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THE ANNUAL supper and business meeting of the Experiment Station Club last Monday evening brought out an attendance of about 100. Much of the credit for the excellent supper and the attractive appearance of the tables is due Miss Rachel Haynes. The election of officers resulted in the elevation to the exalted ranks of officialdom of the following persons: For President, Col. C. B. Sayre; Vice-president, M. G. Moore; Secretary-Treasurer, P. S. Prickett; and Directors, Director Morrison and Dr. Rankin.

AT A MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Club yesterday afternoon Mr. Prickett's resignation as Secretary-Treasurer was accepted and Mr. Henning designated as his successor. The Board also made the following appointments to the chairmanships of the standing committees: Social Committee, P. S. Pederson; Finance, S. W. Harman; Welfare, Miss Sperry; Meetings, Mrs. Collison. This group, together with the elected officers, constitutes the Executive Committee of the Club and will get into action next week to formulate plans for the coming year's activities.

DIRECTOR Morrison will make his first appearance before an agricultural group in this State since assuming his new duties next Friday evening when he will speak at the Geneva High School in connection with the agricultural program arranged by the class in vocational agriculture. Prof. Morrison will discuss "Recent Discoveries in Nutrition and Stock Feeding". The meeting is open to the public and will begin with a concert by the High School band at about 7:45.

MR. HAWTHORN and Mr. Van Alstyne have been asked to judge the vegetable and fruit exhibits, respectively, at the High School exhibit. Mr. O'Neil will act as poultry judge.

THE STATION has received an invitation to send a representative to Amherst on October 28th on the occasion of Dr. Thatcher's inauguration as President of Massachusetts Agricultural College.

DR. TAMOH IKEDA has arrived to take up work in Dr. Breed's laboratory for the next few months. Dr. Ikeda is working under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation and is particularly interested in studying methods of city milk control for the Japanese government.

MR. PARROTT is leaving tomorrow evening for Lake Placid where he will attend a meeting of the Empire Gas and Electric Association and report on the "Use of Light Traps for Control of Insects."

THE OCTOBER number of THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY contains an article by Dr. Thatcher on "Research Work in Agriculture".

COL. SAYRE left this morning by auto for Champaign, Illinois, where he will join Mrs. Sayre for a vacation from his canning crop activities. Mr. Hawthorn has also joined the ranks of vacationers.

MISS LIDA Thatcher returned to Geneva last Monday after a month's vacation with Dr. and Mrs. Thatcher at Amherst. She will leave for an extended trip thru the Middle West tomorrow in connection with her new duties with the Chemical Foundation.

MR. DANIEL, entomologist at the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia, has been granted leave to take up graduate work at Cornell for this term.

MR. MUNN and his boy scouts were expecting to participate in the search of the Pine Plains district for the aged Geneva resident who is believed to have been lost in the swamp.

PROF. J. D. BREW, of the Dairy Department of the College of Agriculture, spoke before the members of the Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions here last week. Prof. Brew told of his recent experiences in dairy work in California and stated that the direct method of counting bacteria in milk, perfected by Dr. Breed and himself when he was connected with the Station, was now in general use in all milk control work in California.

MISS SPERRY is in receipt of advance information from Dr. Jordan that he and Mrs. Jordan hope to pay a visit to Geneva friends within the next few weeks.

DR. A. B. STOUT, Director of Laboratories of the New York Botanic Garden, is spending a few days at the Station in connection with some cooperative investigations with grapes which the Garden and Station are interested in.

FRIENDS of Messrs. Slate and Hartzell are considerably alarmed over the plight of these venturesome souls. Last Saturday they "took off" for Fredonia in the Spirit of St. Vitus, also known as the Galloping Goose, and to this date have not been heard from. It is known that George had anxious moments about the outcome of the venture before they set out, but Fred's skill as a pilot, particularly if he can glimpse one or two stars, is so highly esteemed that we cannot help but feel that they will be heard from eventually. Certainly no man with five acres of grapes ahead of him is going to take any unnecessary risks.

WE RECOMMEND to the SINGLE men of the Staff a perusal of the September CORN COB, the house organ for the Patent Cereal Company, in which they will find a feature entitled "Why Men Leave Home". The "Reasons" appear in a photograph of the clerical force of the Company, among whom we recognize Miss Fahy, now a member of the Horticultural Division of the Station.

MR. HALL has compiled ample data to refute the St. Swithin legend of forty days of rain following a rainy July 15th, that is if one is willing to accept the data in place of the impression that prevailed this year, at least, that St. Swithin was right. It rained on July 15th last, and what is more important, it rained on each of the next thirteen days. According to the legend, it should have rained on forty consecutive days. Mr. Hall's curiosity was aroused and he entered upon a new "project" to discover just what the Station weather records would show. These records go back forty years, and briefly this is what he found. In the years when it failed to rain on St. Swithin's Day more rain fell during the succeeding forty days and it rained oftener than in the years when it rained on this important date. Thus does the analytical mind shatter another treasured belief! We have no doubt, however, but that the faithful will drag out the St. Swithin legend next July 15, providing it rains.