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THE CUTS :

BEGIN : The salary cuts provided in the 1933-34 budget and recommended by the Governor to begin April 1 actually went into effect April 15 and will be reflected for the first time in the next pay checks. As previously reported, salaries of \$2,000 or less have been exempted by the State authorities, while salaries above this figure, including federal money, will be reduced on a graduated basis. The reductions amount to 6 per cent on the first \$2,000, 7 per cent on the next \$1,000, 8 per cent on the fourth \$1,000, 9 per cent on the next, and 10 per cent on the next \$1,000. Still heavier cuts are imposed on salaries above this limit, but none of these apply to Station remunerations. Contributions to the retirement system will remain the same, as will also the assessments for the group insurance participated in by most of the employees of the Station. Final word is still lacking on the other items in the Station budget for the coming fiscal year.

DR. HEDRICK :

IN NEW YORK : Dr. Hedrick spent Monday in New York attending an emergency meeting of Directors of the Northeastern State experiment stations. He returned to his office yesterday.

PRINTING :

FUNDS : In reply to numerous inquiries as to the status of the printing fund and the probabilities of further publication prior to July 1, we regret to advise that the printing money is practically exhausted for the current fiscal year and that no more publications can be authorized at this time. However, completed manuscripts will be accepted by the Editor and put into shape for publication at the first opportunity.

ARTISTS :

WANT GRAPES : Mr. Wellington is in receipt of a letter from Dr. A. B. Stout of the New York Botanical Gardens requesting some young grape vines that might be grown in pots for use in a projected scene in one of New York City's art museums in which the grape vine is to serve as a "theme".

WANTS A :

RED APPLE : Prof. E. A. Flansburgh, County Agent Leader at Ithaca, called at the Station last Friday in search of a suitable subject to illustrate red apples for use in advertising literature to be put out by a group of Hudson Valley growers. Prof. Flansburgh is the author of the well-known grape poster used so extensively by Finger Lakes grape growers the past year or two, as well as other advertising matter promoting New York farm products.

CONFERRING :

IN ALBANY : Dr. Breed spent yesterday in Albany attending a meeting of the Milk Advisory Committee.

MR. FEE WELL :

KNOWN HERE : Mr. Kenneth F. Fee who has been named head of the recently created Milk Control Board in Albany is well known here in his former capacity as head of the Dairy and Food Bureau of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Mr. Fee administered the inspection services in which the Station is involved, including feeds, fertilizers, insecticides, seeds, and legume inoculants.

THE FINAL :

INSPECTION : Prof. F. A. Waugh, head of the Department of Landscape Architecture at Massachusetts State College and who has been serving in an advisory capacity in the landscaping of the Station grounds, will make his final visit the last of this week. Mr. Van Alstyne, a former student of Prof. Waugh's, will conduct the tour of inspection of the work that has been done under his direction and will doubtless draw an "A" from the Professor for the showing that he will be able to make.

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TEMPERATURE : Three of the new greenhouses are to have weather to order, accord-
CONTROL : ing to information forthcoming from the Division of Botany which
-----: is most directly concerned with the new equipment. By means of
thermostats to be set up in three of the houses, it will be possible to control the
temperature of the houses within a range of two or three degrees on either side
of a given figure. That is, the houses will probably be run at 55, 65 and 75 degrees
F, and can be kept at these temperatures within a very narrow range of variation.
The thermostats are unique in that they not only control the heating system in the
houses but will have something to say about the amount of heat dispensed by old Sol
himself. This latter feat is accomplished by a contrivance connected with the
thermostat which will turn on an exhaust fan in the top of the house if the tempera-
ture continues to rise after the thermostat has closed off the heating system. At
the same time another fan will draw in cold air thru a vent near the floor of the
house, thus lowering the temperature to the desired point. While the new equipment
is being installed chiefly for researches on plant diseases, it is expected to find
use in many lines of investigation.

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TO TALK IN : Dr.Dahlberg is to be the guest speaker at the Canandaigua Rotary
CANANDAIGUA : Club tomorrow when he will discuss the work of the Dairy Div-
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TAKES NEW : Dr.Thatcher has assumed his new position at Massachusetts State
POSITION : College where he has been appointed Research Professor in Plant and
-----: Animal Chemistry.

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COMES : After having sent Mr.Cooley back to Fredonia for the summer in the
BACK : last issue of the NEWS, we now take note of a return visit and
-----: from information gleaned from his associates will not make any
further predictions on his movements.

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RETURN TO : We believe that we are safe in stating that Dr. and Mrs.Chapman
POUGHKEEPSIE : will remain in Poughkeepsie for the summer, having taken their
-----: departure from Geneva last Friday. Dr.Chapman will direct the
Station studies on apple pests in the Hudson and Champlain valleys from the Station's
laboratory at Vassar.

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ENTERTAINED : The Dairy and Bacteriology Divisions held a very informal tea
AT A TEA : last week in honor of guests who included Dr.E. S.Savage of
-----: Cornell, Prof. J.E. Ladd of the Department of Animal Husbandry
at the Rhode Island Experiment Station, and Dr.R.J. Anderson of Yale.

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TO RECORD : The Pomology Division had an interesting and unusual visitor
HIS MEMORIES : recently in the person of Mr.Joseph Foord of Auburn. Mr.Foord,
-----: who is in the seventies, was born in what is now known as the
"Beehive", but what was then main residence of the Crittenden farm and had many
interesting things to tell about the early days of the Experiment Station as they
lingered in his memory. He spent twenty-five or thirty years in the Brooklyn Navy
Yard as a mechanic, but is now permanently located in Auburn. He has promised to
return to the Station soon and dictate some of his anecdotes for deposit in the
Station's archives.

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RAW VS. : If you think you can tell the difference between raw milk and
PASTEURIZED : properly pasteurized milk, drop in to the Dairy Laboratory
-----: sometime and let them prove you wrong. They say it can't be
done, because they have been trying it out on various subjects and have accumulated
sufficient data to satisfy themselves that most opinions are "psychological" rather
than due to any real ability to distinguish between the two products. We shall wel-
come further publication on the results of this research.
