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HE WILL BE MISSED



Frank K. Bowen retires from the position of Administrative Assistant next Tuesday, February 28th, completing twenty-five years of service at the Station. Mr. Bowen will be seventy years of age on Monday, February 27th. We can't believe this, but that's what the man says. Born in Hornell in 1880, he moved with his parents to New York City when a boy, arriving in the metropolis on the day of the big blizzard of 1889, which automatically makes him a charter member of the famous club of "Blizzard Men". In his early twenties Mr. Bowen entered the employ of the Wells Fargo Express Company, first as a Bullion Guard which involved the handling of millions in gold and silver and later as Travel Agent and Office Manager. Frank says he travelled a million miles--at least it seems like a million. He arrived in Geneva in 1919 as agent for what was then the American Railway Express, now known as the Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Frank began work at the Station on April 1, 1925, and from there on his story is more or less familiar to all who have been associated in any way with this place--for Bowen has been "the man to see" about anything and everything.

"There is no indispensable man" has become a cliché, but our vote would go to Mr. Bowen as the man who would be missed most around the Station. Who brings up the mail on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays? Bowen, of course. Who opens up Jordan Hall for night meetings, takes care of the fires, puts out the lights, and locks up? Why, Frank, with an assist from the night watch, if and when he is on duty. Who puts in hours of overtime so that the pay checks are in the boxes promptly? Who covers up for our errors on requisitions, vouchers, expense accounts, and orders? Who do we call on frantically when the roof starts to leak, or the plumbing breaks loose, or emergency repairs are needed, even if its in the middle of the night? In a word, who is the trouble shooter for the Station who never side-steps trouble or responsibility? Why, Frank K(for Kennedy) Bowen!

Frank is a man of many hobbies and outside interests despite the load he has been carrying in his daily tasks. He will have more time for all of them, now, and he will doubtless pursue them with the same avid interest with which he tackles everything. Wood-working and cabinet making; collecting antiques, old prints, and old books, especially about the Big City; New York City history; famous eating places in New York--these and many other things intrigue him. Mr. Bowen is a charter member and past President of the Geneva Kiwanis Club and was a Kiwanian in Syracuse prior to coming to Geneva.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will continue to make their home, for the present at least, at 72 Milton. Wherever they go and whatever they do, our interest in them and our best wishes for health and happiness will follow them.

TOMORROW FROM FOUR TO FIVE

Tomorrow, Thursday, the 23rd, between four and five o'clock, we'll lay down the shovel and the hoe, cover up the typewriters, put away the test tubes and retorts, call off all conferences--in a word, dispense with all Station business--and gather in Jordan Hall for an "Open House" for Mr. and Mrs. Bowen. A committee headed by Miss Jessie Sperry is planning for a big time and everyone will want to be on hand promptly so as not to miss any part of the affair. It will be your chance to say "Best Wishes" to the Bowens. Be seeing all of you at four tomorrow!

THE POWER OF THE PRESS

Pete Imhofe of the Editorial Department at Penn State was so swayed by a Geneva press release on the merits of calcium-firmed apple slices for pie that he sent for a sample of calcium lactate to be used in a test in cooperation with the home-ec editor. The object was "to determine if New York really had something that could improve the quality of Pennsylvania apple pie." We probably never will hear about the outcome after Professor Lockett's appropriate reply: "We would have to say that all Pennsylvania apples will benefit greatly from the calcium treatment. We are not so certain about Empire State apples--they're always so good!"

TO TESTIFY AT HEARINGS

The Food and Drug Administration is currently conducting hearings in the nation's capital for the purpose of establishing tolerances for poisonous or deleterious substances on or in fresh fruit and vegetables. The hearings got underway last month and, when concluded, will include testimonies from federal and state agencies, chemical industries, independent organizations, and growers. Evidence representing coordinated effort of specialists at Ithaca and Geneva will be presented next week, according to the latest schedule. Local scientists who will participate include Doctors Hamilton, Schroeder, Palmiter, Braun, Dean, Taschenberg, Chapman, Glass, Smith, Hervey, Avens, and George Butler.

THIS 'N' THAT

Professor Munn is attending a meeting in Buffalo, called by the New York State Seed Growers Cooperative. Involved in the conference is the committee on interstate seed certification which is concerned with seeds being imported into New York State. Included on the program at the Finger Lakes Grape Growers Conference being held at Penn Yan today are Mr. Wellington and Mr. Carleton. They'll speak on "Grape Varieties" and "Soil Conservation Measures", respectively. On Layman's Sunday at the First Methodist Church, "Rev" Claude Heit gave someone else the big job of delivering the sermon and put himself in charge of handling the collection. Reports are that it was a big success. Jim Traphagen finally arrived in Japan after a "leisurely" cruise of better than two weeks. We note that John Wellington joined the Geneva Camera Club one night last week--then proceeded to win first prize with a color shot of Oklahoma City. Jack Heinicke was also added to the club's roster. Getting things packed for that long voyage in April, Otto Reinking gave his back a bad sprain last weekend. And Bette Cullinan's mother is in the Geneva General Hospital for further observation--after submitting to three operations in as many weeks! The medical chart of Liberty Hyde Bailey has been up and down several times since his fall some time ago. At present, his condition is still critical. SIGMA XI REMINDER---Doctor J.G. Horsfall, Director of the New Haven Experiment Station, will give a lecture on "Chemotherapy, the Frontier of Plant Protection" in Jordan Hall this Friday at 3:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. We don't know how he plans to do it but Doctor Vittum expects to be in Wyoming today and in Greece tomorrow. To be more exact, he and Doctor Dearborn will speak at the winter vegetable school in Wyoming County today; tomorrow Vit will join Bill Schroeder and George Hervey at the Monroe County school in Greece, N. Y. Rummaging through the gopher hole's underneath his house the other day, Willard Robinson came across a fragment of old newspaper. Careful scrutiny reveals it to be part of what was probably a local weekly paper, and it's dated 1815. We've been asked to announce that the Oaks Corners Church and Grange will hold a ham supper tomorrow evening starting at 5:30. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75¢ for children.

CLASSIFIED KORNER

Mrs. Ben Clark reports the loss of a silver bracelet in or near Jordan Hall on Monday evening. We'd like to keep our classified record perfect and help Mrs. Clark locate that bracelet. Lester Atkinson found an item in Hedrick Hall which is either a setting for a ring or a piece of a broken milk bottle. It's at the NEWS office. And we're still trying to peddle that nightmare of a scarf which someone tossed in on our desk some time ago. Guess it's supposed to be a silk paisley. Didn't somebody lose it, please?

ALWAYS AN ENGLAND

About fifty members of Cores Circle and their guests gathered in Jordan Hall on Monday evening and heard a witty and interesting account of the English school system and the operation of socialized medicine, followed by a social hour. The speaker was Mr. Richard Miller, an exchange teacher of social studies who is now teaching in the Waterloo High School. Mrs. Ed Smith presided.

OUR APOLOGIES TO GEORGE

We feel that an apology is in order to that most enthusiastic of cherry tree pruners, George Washington, for not including his physiognomy in today's masthead. We don't think Frank Bowen will ever match his reputation for telling the truth but we gave him the headline anyway. As this week's guest of honor, Frank submits his philosophy of life, to wit: Don't worry. There are only two reasons for worry--either you're successful or you're not. If you're successful, there's nothing to worry about. If you're not, there are only two things to worry about--either you're healthy or you're sick. If your health is good, there's nothing to worry about, and if you're sick there are just two things to worry about--either you'll get well or you'll die. If you're going to get well, there's nothing to worry about, and if you're going to die, there are only two things to worry about--you're either going to Heaven or you're not going to Heaven. If you're going to Heaven, there's nothing to worry about; and if you're going to the other place, you'll be so doggone busy shaking hands with old friends that you won't have time to worry. SO WHY WORRY?

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