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THE CHIEF features of the May Staff meeting included a comprehensive discussion of the fruit breeding work under way at the Station by Mr. Wellington and an interesting account of the entomological work at the Fredonia Laboratory by Mr. Hartzell.

DR. RANKIN announced that, due to conflicting engagements, Dr. L. R. Jones of the University of Wisconsin would be unable to come to Geneva for the supper meeting of the Staff as originally planned. At present, therefore, the Committee on Staff Business has no plans for a supper meeting.

FRANK PHILLIPS, who has served the Station in various capacities for more than thirty years, resigned last week to accept a position as gardener for a prominent Geneva family. Mr. Phillips began work at the Station in 1893 as a helper to "Ed" Albro, and later became janitor of the old administration building and the Chemistry Building which was then the Station's pride as its first new building. For the past 18 years, Mr. Phillips has been employed as Laboratory Helper in the Inspection Laboratory and has been in charge of the sampling and grinding of the feed samples submitted to the Station for test. A farewell "tea" was tendered Mr. Phillips last Friday by "residents" of the Chemistry Building at which time he was presented with an umbrella and a box of cigars, and was launched on his new venture with the best wishes of his associates. Mr. Phillips is eligible to the benefits of the employees' retirement system.

ROY SMITH, who for some time has been assisting Mr. Phillips, has been appointed as Laboratory Helper in Mr. Phillips' place.

MISS MARIE JACKSON, who has been appointed as temporary assistant in the Seed Laboratory, was introduced to the Staff at the meeting Monday. Miss Jackson comes from the Kentucky Station at Lexington where she has been engaged in seed testing work for the past few years. She will be in Geneva until September 1, when Miss Mary Woodbridge, now seed analyst at the Texas Experiment Station, will take up her duties as assistant seed analyst at this Station in the new position created at the last session of the Legislature.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Willard Harman upon his election to the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi.

THE COLLEGE CLUB of Geneva has secured for its open meeting in Lewis Hall next Friday evening Dr. Sampson, head of the English Department at Cornell University. A cordial invitation to attend this meeting has been extended by the College Club to members of the Station Staff.

DR. AND MRS. CLAYTON are spending a few days at Geneva while Mrs. Clayton completes the photographic work on the historical record of the Staff.

DR. H. A. HARDING, formerly head of the Bacteriology Division at this Station, called on several members of the Staff last Saturday. Dr. Harding is now chief of the Dairy Research Division of the Frederick C. Mathews Company of Detroit.

MR. PAYNE, of East Skoda, and Mr. Brooks, Director of the Morrisville School of Agriculture, were recent callers at the Station and were especially interested in the Station herd. These men with Mr. Dahlberg have been delegated by the American Jersey Cattle Club to select Jerseys for the Morrisville School.

DR. HUCKER was confined to his home by illness the early part of the week, but is now able to totter about his laboratory.

SOME OF the Station radio fans heard Mr. Tukey over WGY yesterday evening. Mr. Tukey is responsible for the radio program of the American Pomological Society, and, needless to say, supplies very live programs on various horticultural subjects of popular interest.

MEMBERS of the Horticultural Department tell us that unfailing signs of spring are the arrival of the robins and the coming of Dr. Stout from the New York Botanical Garden. Dr. Stout arrived with the cold wave and expects to stay about a week. He is as hopeful as the rest of us, however, that the weather will warm up, and stay warm.

MR. HOLLOW, as the Station's only Spanish War Veteran, is receiving congratulations on the increase in the pensions paid to Spanish War veterans under the provision of the bill signed by the President last Saturday.

THE BASEBALL pot has started to boil. Perhaps by next week it will boil over into the NEWS.