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THE MARCH STAFF meeting will be held next Monday at 4:00 o'clock in Jordan Hall. The program will include discussions by Dr. Carpenter on his casein investigations, by Mr. Clark on points of interest in the inspection work, and by Dr. Thatcher on sources of nicotine for insecticides.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Social Committee of the Station Club for a card party the evening of Wednesday, March 3.

STATION radio "fans" will be interested in reprint B-166-I from the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Room 1607, 195 Broadway, New York City, entitled "Some Studies in Radio Broadcast Transmission," by Ralph Brown, D. K. Martin, and R. K. Potter. Incidentally, the photographs of the Riverhead Laboratory of the Company were made by Mrs. E. E. Clayton and Mrs. Clayton has received an order from the Laboratories of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for over 100 large pictures.

OUR GENIAL financial clerk, Mr. Patchin, has made two visits to the office since the last issue of the NEWS and asserts that he expects soon to feel sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to resume his regular duties.

MRS. THATCHER was added to the sick list last week but is now reported to be somewhat improved although still confined to her bed.

MR. HENING'S mother is recovering from what threatened to be a serious illness. Mrs. Hening has been making her home in Geneva for the past several months.

GUY McLeod, formerly a member of the Entomology Department and now with Pennsylvania State College, was called here last week by the serious illness of his mother. We understand that Mrs. McLeod is somewhat improved.

A COMMUNICATION from Dr. Hedrick written from Sicily tells of balmy days and interesting experiences in a country where the farming operations are still carried on in the manner described by Cato and other ancient writers. Dr. Hedrick says that while the native farmers delight in showing him their ways of doing things he can learn nothing new from them and neither can he teach them anything. Dr. Hedrick and his party expect to reach Paris about the first of March.

MID MOORE'S mother arrives today for a visit in the Moore household.

DR. C. C. MILLER, State Sanitary Inspector of Pasteurizing Plants and an official of the State Department of Health, called on the Bacteriological Department last week to discuss some cooperative projects of the Health Department and the Station relating to pasteurization.

MEMBERS of the Staff who attended the Poughkeepsie meeting of the State Horticultural Society report a very successful meeting.

AN ADVANCE copy of the SMALL FRUITS OF NEW YORK has been received by the Director. The volume is well up to the standard set by the other numbers of the "fruit books." A review of the book will be attempted later when a sufficient number of copies are on hand to supply the Staff.



DR. BREED attended a conference in Albany recently with representatives of the Department of Farms and Markets and of the Health Department to draw up a law governing the licensing of analysts for making bacteriological examinations of milk where the analysis is to be made the basis of payment to the dairyman. This law will function much in the same way as does the provision for licensing Babcock testers and will be administered by the Department of Farms and Markets.

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MRS. EIGHMEY, who for some time past has assisted Dr. Conn in a clerical capacity, has resigned.

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DR. THATCHER has an article in the March issue of the COUNTRY GENTLEMAN on the "All-Agricultural" conference which he attended in Des Moines recently.

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TENTATIVE plans are being made for a chess meet next Tuesday evening.

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THE STATION now includes among its assets a flock of tame minnows which make their home in one of the tanks in the greenhouse. The story goes that the minnows "leaked" out of a bait bucket set in the tank sometime last summer by our peerless fisherman, Harry King. The little fellows have thrived with the protection afforded them in the tank and from the food they have been able to pick up until they are now fine, big specimens. So attractive have they become that another ardent fisherman asked for them to use in fishing thru the ice on Cayuga Lake and was told by Mr. King to help himself. But there the trouble began, for it seems that several members of the Staff who frequent the greenhouse in the course of their duties had come to feel a very special affection for the little creatures. Jim Harlan protested that it would be cruel to impose on their trusting natures for they have come to the point where they will eat out of Jim's hand. Also Mr. Stewart called upon Mr. King as the duly authorized representative of the Botanical Department to say that his Department felt that it had a very real interest in the fate of these minnows and asked that they might be spared from the icy waters of Cayuga. Consequently, Mr. King withdrew his permission and our minnows are safe for the time being, but we shudder to think of what might happen some dark night when the bass in Seneca Lake begin to take an interest in life and when the minnows in Castle Creek have been exhausted.