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PENN STATE: Ideal weather conditions, a well-organized program, and a representative
CELEBRATES: crowd combined to make the Soil Fertility Conference at Pennsylvania
-----: State College last week a completely successful event. New York State
produced the largest delegation, including five or six from the College of Agriculture
and three from this Station, while all sections of the country were well represented.
The opening event of the Conference was the dedication of the old series of soil
fertility plats as "The Jordan Soil Fertility Plots," the field having been officially
designated as such by action of the Board of Trustees. A marker was erected, with a
brief ceremony, stating that the field was dedicated on June 24, 1931, "In honor of
Whitman Howard Jordan who laid out this experiment in 1881." At the evening session
when Dr. Jordan as guest of honor was to have delivered an address, a brief memorial
service was held. The State College is planning to publish the proceedings of the
Conference in an early bulletin.

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TO MEET IN: The Northeastern Section of the American Society of Agronomy, which held
NEW YORK : its meeting this year at Pennsylvania State College, accepted an invita-
-----: tion to meet in New York next summer, with a day at this Station and a
day at Ithaca. The Section includes the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania,
New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia. The 1932 meeting will probably be
held in June when field plat work at Ithaca and Geneva will be at its best.

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LOOK OVER : Dr. T. E. Odland, President of the Northeastern agronomists, together
THE GROUND : with two or three other members of the Agronomy Department of the Rhode
-----: Island Experiment Station, called at the Station on their way back to
Rhode Island from Pennsylvania to confer with various members of the Staff and to
look over the Station.

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WILL ATTEND : Mr. Hansen will sail Saturday for his home in Denmark where he will
DAIRY CONGRESS: spend his vacation and also attend the World Dairy Congress which
-----: opens in Copenhagen on July 13. Mr. Hansen will present a paper on
"Thermophilic Bacteria in Pasteurized Milk" before one of the Sections of the
Congress. Dr. J. M. Sherman, head of the Department of Dairy Industry at Cornell,
is one of the official U. S. delegates to the Congress.

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WILL ALSO : Mrs. Barsony is also planning a vacation abroad and will sail from New
GO ABROAD : York on Saturday. Her plans contemplate a visit to relatives in western
-----: Ukraine and also a hiking trip in the Karpathian Mountains. Her travels
will take her to London, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Germany. She
expects to return to Geneva in about six weeks.

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WORD FROM: An Associated Press dispatch from Corvallis, Oregon, states that Dr. James
OREGON : T. Jardine, for the past eleven years Director of the Oregon Experiment
-----: Station, has been named Chief of the Office of Experiment Stations of the
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, to succeed the late Dr. E. W. Allen. Dr. Jardine is a
brother of the former Secretary of Agriculture, Wm. M. Jardine.

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A TRAGIC : We want to take this means to express our heartfelt sympathy to James
ENDING : Hefferon and his family for the weeks of uncertainty that followed the
-----: disappearance of his brother and for the bereavement that has followed upon
the finding of his body in Seneca Lake. Mere words seem wholly inadequate to convey
one's feeling in such a regrettable tragedy.

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ACCORDING : From various sources we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt negotiated the
TO "JULES": 3500 miles or so of their trip west in about eleven days without any
-----: untoward events and that they are now established at The Kingscote, Apt.
4, Stanford University Campus, Palo Alto, Calif. Mr. Marquardt writes that chemistry,
statistics, economics, and languages are receiving chief attention from him just now,
while Mrs. Marquardt is enjoying the Stanford golf course. For the benefit of those
of us who are enjoying this "old-fashioned" summer with temperatures at 94 in the
shade, Mr. Marquardt also writes that they turn on the steam in their apartment late
in the afternoon in order that they may sit in their rooms in comfort during the
evening.

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COOLING : Perhaps this is a good place while speaking of the weather to mention
THOUGHTS : briefly the activities of the Frosted Foods Corp. of Gloucester, Mass.,
-----: which are now under way in the basement of the Dairy Building. Under
the direction of Mr. Thornton Hall, who will be assisted from time to time during the
summer by representatives from the home office, samples of fresh vegetables and fruit
will be frozen in a small freezing unit that has been set up here for that purpose.
This firm already has its products on the retail market, but is desirous of obtaining
information on the behavior of a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. The extensive
work with vegetables under way here which involves many varieties, and the equally
large collection of fruit varieties led to negotiations resulting in the setting up
of a test laboratory which will operate thruout the summer. Peas have received chief
attention thus far, altho strawberries are now coming in for test. The Birdseye
pprocess of quick freezing is employed which reduces the temperature of the product
to 28 degrees below zero very rapidly, the theory being that with very quick freezing
at low temperatures very small ice crystals are formed with a minimum amount of
injury to the cellular structure of the fruit or vegetable concerned. Frozen in air-
tight containers, the product is said to retain its aroma, flavor, and color to a
remarkable extent and to resemble the fresh product very closely when prepared for
the table.

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A VISITOR : Mr. A. W. Plassche from Goes, Holland, is spending a few days at the
FROM HOLLAND: Station. Mr. Plassche is engaged in what is in effect extension work
-----: in horticulture in his country.

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OTHER : Among others who visited the Station last week should be mentioned Mr.
CALLERS : J. G. Ohsol, Vice-President of the Amtorg Trading Corp., of New York City;
-----: and Mr. E. W. Biederman of the American Agricultural Chemical Company,
who was particularly interested in the gelatin studies in the Dairy Division.

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GOES TO : Miss Rogers enters Syracuse University summer school of Library Science
SYRACUSE : next Monday for a six weeks' course in library management. During her
-----: absence from the Station Library, Miss Flood will keep up the routine
work of the library, particularly the circulation of periodicals between the library
and the several Divisions.

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THE NEW : Among those mentioned previously in these columns as coming to the
ARRIVALS : Station at the beginning of the new year, the following officially enter
-----: upon their duties today, altho in several instances they have been in
Geneva for two or three days already; In Bacteriology--Mr. Kelly and Mr. Hofer, with
Dr. Yale to report later; in Chemistry-- Mr. E. C. Smith; in the Seed Laboratory--Dr.
Shuck and Mrs. Nebel, with Miss Sill as secretary-clerk; in Vegetable Crops--Mr.
Jenkins. Miss Flood will begin her work as a general administration clerk. Mr.
Cooley, who is to work with small fruits in western New York, will enter upon his
duties at the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia next Monday and will visit the Station
later in the month. Dr. Cunningham, who comes to the Station from work on Bermuda,
went directly to the Long Island Research Farm upon landing in New York, but is
expected to visit the Station within a short time.

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CONFER AT: Dr. Breed and Dr. Hucker were in Saratoga Springs yesterday at a meeting
SARATOGA: of State health officers where Dr. Breed met with the Advisory Committee
-----: on Milk Sanitation of the State Department of Health.

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NEW : Two new forms have made their appearance at the Station within the past
FORMS : few days--one having to do with long distance telephone calls and the
-----: other with leaves of absence. The first blank is to be filled out and
handed to Mr. Bowen in all cases where long distance calls and telegrams are charged
against the Station. The second blank is similar to one in use for some time on
which is to be made application for leave of absence other than for official business.
The latter, of course, is taken care of by the notices of "Proposed Travel". In
connection with the matter of leave, Dr. Hedrick has advised all heads of Divisions
that hereafter there will be no regular annual sick leave. This change has been made
in order to bring vacation practices at the Station in line with the practice at
Cornell where no sick leave is provided.