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GRANDPA : Altho never officially associated with the Station, Mr. Stewart senior
STEWART : had for so many years mingled on intimate terms with such a large
----- : number of the Staff that his passing leaves a sense of personal loss to
many readers of the NEWS. He will long be remembered with affection by those who
knew him well for his vigorous interest in the world at large and particularly
in the political situation as it developed from year to year. His interest in the
latter had its beginning with the casting of his first vote for Lincoln, a fact in
which he took much pride. To Mr. Stewart and to his family we extend sincere
sympathy.

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FRUIT MEN : Mr. Parrott accompanied the members of the State Horticultural
LIKE TOUR : Society who participated in the tour thru central New York, the Hudson
----- : Valley, and Connecticut last week, and also participated in a meeting
of a special committee designated to make plans for the winter meetings of the
Society in Rochester and Poughkeepsie in 1932. After inspecting many Connecticut
orchards, "P.J." told the Connecticut fruit men that New York orchardists had
everything in their orchards that he found in Connecticut together with some things
that he wished they had in Connecticut rather than in New York. Mr. Tukey and
Mr. Van Alstyne were present at the opening session of the tour held in the Hitch-
ings' orchards south of Syracuse, but did not take part in the tour itself.

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RETURNS FROM : Mr. Munn arrived home Monday night from the meeting of the
SEED CONGRESS: International Seed Congress which he attended last month in Holland.
----- : He says that our ship reporter missed him, what with the crowd of
----- : newsreel photographers and customs officials that pursued him, but
we hope at a later date to learn something of his impressions of European condi-
tions and of the outcome of the Congress.

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THIS IS WORTH: Mr. Bennett, who supervises the distribution of the Station fruit,
SHOOTING AT : has come forward with an offer of a prize basket of fruit to be
----- : given away next Saturday to the person returning the largest
number of baskets to the lower storage between now and Saturday. About this time
each season, the fruit department finds itself confronted with a shortage of fruit
baskets and takes this means of encouraging its customers to return empty contain-
ers.

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MR. SWEENEY : Mr. Sweeney is confined to his home with a rather complicated
SERIOUSLY ILL: illness which is believed to have developed as a consequence of
----- : an attack of "flu" in the winter.

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LOOK OVER :
THE CHERRIES: A group of some twenty cherry growers from Adams County, Penn.,
----- : visited the Station last week under the direction of Prof. J.U. Reuf
of Pennsylvania State College. The group was especially interested in the work on
the nursery stocks farm with cherry rootstocks and with the cherry work of the
Division of Pomology. They also visited the cherry orchards and packing plant at
the White Springs Farm.

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PLANT BREED- : Prof. F.P. Bussell of the Department of Plant Breeding at
ING STUDENTS : Cornell brought his graduate students in plant breeding to the
----- : Station one day last week to observe the methods and results in
the Station's fruit breeding work.

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WORD FROM : A brief communication from Dr. Conn tells of some interesting
DR. CONN : work he is engaged in at the Biological Laboratory at Cold Spring
----- : Harbor, Long Island, in which he is making a microscopic study
of certain soil bacteriological problems with which he is especially concerned.
Mrs. Conn and the children are at North Woodstock, New Hampshire, where Dr. Conn
expects to join them about the middle of the month.

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VACATIONING : Mr. Streeter and his family left last week for a two weeks
IN MAINE : vacation IN Maine at Mrs. Streeter's home.
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A BRIEF : Dr. and Mrs. Willaman paid a brief visit to Geneva the first of the week.
VISIT : when they brought the girls here to enter the local Girl Scout camp.
----- : Mrs. Willaman expects to return later to take them home and may find more time then to visit with Geneva friends. We were glad to learn in the brief conversation we were able to have with Dr. Willaman that he has unearthed further, and this time irrefutable, evidence of the existence of a creature of the sort that he had reported seeing in the Junius swamp on a field trip made during his former residence in these parts. It will be recalled that considerable skepticism was aroused over his description of a snake with two feet that was encountered on this trip. He now says that the same animal, or one just like it, is to be seen in the Philadelphia zoo, where it is identified as a "siren". We are glad to do our bit to set straight the Doctor's record while a distinguished member of this Staff.

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LIKE : Prof. and Mrs. Guy Green and two children are spending the month
IOWA : with the Hedricks. Prof. Green is in the English Department at Iowa
-----+----- State College at Ames. The Greens are quite enthusiastic about the community and the College, preferring it to any of the other institutions with which they have been associated.

KARL IN : Karl Brase is on a week's trip to Washington and Virginia, where
THE SOUTH : he will look into a number of things of special interest to the
: nursery business (that is tree nurseries), including a survey in the
----- Old Dominion of sources of seed stocks of the Mazzard cherry, rated as the best rootstock for cherry trees.

A NOTABLE : Last week at Pike, N.Y., in Wyoming County, Dr. Van Slyke had the
CELEBRATION: distinction of presiding at a notable celebration when as President
: of the Alumni and Reunion Associations of Pike Seminary he aided in
----- commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Seminary. It will be recalled that Dr. Van Slyke received his preparatory training for college at Pike Seminary, then one of a number of similar institutions scattered about western New York under the auspices of the Methodist and Baptist churches to provide training somewhat similar to the present-day high school. Pike Seminary was later taken over by the village and is now the town high school, but still retains its pride of ancestry. Among other distinguished alumni and former students, it numbers David Star Jordan. Dr. Van Slyke entered the University of Michigan after completing his work at Pike, and upon graduation from the University returned to the Seminary for one year as a teacher of Greek, Latin, and the natural sciences. He then re-entered Michigan for graduate study in chemistry which was to become his life work.

SOME : Among the many visitors to the Station during the past few days
VISITORS : might be mentioned Dr. Venezelos, a representative of the
: Philippine Government, who called to discuss the canning crops in-
----- vestigations with Mr. Sayre; and Mr. Wendt of the Wendt Dairy at Niagara Falls, a visitor to the Dairy Division.

A MESSAGE FROM :
MRS. JORDAN : A recent communication from Mrs. Jordan tells of her plan's to
: remain in Orono for the time being, with occasional visits to
----- her brother's home in Auburn, Maine. At present her sister and niece are with her in Orono.

THE MIDDLE : Developments have been so rapid in State Fair business the past
COMES BACK : week that at this writing almost all quarters have been heard
: from, including Vegetable Crops, the Inspection Lab, Pomology and
----- Plant Diseases, and plans are speedily taking shape. A communication was received from Mr. Ackerman, Director of the State Fair, last Monday, stressing the necessity for economy in all directions at the Fair this year, particularly with reference to the utilization wherever possible of exhibit material and properties purchased last year and the cutting to the minimum of the personnel in attendance on the exhibit the week of the Fair. In several instances the Station plans already contemplate the use of signs and exhibit material utilized last year. It seems impossible, however, for us to escape demands on the time and energies of a sizeable group from here to put up and supervise our exhibits. We simply pass this request of Mr. Ackerman's with the knowledge that all reasonable economy will be exercised in planning the several displays from the Station. It is Mr. Ackerman's expressed wish that nothing be done to impair the tone and general high calibre of the exhibits from the several State departments, but that the urgencies of the times be taken into consideration.
