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IT'S YOUR RED CROSS

Today marks the opening of the annual fund-raising campaign for the American Red Cross. We've been asked to give the drive a build-up but, in our estimation, everyone is familiar enough with the work of this organization. It's action speaks louder than our words. Station Chairman D.B. Hand has selected eight assistants to aid in collecting the Station's quota of \$515. They are Maud Hogan, Nancy Becker, Ruth Sherman, Lucile Holtby, Jessie Sperry, Barbara Lamb, Florence Updike, and Willie Pedersen. Cards have been distributed and it is hoped that returns will be in time for the first report luncheon which will be held next Tuesday.

DOCTOR FOSTER RESIGNS

Bob Foster, genial plant pathologist, has announced his resignation from the Station staff, effective April 15th. Bob is leaving Geneva in favor of an associate professorship at the University of Arizona. He came to Geneva in March of 1946, shortly after receiving his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. His specialties here have been the diseases of cabbage and beet. Bob took his work seriously enough to buy a farm out Seneca Castle way where he put into practice some of his preachings. Mrs. Foster and their two children are presently in California and will join Bob in Arizona. They won't be complete strangers in their new location because two one-time Genevans, Larry Carruth and Dee Pew, are also on the University staff. Regretfully, we say "So long and good luck" to the Fosters and hope they'll stop in on us occasionally.

HEIT ON PROPAGATION

That jack-of-all-professions, Claude Heit, only last week doffed his ministerial garb and now he's making a bid into the field of pedagogy. Claude turned professor yesterday afternoon when a group of students in Professor Fridham's class in Advanced Propagation called for a lecture on the testing and propagation of tree and shrub seeds. The Ithaca delegation was also given a look-see into the functions of the Seed Laboratory.

FAR WEST INTERLUDE

Nelson Shaulis, who got back yesterday from a trip to the West Coast, is hitting the road again today. The occasion is a brace of grape meetings in Chautauqua County, tomorrow and Friday. Nelson was pretty much inspired by his trip to Washington. He reports that his experimental blocks are located in a planting of 800 acres of Concord grapes. The triple yields and markedly different management practices in that region offer innumerable opportunities for research.

DOCTOR BREED TO NEW YORK

Doctor Breed left for New York City last night in order to confer with Dean R.E. Buchanan of Iowa State College. Dean Buchanan, who is well known by many local scientists, has just returned from a tour in Germany and the Near East. The two gentlemen will confer on Bergey's Manual.

BLUE CROSS ENROLLMENT DATE

The next enrollment date for the Station group of the Rochester Hospital Service and the Genesee Valley Medical Care is March 10th. Several additions to the benefits obtainable under the contracts have recently been announced. The new benefits are provided at no extra cost and include an increase in private room allowance, an allowance for certain ambulatory cases, and a provision for mental diagnostic care. Applications and further information are obtainable from Doctors Braun, Gambrell, Dearborn, and/or Foster.

GOINGS-ON-ELSEWHERE

Director Heinicke is attending conferences in Washington and Philadelphia this week. He started the week off at a meeting of the National New Crops Committee and followed this with a get-together of the Directors of Northeastern States Experiment Stations.....Doctors Vittum and Schroeder continued the run of county vegetable schools with performances at Eden in Erie County, yesterday.....The Holleys left last weekend for a few days' sojourn in the metropolitan area.....Mary Curtis of Seed Testing will leave tonight for her vacation in the big town. She'll be back on March 13th.....George Slate will spend next week in the Hudson Valley and on Long Island. He'll deliver four extension lectures along the way.

VISITORS FROM CANADA

Callers on the Pomology Division last week were three Canadians enroute to the grape conference at Penn Yan. O.A. Bradt of the Vineland Experiment Station, George Hostetter of the Bright Wine Company, and Ross Junge of the Niagara Spray Company spent last Tuesday visiting local fruit specialists.

TRAPHAGEN RELOCATES OFFICE

If you've been looking all over the Geneva "campus" for Parks Traphagen, we suggest you try his comfortable new quarters in the basement of Jordan Hall. Trap now occupies the office once used by Mr. Marquardt.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Jessie Sperry extends her thanks to the entire Station family for the excellent cooperation she received as chairman of last week's party for Frank Bowen. We, in turn, express the appreciation of the Station group for the good job she did of managing the affair. The participation was exceptional and, just in case there was someone who wasn't there, Frank was presented with an electric bench saw, complete with motor, bench, and attachments, and the heartiest good wishes of his friends at the Station. Short talks were given by Director Heinicke and ex-Directors Parrot and Hedrick, and the guest-of-honor. Former Station florist Conrad Mohr was on hand to greet the Bowens.

A NOTE OF THANKS

In his turn, Frank Bowen sincerely thanks "everyone who had anything to do with the wonderful send-off given last Thursday. The fine machine is more than appreciated and will be put to good use. And thanks, too, for the past cooperation which has made my job here enjoyable. Thanks again, and good luck to all of you." Frank officially went into dry-dock at 5 P.M. yesterday.

OTHER STUFF

An effect of the coal miner's strike was brought forcefully home with the announcement that badminton and other evening programs at the Geneva schools are cancelled until April 1st.....People in the know tell us that the Station won't have to worry about its coal supply for this winter. There's enough on hand and on order to see us through. But there were several people who couldn't be convinced of it on Monday and Tuesday mornings.....Local bird-lovers have spotted the Evening Grosbeak on several occasions during the past few days. The species is extremely rare in this area. An abundance of "snow-flakes" is also reported---both the feathered kind and the cold ones.....Word from Missouri has it that Bob Brooks has started a chapter of the SPEBBQSA out thar. Bob was president of the local chapter at the time of his departure from Geneva.....If news continues to be as scarce as it was this week, we may have to let a leopard loose to liven things up. Or perhaps a mildly ferocious plum curculio.

IN THE MAILBAG

This delightful note comes from Doctor O.H. Hammer, a former Station entomologist, who is now with the Dow Chemical Company;

"Since January 1st, Mrs. Hammer and I have realized there was something missing in our life but we couldn't put the bee on the problem. Just last night we got our heads together and remembered that we hadn't subscribed to the "STATION NEWS". We feel that if you will send this newsy sheet about the Station and our friends there, all will be well again at 401 Pearl Street, South Haven (Mich.). As we remember it, the subscription rate is \$1 per annum....Enclosed is \$2.00 and if there is any change, put it in the "kitty". Sincerely yours, The Trip Hammers."

This testimonial was unsolicited and unpaid for---but we're considering otherwise. Meanwhile, would anyone care to match pennies?

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For sale: 65 acres of tillable land, a house, a tractor, chickens, furniture, or almost any combination thereof. Also some used tomato plants. R.E. Foster.

Say you saw it in the NEWS.
On second thought, don't say you saw it in the NEWS.