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-----: We open this week's output of red-hot news and less hot padding
ONLY THREE : with the unwelcome reminder that the Station truck will begin to
THINGS TO GO : move State Fair exhibit material to Syracuse just three weeks from
-----: today. In fact, in all probability, some heavier pieces will go
forward before then, but in any event the time is drawing too close for comfort
where much work still remains to be done on Division exhibits. Also, we would
speak a word for the sign painter in urging that copy for signs and other exhibit
material be placed in his hands as soon as possible. So far only one small lot of
signs has been ordered, and it is quite possible that some one is going to have to
sit up nights to get his material out unless the warm weather lets up and things
begin to move. For one thing, the Fair comes only once a year and is soon over--
it is largely a matter of getting started.

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TWO GOOD : In connection with State Fair matters, we received recently an ex-
PICTURES : cellent portrait of Governor Roosevelt which had been requested for
-----: use in the Station exhibit. The picture is 18 by 22 inches and will
be used as a special feature in the Station's exhibit on "Governor's Day" at the
Fair. We also have a very good likeness of Alexander Legge, Chairman of the
Federal Farm Board, who is to be the guest of honor at the Fair on "Farm Bureau
Day". An effort is being made to obtain pictures of William Green, President of the
American Federation of Labor, who will be the guest of the Fair on Labor Day, and
of Mr. Freestone, Master of the State Grange, for "Grange Day". Incidentally, Staff
pictures are beginning to pick up, too, but there are still a number to be heard
from before the "dead line" is reached on August 16. At least that is as late as
we can wait to complete this collection for the purpose intended.

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MISS MCGUIGAN'S : The death of Miss Mildred McGuigan's sister occurred last
BEREAVEMENT : Saturday, following a prolonged illness. We wish to add our
-----: word of sympathy to the many similar expressions from Miss
McGuigan's numerous friends at the Station and in the City.

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FARMERS HAVE : Altho a trifle warm, yesterday proved to be ideal in all other
A GOOD DAY : respects for the meeting of the Oswego County Farm Bureau. Follow-
-----: ing a brief formal session and lunch, the visitors were told brief-
ly of the dairy and bacteriological work and of the investigations
with vegetable crops in progress at the Station. The dairy barn and the dairy and
bacteriological laboratories were visited, after which the party went out to the
canning crops farm and inspected the test plats there. There were about ninety
in the group.

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TEST QUALITY : Mr. Sayre, Dr. Willaman, and Dr. Kertesz spent part of Monday in
OF CANNED PEAS : Rochester to participate in an inspection of a quantity of peas
-----: canned locally as part of a test conducted under the auspices
of the American Can Company in a study by the Station of factors affecting the
quality of canned peas. The canned products were found to check very well with
the Station studies.

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TELLS ABOUT ; Dr. P. J. Chapman, recently appointed to the Staff as a member of
NEW WORK : the Entomology Division and assigned to the special investigation
-----: of the apple maggot in the Hudson and Champlain Valleys spent a
short time at the Station the first of the week. Dr. Chapman gave a brief account
of the apple maggot situation and what the Station was attempting to do to aid the
apple growers of eastern New York as part of the agricultural program of NYG for the
last Monday in July. He seems to be well pleased with the progress that has been
made thus far in controlling this troublesome pest. Among other things, observations
have been made daily this summer by Dr. Chapman and his assistants by means of
emergence cages of the dates of emergence of the apple maggot flies from the extreme
southern part of the Hudson River Valley to the Canadian line on the north. Dr. and
Mrs. Chapman are making their headquarters for the summer at Poughkeepsie but expect
to return to Geneva for the winter.

-----: SOME ECHOS : Lacking official and detailed accounts of the doings of the party FROM CHILE : of which Dr. and Mrs. Hedrick are a part, we find, however, some -----: editorial comments on the "expedition" by E. S. Bayard, Editor of the Pennsylvania Farmer, and one of the party, in the August 2d issue of that paper. There is also a picture of the group on shipboard in which one can identify among others the Director and Mrs. Hedrick and Dr. Thatcher. Mr. Bayard states that the journey was for purposes of "research", citing among other things that were under study observations on the length of time flying fish could stay in the air; why water runs out of a wash-bowl counter clock-wise south of the equator, while north of the line it runs out clock-wise; whether or not it is true that the llama, the Chilean beast of burden, will not carry a burden an ounce over 100 lbs. in weight, as popularly believed, altho it will not protest at any weight up to exactly 100 lbs.; and other similar weighty matters. Evidently, the Staff meetings next winter will be highly informing. Incidentally, the report has also come north that Dr. Thatcher was awarded an honorary degree by one of the Chilean universities. Dr. and Mrs. Hedrick are expected to return on the S.S. Tono due to arrive in New York August 14.

-----: -----: Dr. Emmeline Moore, Investigator in Fish Culture for the State Con- INTERESTED IN : servation Department and in charge of the biological survey of the COLOR WORK : Champlain watershed recently completed by the Conservation Depart- -----: ment, called at the Station yesterday to obtain information on the preparation and use of color plates in Station publications, particularly the fruit books. The Conservation Department in its work with the native fishes of the State hopes eventually to publish a monograph on New York State fishes with a number of color plates. The annual reports of the Department already carry some color work.

-----: -----: A shipment of Kingston cheeses has been received here from Van- KINGSTON : cover and will be placed on sale in local stores in the near future CHEESE HERE : as a test of the market for these small cheeses in New York State. -----: Kingston cheese, which resembles Cheshire cheese, was first made in England and later introduced into Canada where it has proved quite popular. The cheeses average about a pound apiece, and if they seem to meet with general favor on the local market it is probable that an effort will be made to interest cheese makers in this State in their manufacture.

-----: -----: Mr. Kelly and Dr. Eucker spent several days during the past week at MAKE CHEESE : the cheese factory of Mr. Root at Abbots Corners near Cuba, N.Y., NEAR CUBA : in making some tests with various starters for cheddar cheese. -----: -----:

-----: -----: LEFT FOR : We were surprised to have returned thru the mails yesterday a copy of THE WARS ? : the October, 1925, issue of the JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE which had been -----: mailed to one named Shim in Canton, China. The journal was in the original wrapper in which it left the Geneva post office and had been nearly five years in the mails somewhere between Geneva and Canton. The only explanation, aside from a number of Chinese characters, was the simple word "Left", presumably meaning that Mr. Shim had left for parts unknown.

-----: -----: Mr. Yale, formerly City Bacteriologist here and well known to many MR. YALE : on the Staff, paid a brief visit to the Station on his way to take IN ALBANY : up work in Albany for the month of August. He will make special -----: studies on a new type of pasteurizer with particular reference to the survival of heat-resistant organisms. Later he expects to return to Iowa State College where he is engaged in graduate work.

-----: -----: H. R. Smalley, Director of the Eastern Division of the National Ferti- RECENT : lizer Association, spent an afternoon at the Station recently going CALLERS : over the fertilizer experiments on the canning crops farm. Another -----: visitor of more than passing interest was G. M. Schroeder, who called especially to see the new Geneva Cucumber. Mr. Schroeder has retired from active business, but at one time supplied the London market with cucumbers and tomatoes, having more than 120 forcing houses in his equipment. He was very much interested in the Station's new cucumber as one of the parent varieties is a popular forcing cucumber in England.

-----: -----: Word has been received at the Station that Mrs. E. F. True has just MRS. TRUE IN : recently undergone a major operation in a New York City hospital. NEW YORK : Mr. True will be remembered as a former member of the Chemistry HOSPITAL : Division, having resigned his position here to enter the employ of -----: the Read Johnson Company of Evansville, Indiana. Mr. True will be in New York for several weeks and can be reached at The Weylin, 54th & Madison Ave.