

ABOUT seventy-five members of the Station Club participated in the dinner and annual meeting held last evening in Jordan Hall with President Sayre presiding. The tables were attractively decorated with mixed bouquets of flowers, and the dinner showed evidences of considerable labor on the part of the committee in charge. They should feel well repaid for their efforts, however, by the vigorous attack on the viands that were supplied. Among other good things, Mr. Hening's new chocolate sherbet : received a cordial welcome. President Sayre opened proceedings by calling on Director Morrison for a few remarks about his recent experiences in Germany. The Director gave an interesting account of some of the high spots in the travels and labors of the commission of which he was a member, and also related something of present economic and political conditions in Germany. Following President Sayre's keynote speech which glorified (justly, we hasten to say) the accomplishments of the retiring administration, and following a few items of routine business which included a report by the Treasurer showing the remarkable circumstance of a substantial balance in the Club Treasury, the business session moved on to the main feature of the evening, the election of officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee, headed by Mr. Munn, presented an exceptionally able slate, but when nominations from the floor were called for for the office of President it became apparent at once that a whispering campaign had gained such headway that a real contest was in the making. When the candidate sponsored by this element, Mr. Streeter, announced that he stood on a bone-dry platform his election was assured, and his entire ticket was swept into office, including Mr. Hening as Vice President, Miss Hoefle as Secretary and Treasurer, and the Director and Col. Sayre as Directors.

DIRECTOR Morrison, who returned to his office last Friday following almost two months' travel and study of the economic situation of the livestock industry of Germany as a member of an American commission invited by German agricultural leaders to survey the situation in that country, relates many interesting experiences and observations of German farm life. The first ten days in Germany were given over to a recital of present conditions in various phases of the livestock industry by government officials and others to give the Commission a background for its deliberations. The next four weeks were spent in travel into every section of Germany where the members of the Commission were given an opportunity to gain first-hand information. The remainder of the time was spent in drawing up recommendations and suggestions prompted by a study of the situation. Director Morrison states that it was the most strenuous summer he ever experienced, altho-an intensely interesting one.

DR. A. H. ROBERTSON, formerly City Bacteriologist here and later a member of the Division of Bacteriology, has been appointed Bacteriologist in the Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany. This is a new position in the Department and opens up an important new field of endeavor in bacteriology in this State which Dr. Robertson's friends feel assured he will develop most creditably. Dr. Robertson went from here to the Vermont Experiment Station where he has been employed for the past few years. The NEWS extends congratulations and a welcome back to the Empire State to "Robbie" and Mrs. Robertson.

MR. SAYRE returned last Saturday from a two weeks' tour of duty at Madison Barracks in his capacity as colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps of the Field Artillery. He expects to leave next Saturday for a brief visit to his home in Nebraska and later will join Mrs. Sayre at her home in Champaign, Illinois.



WE REGRET to note that Mrs. Harlan's father died suddenly this morning at their home on Hamilton Street.

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DR. AND MRS. Prickett spent the week-end in Geneva.

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DR. CLAYTON, in a recent communication to Mr. Stewart, tells of an exhibit put on by Mrs. Clayton and himself at the Suffolk County Fair last month featuring his investigations with vegetable diseases, which he says received much favorable comment. What about repeating at the State Fair next year, Doctor?

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MR. HARTZELL recently disposed of his property at Fredonia and has been joined by Mrs. Hartzell. The Hartzells have taken over the Seamans' house at 159 Lewis Street, and thereby hangs a tale of more than passing interest to many readers of the NEWS, particularly the less fortunate ones who have been leading a life of single blessedness. For fifteen years or thereabouts, Mrs. Seamans has supplied table board to a long list of the Experiment Station Staff. And because her home has always been something more than the usual run of "boarding house", those who are now deprived of its pleasures feel their loss all the more keenly. Our advice to these unfortunate gentlemen is to seek a remedy to an intolerable situation as speedily as "she" will say yes, and to Mr. and Mrs. Seamans we wish the best of luck in their plans to open tourist accommodations on the Lake Road near Billsboro.

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THE EDITOR'S desk was graced two days last week with a beautiful specimen from Mr. Hall's dahlia garden at Lyons. The bloom was one of Mr. Hall's seedlings which he is calling "Scarlet Porthos" for the time being, as it is an offspring of the Porthos variety.

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MEMBERS of the clerical force appeared in gala attire one afternoon last week and for a time raised the hopes of the male occupants of Jordan Hall that perhaps a surprise party was in store for them. It transpired, however, that the girls were bound for a dinner on Owasco Lake, declining all offers of transportation or other assistance. We understand that the party was a complete success despite our absence.

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RODNEY CECIL in "scouting" in southern New York for the Mexican bean beetle has had some interesting experiences with the natives who look upon his car with its U. S. D. A. license plate as a certain indication that he is really ferreting out "bottleg" enterprises, with bug catching as a clever disguise.

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HARRY HADLOW will make his fortune yet! Following closely upon the portrayal of Mr. Hadlow on his now famous bicycle by the noted cartoonist "Ripley" in his series of sketches entitled "Believe It or Not", Harry's mail contains communications from advertising concerns and others who would like to capitalize on his record of twenty-eight years of daily use of the same means of transportation. The movies and the vaudeville stage are all that remain to be heard from.

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TOMORROW Karl Breitfield begins to reap the reward of his baseball acumen when he departs by motor bus for New York City to attend the Worlds Series between The New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals as the guest of the Syracuse Herald. The series opens Thursday in New York where two games will be played, the teams then traveling to St. Louis for a three-game series. If neither team has won four games by that time, play is resumed in New York until the necessary four games are accumulated by one or the other of the contestants. Mr. Breitfield was successful in being the one out of some 40,000 who tried to match a team picked for the Syracuse paper by "Babe" Ruth, and in addition to seeing THE series will be photographed with the "Babe", glory enough for any fan. He will remain in New York as the guest of the Herald until the series is settled. In Mr. Breitfield's opinion, which certainly merits more than passing attention, the series will go six games with the Cardinals on top at the end.