

The Station News

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A NOTABLE DAIRY GROUP : The Station is playing host to a large and representative group of laboratory workers and executives from the market milk field, including many widely known individuals in the dairy world, brought together for the first annual conference for the eastern district of the Laboratory Section of the International Association of Milk Dealers. The district embraces New England, New York, and the Central Atlantic States, but the registration at the meeting shows a much wider geographical distribution than this. Among those in attendance are two former members of the Staff, Dr. A. H. Robertson now with the Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany, and Mr. W. D. Dotterrer of the Bowman Dairy Company, Chicago. Other leaders in the market milk field attending the conference include A. J. Powers, Borden Farm Products Co., New York; Dr. C. I. Corbin, Sheffield Co., New York; J. H. Hileman, Dairymen's League, New York; R. C. Fisher, Worden Co., Waterbury, Conn.; C. J. Austin, Supplee-Wills-Jones Co., Philadelphia, and Chairman of the Laboratory Section; Dr. Sweitzer, Federal Milk Import Laboratory, Rouses Point, N. Y.; Dr. Tieteman, State Department of Health, Albany; James West, Rochester, in charge of the milk inspection work of that city; Dr. L. I. Harris, former Commissioner of Health for New York City; and now director of sanitation for the Sheffield Co.; H. E. Bremer, Department of Agriculture, Burlington, Vermont; Dr. J. H. Schrader, Director of the Research Laboratory, National Dairy Products Co., Baltimore; G. N. Taylor, Chestnut Farms Dairy, Washington, D. C.; R. E. Little, Secy., International Association of Milk Dealers, Chicago; and many others. The group will have lunch at Lafayette Inn today and the sessions will come to a close at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon.

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THE TWO NEW DIVISIONS : Pointing out to the Agricultural Council of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University at their spring meeting last Friday in Ithaca that the present Division of Horticulture at the Station embraced a wide range of activities, including work in pomology, vegetable crops, systematic botany, nursery crops, plant breeding, and plant physiology, Dr. Hedrick asked that the Division be divided into two parts to be known hereafter as the Divisions of Pomology and Vegetable crops, with Mr. Wellington in charge of the former and Mr. Sayre of the latter. This request was granted by the Council and becomes effective at once. The Division of Pomology will include Messrs. Wellington, Tukey, Gladwin, Howe, Van Eseltine, Anderson, Slate, Nebel, Einset, Van Alstyne, Collison, Harlan, and Brase. The Division of Vegetable Crops will include Messrs. Sayre, Tapley, Hawthorn, and Traphagen. Other Research Divisions at the Station formally recognized by the Council are Bacteriology, Botany, Chemistry, Dairying, and Entomology.

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37 YEARS A HORTICULTURIST : With the change in status of the Division of Horticulture noted above, Dr. Hedrick formally terminates his official title as head of the Division and thus brings to a close a career of thirty-seven years as a "Horticulturist", a length of service that makes him dean of all official horticultural workers in the United States. At least Dr. Hedrick seems to feel, not without some regret, that he has come to a definite parting of the ways, and that from now on he becomes more the administrator and less the specialist in the field in which he has found so many opportunities for outstanding service. It is our humble opinion, however, that no mere change of title will affect in any way the high regard in which Dr. Hedrick is held by his professional associates, nor will it detract in the least from the prestige that his work, and incidentally the Station, enjoys in the world of horticultural science, for "Horticulturist" he will always be in fact, if not in title.

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WILL BE NEW CHEMIST : Mr. Floyd E. Lovelace, who has been substituting in the Chemistry Division for the past few months, has been appointed Assistant in Research in Chemistry, effective July 1. Mr. Lovelace will take the position vacated by Mr. Moore.

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DR. BREED IN ALBANY : Dr. Breed was called to Albany recently for a conference with State Department of Health officials on details of legislation which has just gone into effect for the inspection of milk and cream not now provided for. Governor Roosevelt has approved an appropriation for the carrying out of this project, and Dr. Breed has been asked to serve as a consultant to the Department of Health in formulating rules and regulations to bring all sources of fluid milk and cream supplying New York State consumers under uniform sanitary standards.

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DR. HEDRICK: Upon invitation of the Chilean Nitrate Producers Association of Valparaiso, Chile, Dr. Hedrick will be the guest of the Association in a party of experiment station and agricultural college men who will visit Chile in July in connection with the centennial celebration of the founding of the nitrate industry in that country. Dr. Hedrick was granted leave of absence by the Agricultural Council, and according to present plans, will sail from New York June 26, arriving in Valparaiso about July 14. Two weeks will be spent in Chile, visiting the principal cities, the agricultural districts in the south, and the nitrate fields in the north. The party will sail for home about July 31, and is scheduled to reach New York August 16. According to a recent communication from those in charge of the trip, Dr. Thatcher will also be one of the party.

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DR. HARDING: Dr. Breed is in receipt of word from a mutual friend that Dr. H. A. Harding, formerly head of the Division of Bacteriology here and now with the Dairy Research Bureau of the Mathews Industries, Inc., is recuperating from a serious operation in a Chicago hospital. Dr. Harding's condition is said to be good and his complete recovery is expected in the near future.

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THE 1930-31 BUDGET: With the Governor's signature attached to the special appropriation of \$37,000 for work with the oriental peach moth and apple pests, the Station now has complete returns on the budget for the next fiscal year. The final figures are as follows:

Personal Service, Maintenance and Operation.....	\$329,825
Federal funds (Adams, Hatch, and Furnell).....	9,000
Special fruit pest appropriation.....	37,000
Horticultural Laboratory Building.....	285,000
Total, 1930-31.....	\$660,825.

The \$37,000 item is immediately available, and in addition to providing for the purchase of equipment and supplies for carrying on certain proposed new lines of study, three new positions, two entomologists and one chemist, are included, together with additional labor for the summer months.

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MRS. GREEN AT HOME: Mrs. Gay Green and her children arrived in Geneva Monday and are at the Director's residence where they will be joined later by Prof. Green. Prof. Green, who is now teaching in the English Department of the University of Pittsburgh, has accepted a position at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, for the academic year which begins this fall. Prof. Green will teach in Cornell summer school, however, and will spend some time in Geneva before leaving for his new engagement.

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YALE TO STAY AT IOWA STATE: Speaking of Ames, reminds us that word was received at the Station a few days ago from M. W. Yale, formerly assistant in the Bacteriology Division here, that he had accepted a teaching fellowship at Iowa State College for the coming year. Mr. Yale has been engaged in graduate work in dairy bacteriology at Ames for the past year.

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SEASON OPENS OFFICIALLY: Spring is here! As we go to press, Rodney Cecil comes in to announce his arrival in Geneva for the 1930 campaign against the Mexican bean beetle, Mr. Cecil's special mission in life just now. Mrs. Cecil has come with him, and they have taken up residence in their cottage at Kashong.

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URGENTLY NEEDED: Annual reports of the Smithsonian Institute for 1900, 1901, and 1903 are missing from the Library stacks. If these have been taken by some member of the Staff without signing for them, will he kindly return them immediately? They are urgently needed.

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ATTENDED DINNER TO MR. BURRITT: Dr. Hedrick on Monday evening attended a dinner at the Seneca Hotel in Rochester in honor of M. C. Burritt, recently appointed a member of the Public Service Commission by Governor Roosevelt. Mr. Burritt was at one time Director of Extension at the College of Agriculture and himself a fruit grower has long been active in the affairs of the State Horticultural Society.

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VISIT THE DAIRY LAB: Recent visitors to the Dairy Laboratory include Dr. Maynard of the Department of Animal Husbandry of the College of Agriculture at Ithaca; Mr. F. X. Brenneis, field man for the eastern states for the American Jersey Cattle Club; and T. B. Niles, Secretary of the State Ice Cream Association.

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TO MEET IN ITHACA: The Central New York Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists will hold its spring meeting at the Veterinary College at Cornell University next Saturday and the entire Bacteriology Division at the Station is planning to attend. Dr. Hucker, Dr. Federson, and Dr. Conn will represent the Station on the program.