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TWO-IN-ONE

Once again, it's Community Chest time! The 1951 campaign opens officially on the 18th, but the Station "team" will be going to work any day now and will endeavor to call on all "prospects" within the next week or so. The Station's quota is an even \$1,000, only slightly more than was actually raised last year. Essentially, this year's campaign is a two-in-one effort. It is designed to raise funds for the support of the usual Chest agencies—all of which are practically standing pat on last year's requests despite rising costs of operation. The second element in this year's campaign that is the "something new" that has been added, is the United Defense Fund, the counterpart of World War II USO. Geneva's quota for this fund, in the neighborhood of \$8,000, will actually come back to Geneva for the most part in support of the local USO. And so the plea is to match last year's contribution to the Chest, meaning the YMCA, Hospital, Family Service, Salvation Army, Visiting Nurse, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Urban League, United Cerebral Palsy American Cancer Society, and American Hearing Society. Then add a little something for the United Defense Fund and the Station will easily make its quota. And here is a list of the folks who will be calling on you: B.E. Clark, L.G. Klein, F.P. Boyle, E.H. Smith, Lucile Holtby, R.A. Wesselmann, Victor Hopkins, James Hefferon, C.R. Bigelow, A.C. Wagenknecht, R.M. Gilmer, and Talmage Campbell. J.D. Luckett heads the Station's drive. Your cooperation and generosity will be appreciated.

STAFF MEETING MONDAY

The first staff meeting of the season is scheduled for next Monday afternoon in Jordan Hall. The Director will call the group to order at 4 P.M.

BANQUET BULLETIN

Reservations for the Station Club's Annual Banquet are being called for. The dinner will be served in the Seneca Castle Grange Hall by the ladies of that organization. General chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wagenknecht, have named a representative in each of the Station's buildings to assist in lining up the reservations. They are as follows: Sturtevant Hall—Miss Hogan; Hedrick Hall—Miss Warren; Entomology—Miss Holtby; Chemistry—Miss Lynch; Jordan Hall—Mrs. Middleton; Maintenance, Greenhouse, and Outside Crews—Mr. Hey. These representatives have records of persons who have paid their Club dues and who are eligible for participation in the banquet. All others are cordially invited to attend but will be required to pay \$1.50 per plate. Please inform your building representative of your intentions regarding the dinner. Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Wagenknecht are the following committee members: Decorations—Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer; Music—Miss Jeanne Smith; Punch—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith; Gameroom—Mr. and Mrs. Wishnetsky; Reservations—Mr. Rodney.

TOURISTS GALORE

Labor Day usually marks the end of the heavy tourist traffic at the Experiment Station but not-so this year. Last Friday, a group of eight Britishers spent the day at the Station viewing some of the fruit and vegetable work. On Monday, three Frenchmen, M. Cuisance, M. Deloustal, M. Dexant, and their interpreter, Miss Jacqueline Menetrier, arrived to spend the week here. This ECA group is studying methods of plant insect and disease control. This afternoon, 20 agricultural students of Hannibal Central School and their instructor, Roger Reniff, are slated to see some of the Station's vegetable and small fruit work...Friday will see another visit by the Genetics Class of Oswego State Teachers College. This group and their instructor, Harold Powers, will spend the whole day at the Station.

SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Among the participants in Monday evening's get-together of the Agricultural Circle at Ithaca were Doctor and Mrs. Heinicke, Doctor and Mrs. Gambrell, Doctor and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Clark, and Doctor Parrott.

Another photo of Eunice Haight appeared in the newspapers last week in conjunction with the presentation of a check by the Geneva Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW instituted a trust fund for the three-of-a-kind kids with \$50 credited to each. Donald, the most wee of the three, managed to top the five-pound mark at the hospital on Monday and has joined his brothers in a happy reunion at their Hoffman Avenue home. They'll celebrate their seven-week's birthday on Friday.

SOIL CONSERVATION TOUR

Several soil conservationists from the New York-Pennsylvania area spent Monday and Tuesday in this vicinity inspecting some of the experiments and soil conservation practices at the Station and orchards and vineyards in this area. The visitors saw cover crop plots, contour plantings of cherry trees, and run-off trials being conducted by Mr. Carleton. Among the guests was John Lamb, formerly of Cornell, and members of the present Cornell staff.

HAVING THE HIRED HELP FOR DINNER

"The goose", said Professor Slate in a magazine item earlier this year, "is the best hired man a strawberry grower can have. He works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, without bossing. The less you feed him, the harder he works....and, as yet, geese haven't been unionized."....And now, after ten of the feathered weeding machines have faithfully served Mr. Slate throughout the summer, he's selling them like....well, like white slaves. Thus, with all of their other attributes, you can even eat these workers if times get tough. Nine of the White Chinese goslings were sold outright and the tenth was won on a raffle by Wilson Hey. This sounds like someone's killing the goose that laid the golden eggs.

LETTER OF THANKS

An ECA visitor who spent some time at the Station early in September sent the following letter to Mr. Wellington: "I thank you very much for your assistance and for all your kindness during my staying at Geneva. My visit has been very profitable and I am very grateful to you and to everybody of the Experiment Station. Many thanks again and my best greeting"--August Modena.

THE SPORTS COLUMN

The chief item of interest among sports fans these days is the outcome of the 1951 World Series which starts tomorrow at Yankee Stadium. Several avid followers of the national pastime have come to the NEWS office, seeking the real lowdown on the forthcoming contest. In order that all may profit by the sagacity of our sports writer, we're making his prognostications public. Professor Luckett picks the Yanks to take the world title. Many may remember the good professor's prognosis at the beginning of the season. He chose the Washington Senators to come in first in the Junior Circuit (they wound up seventh). And now for the lowdown: we're giving the nod to the New York Giants but they can expect a bit of a tussle. And we're sticking our necks out plenty far because at this writing, the second game of the National League playoff hasn't begun....In the world of bowling, the Lutheran keglers inched ahead of the Experiment Station team by taking all four points in last week's competition while the State Farm boys worked no better than a two point gain....On the other alleys, Leon Jones came within one ball of the bowling Hall of Fame with eleven strikes and a spare for a total tally of 279. That happened on Monday night....The badminton season begins tonight at the North Street School gymnasium.

CHIT CHAT

Bob and Barbara Lamb are off on a jaunt to Saskatoon where they're spending their annual vacation at the home of his folks....When someone told us that Otis Curtis is cultivating some brush, we thought that he was lining up another 2,4-5T experiment. Upon further investigation, we found that it's actually a moustachio which brother Otis is nursing along. It's all part of a scheme to promote the annual Barbershop Quartet extravaganza in November. All members of the group are pledged to cultivate soup-strainers for the occasion, so we can expect to see a few new cases of facial adornment cropping up among our number....Marion Holland is taking a two-weeks vacation from her bug-rearing exploits....Miss Jennings announces that a copy of Hammond's City Street Map Atlas and Trip Guide has been received in the Library. This should prove a boon to those who anticipate visits to faraway places. The handy volume contains information about airlines, buslines, railroads, and hotels, at the major cities, as well as a street map of those cities...Pete Gigliotti is back on the job today after he and Mrs. Gigliotti celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary with a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada.

An illiterate mountaineer, much feared by his neighbors, was named by them to be trustee of their one-room school in the hollow. Much impressed with his new office, he dropped in the following day for a visit. "Show me what you're larnin' the kids," he ordered of the young teacher. Trying to please her one-man board, the teacher summoned the fourthgraders to the front of the room for an impromptu quiz on Bible history. "Who killed Abel?", she asked one boy. A long silence ensued. "Come, come," she urged, "surely you know who killed Abel." "Honest, teacher," the lad wailed. "I don't know. I didn't do it. We just moved here, you know". The trustee, who had been watching intently, leaned over and whispered to the teacher: "Question him closer", he prodded. "He looks mighty suspicious to me!"---Country Gentleman