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THE ALBANY MEETINGS : The scene of activity for many members of the Staff this week shifts from Rochester to Albany with the fifty-third annual meeting of the New York State Dairymen's Association yesterday and the ninety-eighth annual meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society today. Dr. Dahlberg discussed the dairy work at the Station before the Dairymen's Association, while Dr. Breed presided at a session dealing with the future of milk grading from a public health standpoint. Dr. Hucker, Vice-president of the Association, reported for the committee on reorganization of which he is chairman. Other speakers before the State dairymen included F. B. Morrison and J. D. Brew of the College of Agriculture. Today the Agricultural Society will hold a business session in the morning, while the afternoon will be given over to a discussion of the proposed farm products show. A study of similar shows in other states has been in progress and a report will be made at this time of the value of these exhibits to the agriculture of their several states. Specially interesting features of the Agricultural Society meeting are the tea to be given by Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt in the Executive mansion this afternoon and the dinner tonight at which only old-time dishes will be served. Commissioner Fyrke will preside at the dinner, and among the speakers will be Dr. Jordan, who left Geneva with Mrs. Jordan yesterday for Albany and Orono. Dr. Hedrick and Dr. Carpenter also went to Albany for the meetings.

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ONE STEP NEARER : Members of the Staff and friends of the Station are rejoicing over the inclusion in the Governor's budget of an item of \$285,000 for the new laboratory building here. While it may not be wise to take the building as an accomplished fact, nevertheless it is gratifying that a necessary and important step has been taken in that direction. It is to be hoped that nothing intervenes to prevent the realization of the Station's aspirations in this direction.

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FRUIT MEETING: While no "official" figures are available, the consensus of opinion of those who attended the exhibits and meetings of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester last week is that the attendance was far in advance of any previous meeting of the Society and that interest in the programs and exhibits was unusually keen. All who participated felt well repaid for their time and effort. With the exception of a fruit exhibit to be made at the eastern meeting of the Society at Foughkeepsie next week, the Station's show activities are over until State Fair time, which by the way has been set for the first week in September, including Labor Day, and what a labor day it will probably be!

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A NEW CHEMIST: J. J. Thomas, a senior at Pennsylvania State College, is the most recent addition to the Station forces. Mr. Thomas is serving temporarily in the Inspection Laboratory, and will later return to State College to complete his college work.

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A GOOD DISH,: Some seventy-five members of the Station Club sampled the offerings of
WELL SERVED : Miss Hogan and her energetic committee Monday evening and found them
-----: much to their liking. We had heard that "salmagundi" was camouflage
for "hash", but what a mixture of diversion and entertainment was served up to the
visiting brothers and sisters! The posters that heralded the event, the party itself,
and the refreshments that followed make it certain that the Salmagundi Party will be
remembered as one of the high spots of the Club's activities for 1930.

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RECENT CALLERS: R. C. Fisher of the Worden Dairy Products Company of Waterbury, Conn.,
-----: and chairman of the Research Committee of the International Milk
Dealers Association, called on the Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions recently. Among
other matters, Mr. Fisher discussed with Dr. Dahlberg plans for an abstract service
to milk dealers. Another recent visitor to the Station was Prof. W. P. Tufts of the
Fomology Department of the California Experiment Station at Davis.

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SAYRES ON: Word was received Monday from Mrs. Sayre that Col. Sayre had regained his
WAY BACK : strength sufficiently for them to set out on the return trip to Geneva.
-----: They were planning to stop over in Chicago for the meetings of the Nation-
al Cannery Association, and it is expected that they will reach here the latter part
of this week or early next week.

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MISS HOPKINS : Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, at one time assistant in the Seed Laboratory,
ON BRIEF STAY : is making a brief visit to Geneva, and incidentally, is continuing
-----: some seed studies begun while a member of the Staff. Her many
friends at the Station and in Geneva will be glad to learn that her health is so much
improved that she hopes to take up her chosen field of work in earnest in the near
future.

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FERTILIZER PEOPLE: One of the features of the December number of the Fertilizer Re-
INTERESTED : view, a monthly organ of the fertilizer industry, was a full-
-----: page spread of a picture of the exhibit planned by Mr. Sayre for
the State Fair last year, showing the benefits of heavy fertilizer applications to
tomatoes and the value of phosphorus as a fertilizer for tomatoes.

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DR. DAHLBERG: Dr. Dahlberg leaves Sunday night for Davis, California, where he will
HONORED : deliver a series of lectures, some of a technical and some of a pop-
-----: ular character, on the dairy work of this Station under the auspices
of the Dairy Department of the California College of Agriculture. Later he will go
to Pullman, Washington, to deliver a similar series of lectures at Washington State
Agricultural College. The invitation to visit the California institution comes not
only as a distinct recognition of the dairy work at this Station, but is a marked
honor for Dr. Dahlberg, as selection by the California Agricultural College for this
series of lectures has come to be looked upon as one of the outstanding achievements
in the world of dairy science. We congratulate "Art" and the Station on his selec-
tion!

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REVIEW "BABY: The studies made by Dr. and Mrs. Hucker on the sanitary qualities of
FOOD" WORK : commercially prepared infant foods and published in bulletins of this
-----: Station and in scientific journals form the subject of a carefully
prepared editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association for January 11.
After reviewing the investigations at some length, the Journal concludes as follows:

"The contributions of investigations in nutrition to human welfare have been
considerable, but probably no group of persons has benefited more than have the
babies. The need for infant foods prepared commercially in accordance with the
accepted principles of adequate nutrition is obvious. That more systematic
control is desirable is evident from such occasional occurrences as the out-
break of enteritis recently reported and ascribed to contaminated ready pre-
pared infant foods. The success of the dairy industry can be attributed in no
small degree to the general high level of sanitary control maintained, and it
now appears that similar measures can readily be used in the manufacture of
infant foods."

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BLIND CALF : A rather unusual event occurred in the Station herd recently with the
-----: birth of a calf lacking any trace of eyes. It is said not to be
especially uncommon to find calves with unusually small or exceptionally large eyes
or other malformations of the eye, but complete failure of the eyes to develop is
regarded as extremely rare. The little creature was put out of its misery and the
head sent to the Veterinary College at Ithaca.