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A SPECIAL MEETING of the staff has been called for Tuesday, February 19, at 4:00 o'clock to discuss further the proposed Code of Ethics for experiment station workers. Several additions to the proposed code have been suggested and will be discussed at that time.

THE NEWS regrets to announce the death on Tuesday of this week of Mr. L. B. King, brother of Harry King, Manager of the Fruit Testing Association. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. A. H. Herenden, a sister of Mr. King.

ONE ON AL. According to newspaper reports, Governor Smith reappointed to the Board of Control of the Station, a board defunct since July 1, 1923, at the special behest of the Governor, Messrs. Boshart, Tom Eycok, and Rouse. Anyone who has played a "dead hand" in Mah Jong will appreciate how these gentlemen feel about their "appointment".

SPEAKING OF MAH JONG, the Journal of the American Medical Society now comes out with reports on several cases of poisoning, similar to ivy poisoning, said to be contracted from the lacquer used on the more expensive Mah Jong sets. In view of the latter statement, however, experiment station employees probably will not be exposed to this malady.

ARTHUR CLARK is still confined to his home, having suffered a slight relapse.

MR. COLLISON was called upon the other day to pass expert judgment on some "Diamond-bearing" rock located by a much-bemedealed individual from the vicinity of Willard. The specimens presented for Mr. Collison's inspection were about the size of the famous Kohinoor diamond of India and proved to be beautiful examples of quartzite. Mr. Collison's caller was by no means satisfied with this expert opinion, however, as he had preconceived notions of his own on the value of his "find", and he rather inferred that Mr. Collison was trying to mislead him in order that he (Mr. Collison) might reap the reward of the discovery.

CENSORING STATION BULLETINS is the subject of a brief account in a recent number of NEW ENGLAND HOMESTEAD of some difficulties the Massachusetts experiment station has experienced with outside interference in the publication of the research work of the Station. Just as in the case of this Station, manuscripts submitted by members of the staff of the Massachusetts station must be approved by a printing board at the state capitol. Approval was refused in the case of four out of fifteen manuscripts recently submitted because, in the opinion of the chairman of the board, a political appointee, they would be of no assistance to the farmers of Massachusetts. The station officials are now pressing before the Massachusetts legislature a bill which will remove the station publications from the authority of this board.

The Geneva Station was confronted with this same issue about two years ago, but in a conference with the Albany officials a tacit understanding was reached that we should be the sole judge of the contents of Station publications. By the terms of the present printing law, however, it is entirely possible that the printing division of the Board of Estimate and Control might question the advisability of publishing any Station manuscript. All of which is to say that it behooves us to be prepared to defend at any time the material we offer for publication. Fortunately, our relations with the present personnel of the Board at Albany are most cordial.

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Frank Phillips, Laboratory Assistant, and right-hand man to the chemists in the inspection laboratory, came to the Station on September 6, 1893, over thirty years ago.

Frank began as an "out-side" man and helper to Ed. Albro, but about two years later was made janitor of the old administration building and of the then new chemistry building. For the past sixteen years he has had charge of the sampling and grinding of the feeding stuffs samples received at the Station for analysis by the inspection force.

Frank is justly proud of the fact that he drove to the railroad station with Dr. Van Slyke in March, 1896, to meet Dr. and Mrs. Jordan when Dr. Jordan came to Geneva to look over the Station before accepting the directorship of the institution. The trip was made with a team and cutter, the sleighing being excellent, Frank says.

When the chemistry building was first opened up, the Horticultural Department, consisting of Prof. Beach and two assistants, took up quarters in the large northeast room on the second floor now occupied by Mr. Wheeler. This arrangement prevailed until the Biology Building was erected, in spite of the efforts of the chemists to smoke out the horticulturists.

There have been many changes in the occupants of the Chemistry Building during this term of service, Frank says, Dr. Van Slyke being the only one remaining who had an office in the building at the time that he took up his duties.

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HAROLD BEATTIE spent the week-end in Geneva. He reports that his new work is proving very interesting, but that he is still looking for a place to live.