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VOTED A : With a registration of 102 "students", teachers, and spectators, and
SUCCESS : an enrollment of 23 companies, the ninth annual school for canning
factory field men held here last week proved highly satisfactory to
all concerned.

MILK IN- : The next large group to visit the Station for study purposes will be
SPECTORS : a meeting of dairy laboratory workers from the eastern United States
who will come here early in May under the auspices of the Laboratory
Section of the International Association of Milk Dealers, probably for a two-day
session on methods of milk analysis.

TO TALK : Dr. Kelly will be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the
IN CUBA : western New York Cheese and Butter Makers Association to be held in
Cuba next Tuesday. Dr. Kelly will speak on "The Care and Use of Starters"
It is possible that other members of the Bacteriology and Dairy Divisions will attend
the meeting, depending on the weather and road conditions at the time.

SPEAKING : Always a fertile subject for conversation, the weather has outdone
OF WEATHER: itself the past two days to regain first-page attention. Experiences
of Station folks during the storm ranged from stalled cars and delays
due to an over-burdened taxi service to failure of the heating plant in the Biology
Building and Hedrick Hall due to a break in the power line coming into the Station,
thus necessitating an enforced vacation in many offices and laboratories. Among other
things, John Brown has had to resort to the old bobsled in transporting the mail,
the team being much less temperamental than the Ford truck. Also, the Vice-Director
has not been heard from over the week-end, at least up to this writing. He is said
to have gone to Seneca Castle on Saturday, and is still among the missing. We shall
be interested in hearing of his experiences, and particularly his alibi.

STOPPED AT : The annual banquet of the University Club Monday night was thoroly
MACDOUGAL : enjoyed by those who braved the elements, except that Prof. Guerlac,
the speaker, was unable to reach Geneva, due to too much snow in the
vicinity of MacDougal. His train reached that point and then backed back to Ithaca.
Perhaps there will be other opportunities, however, for Prof. Guerlac to address the
Club.

ARE YOUR : Representatives of State institutions exhibiting at the State Fair
PLANS MADE?: met in the office of Commissioner Pyrke yesterday to discuss the
allotment of funds for State Fair exhibits in September. It seems
like an early start, but at that we shall be planning exhibits before we know it.

OVER : Mr. Tapley will talk over WEAI NEXT Friday noon on "Something New in
WEAI : Planting Peas". Next month Mr. Tapley will talk over WGY on sweet
corn varieties. On March 28, Mr. Wellington will be the guest speaker
at WGY, when he will talk on new fruits.

MR. SAYRE :
IN YATES CO. : Providing he can reach the meeting place by auto, the only means
available, Mr. Sayre will speak in Benton Center tomorrow afternoon
to a group of canning crop growers.

WORD FROM : In a recent communication from Dr. Thatcher, he says, "I have
DR. THATCHER : been reading the weekly issues of the Station NEWS with tremen-
dous interest lately and imagine that you are having a lot of
enjoyment in the realization of plans and hopes of the past and in the experiences
of this anniversary year."

WE STAND : Failure to check our dates with the records led us into error last
CORRECTED: week when we placed the building of the present greenhouses thirty
years back. Mr. Stewart advises us that we were just ten years off,
making the greenhouses forty years old, rather a large probable error. We are

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A CHANGE : Following a conference between the Director and heads of Divisions
IN POLICY : recently, a new policy has been put into operation relative to the
-----: distribution of Station publications. Heretofore, the general and
technical bulletins published by the Station have been mailed out to mailing lists
classified according to subject matter. While this method of distribution has much
in its favor, there has been a feeling for some time that probably many persons
were receiving bulletins in which they were not especially interested. Then, too,
this practise called for rather sizeable editions of the several publications.
Partly to obtain a more effective distribution of our bulletins and partly to
effect economies in our printing bills by reducing the size of editions, the
Station is now mailing out postcard announcements of new bulletins with a return
postcard attached upon which to make request for any desired publication. These
cards will be mailed to the present mailing lists. In addition, there will be a
small "official" mailing of each bulletin to libraries, exchanges, Farm Bureaus, etc.
This new procedure, which went into effect on March 1, will make it possible to
reduce editions on most bulletins to fifty per cent, thus enabling the Station to
issue more publications with existing resources.

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NEW : We are indebted to the Librarian for the following list of new books
BOOKS : received since February 1:
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Sanderson & Peairs, Insect pests of farm, garden, and orchard.
3'd ed.
Fries, Hymenomycetes Europaei.
Babcock & Clausen, Genetics in relation to agriculture.
Bentham & Hooker, Genera Plantarum. 3 vols.
Hawks, Pioneers of plant study.
Peirce, Experimental plant physiology.
Colbert, A shorter course in organic chemistry.
Dutcher & Haley, Agricultural biochemistry.

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HOW GOOD IS : This question should be answered when a committee to which Dr. Dahl-
JERSEY MILK? : berg has been appointed has completed its work. The American
-----: Jersey Cattle Club has appointed a committee comprised of Dr. Dahl-
berg, Dr. E. H. Cabaniss of Athens, Georgia, and Dr. E. S. Brigham of St. Albans, Vt.,
to outline a research program on the composition and food value of Jersey milk, with
the expectation that a research fellowship to solve this problem will be establish-
ed by the Jersey Cattle Club at some institution to be selected by the committee.

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HOW THEY : A correspondent sends in the following extract from a radio
GET THAT WAY : broadcast on March 4 by Lowell Thomas who digressed from his
-----: report on the Literary Digest prohibition poll long enough to
speculate on "what becomes of college graduates". He is quoted as saying, "So now
I will return to the home town of my former college room mate. Bill could do the
100 in 10 flat; he was a born quarter back; but when it came to studies poor Bill
was just simply not there, so after graduation he became a professor of bacteriol-
ogy at a college in Kansas."

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THE HOUSE :
WARMING : Hedrick Hall was thoroly inspected from the top floor to the base-
-----: ment by some seventy members of the Staff and their wives last night
and its arrangement and appointments enthusiastically approved. For many the evening
began with a bobsled ride, for Dr. Hedrick sent the Station team, under Volney Steel's
direction, for all of those whose cars were snowbound or those who did not care to
face the snow banks along Geneva's streets. Upon arrival at Jordan Hall, one found
Mr. Casey of radio fame entertaining in the Library with his fiddle and calling a
square dance in which the Director displayed remarkable versatility. To some this
was the high spot in the evening's entertainment. Following an excellent supper,
which by the way had the attractive feature of relieving the ladies of the Staff
(and incidentally their husbands) of any labor connected with its preparation, the
"guests" were invited by Mr. Stewart to inspect the new building under the guidance
of four able leaders, namely, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Van Alstyne (who carried the dinner
bell), Mr. Traphagen, and Mr. Taylor. Dividing into four groups, each office and lab-
oratory in the building was carefully inspected and those who occupied the various
rooms were present to explain the nature of their work and the uses to which the
new equipment is put. Space will not permit a really satisfactory account of all that
was seen and heard, but to all it brought a sense of pride and gratification that
the Station had such a splendid addition to its equipment. The March staff meeting
was a huge success, and all of those who contributed to the evening's entertainment
are hereby assured of the appreciation of the rest of us.