the 500 mark. Several car loads came from
points as far distant as Syracuse, Auburn, and Ithaca, and so many expressed a desire
to return with friends whom they wished to have see the display that it has been de-
cided to keep the exhibit intact thru next Sunday. This year's show is easily the
best in recent years because of the possibilities that the new houses offer to dis-
play the flowers to good advantage. Florists who visit the greenhouses are quite im-
pressed with Mr. Jahn's ability to bring the blooms to such perfection in small pots,
as the usual practice is to grow the plants in beds.

OUR IN- : Good reports are received from the three most seriously afflicted members
VALIDS : of the Station group. Mr. George Murray is back on the job for a short
-----: time each day following his long siege with an appendicitis operation;
Mr. Oswald is convalescing at his home after a similar experience; and Mr. Lohr, who
sustained an injury to his foot while working on the new bridge, is able to get a-
round but is not yet back at work.

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NOT : As an indication of business pick-up, the Dairy Division last week re-
SO BAD : ceived a shipment from a manufacturer of 4,320 pieces of Babcock milk
-----: test bottles for the usual official testing for accuracy and branding.
This is said to be the largest single shipment to be received at the Station in the
last two years. As evidence of governmental efficiency, it is interesting to note
that this shipment was unpacked, tested, and re-shipped in 16½ hours. The actual
testing time averaged 14 seconds per piece of glassware which had to show an accu-
racy within 0.02 cc on the graduated scale on the bottle--and this is about one-fourth
of an average-size drop. Mr. Durham is the man who turns out this tested glassware,
and while he is aided by modern devices for calibrating milk test bottles, neverthe-
less there cannot be much wasted motion in moving along a consignment at this rate.

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MAY ATTEND : Dr. Breed is planning on attending a hearing on proposed changes in
MILK HEARING : the New York State sanitary code covering milk before the Public
-----: Health Council of New York State in New York City the latter part
of this week. Dr. Breed is a member of the Advisory Committee of the State Depart-
ment of Health which has recommended certain modifications of the sanitary code.

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TO STUDY : Dr. Yale is spending a few days in Chenango County making a prelimi-
GRADE A MILK : nary survey of dairy farms supplying the New York City market with
-----: Grade A milk in preparation for some studies to be undertaken in
that area later.

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RECENT : Prof. C. J. Humm of Cornell called at the Station last week to confer
VISITORS : with Dr. Tukey on plans for a nurserymen's meeting in Ithaca in January.
-----: Mr. F. E. Gladwin of the Vineyard Laboratory also spent a day here.
Fred's visits are so few and far between that they merit special notice.

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APPLE : From Governor Lehman down thru lesser officials, this has been declared
WEEK : "Apple Week", and we are all supposed to become better acquainted with this
-----: delectable fruit. We can think of no better way to achieve this end than
for the Pomology Division to put on an educational demonstration of apple varieties
where the eating qualities of the numerous kinds grown on the Station grounds might
be compared.

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THIS IS : The Librarian reports that Volume 14 of Science (1901) is missing from
MISSING : the Library without any record of the borrower. If you have this volume,
-----: please let Miss Rogers know.

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CALLED : Mr. Cooper Smith was called to his home in Illinois last Saturday on ac-
HOME : count of the serious illness of his mother.
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A HISTORY OF : Dr. Hedrick received yesterday the first two copies of his "History
AGRICULTURE : of Agriculture in the State of New York" with a statement from the
-----: printer that the remaining copies have been shipped. Everyone in-
terested in New York farms will find this book most entertaining, while to those out-
side of this State it will make a strong appeal as a record of how agriculture develo-
ed in the eastern United States from the days of the first white settlers to the clos-
of the nineteenth century. The numerous illustrations that enliven the text add tre-
mendously to the interest of the book, and we are sure that all readers of the NEWS
will want a copy in their libraries.

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PAGE : Here is a "Believe it or not" that is hard to believe. It seems that three
RIPLEY : members of the Staff were on an "inspection trip" recently that took them
-----: thru the grape districts around Naples and Hammondsport where they were pre-
vailed upon to sample certain beverages that have made that territory famous. The
story goes that one member of the group, after sampling some of the choicest of the
vintages, spurned all of them for a drink of kraut juice. All kraut magazines please