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NERVE CENTER

With the large-scale face-lifting job under way at the Station, getting the lion's share of attention, a project of considerable import has gone unnoticed. Last week, telephone men installed six phones in one of the rooms in the basement of Jordan Hall. The room had been vacated to make room for a control center for the city's Civil Defense Program. In the event of an emergency, the director and principals in the program, including fire and police chiefs, will set up headquarters here and will be in telephone contact with the several substations in the city as well as being connected with the regular telephone system.

PIPELINE

Now that the tunneling project is progressing closer to the office buildings, we can keep closer tabs on developments. On Monday, the shovelwork between Sturtevant and Hedrick Halls unearthed structures which appeared to be vaults. One such chamber was found adjacent to the underground tunnel which connects the two buildings. With the help of Frank Newton, our most venerable alumnus, we learned that the brick vaults were part of the lysimeters or drain gauges which were in use at the Station before the turn of the century. The Station's first annual report (1882) reports lysimeter studies and, tied in with Mr. Newton's memories, it appears that the apparatus was buried when Sturtevant Hall was erected. The lysimeter boxes had been imbedded level with the lawn surface, which was then about four feet below its present level. The bottoms were funnel-shaped and led into copper tubes which, in turn, drained into bottles in the cubicles. Access to the inner sanctum was by means of a trapdoor at the surface and a subterranean stairway.

The next phase of the tunneling job will be directed across North Street to Jordan Hall. A temporary bridge will be constructed over the tunnel in order that traffic can be maintained along North Street. And, in case you're wondering, too, the old tunnel connecting Hedrick with Sturtevant will not be disturbed--the new one will go underneath it.

CERES ACTIVITY POSTPONED

The Guest Tea which was scheduled by the Ceres Circle for May 12th has been postponed for one week. Remember the date, girls, May 19th.

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN

The Station seminar committee has arranged for a talk on "Food Problems and Production in Sweden" by Mr. Berglund. The topic will be given on the first rainy afternoon after today and departments will be given notification on the day the weather appears inclement.

DIVISION DINNER

The Division of Food Science and Technology held its annual dinner last evening at the Town Pump. Upwards of 50 people had signed up for the affair at press time, and the committee was headed by Austin Wagenknecht, with assistance by Messers Robinson, Boyle and Wishnetsky.

THE PAYOFF

Station bowlers will ring down the curtain on another season tomorrow evening at their annual banquet at the American Legion Home. The Lutheran contingent will come up for deserved recognition, having wound up in a tie for second place with St. Peters. In the cheering section will be the group which made up the Experiment Station aggregation this season. In unsung glory, they held down the 14th position.



STRAWBERRY MEETING

At a meeting in Oswego tonight, growers of that county will hear the latest word on strawberry culture from Professor Slate. Oswego County berries find a ready market in New York City where they bring premium prices.

HOSPITAL REPORT

We're sorry to hear that Dr. L. B. Norton, former Station chemist now at Ithaca, is seriously ill and is under the care of a New York City specialist....Roy Atkinson is coming along fine at the Geneva General Hospital. He wishes to express his thanks to the inhabitants of Hedrick Hall who presented him with an erector set, with which to while away the long hours.

CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

So that you can keep in shape for next winter's bridge season, a contract bridge club has been organized in Geneva. An announcement from Dorothy Bolin, secretary, reads as follows: The Summer Session of the newly-organized Geneva Contract Bridge Club will consist of Open Pairs play on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, beginning on May 12th, at the American Legion Home on Lochland Road. The Open Pairs contests will continue through September. Particular attention is called to the fact that anyone may play in the tournaments and it's not necessary to play on each successive Monday, nor to play with the same partner each time. Anyone from Geneva or vicinity wishing to know more about the Geneva Contract Bridge Club is asked to contact Mrs. Alice Dee, Mrs. Florence Murphy, or Miss Dorothy Bolin.

ROUNDAABOUT

Visiting Entomology on Tuesday were M. J. Sloane of the Shell Chemical Company of New York City and Prof. James Dewey of Ithaca. They discussed cooperative work involving Shell, entomologists at Ithaca and Geneva, and Station food scientists.... Dr. Kertess attended a meeting of the Industrial Research Institute at Skytop, Pa., on Monday and Tuesday....Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Howe of Holland, Va., became the parents of Frederick Jackson Howe on April 25th....The Swensons will vacate the Pederson house sometime in the next couple of weeks and will move to new quarters on Franklin Street in Phelps....Our congratulations to Professor Emeritus and Mrs. Bristow Adams of Ithaca. The former Cornell Editor and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary about two weeks ago....The Wesselmanns motored to New York's International Airport over the weekend to see Mrs. Wesselmann's mother safely off on a two-month's visit to Switzerland....In our rounds yesterday, we found that the man who never has anything for the NEWS has been holding out on us for some time. We have it on good authority that W. T. Schroeder is quite crotchety. Maybe that's not the right adjective but anyway he took first prize in a recent handicraft project for a hand-made crocheted sachet. This was at a grange meeting, at which he also served as a judge of the style show. (He must be President of the group). When asked why he gave the nod to a shimmering white creation as his first choice, the connoisseur retorted, "Oh, was I supposed to judge the dress?". (Note: this item not for publication until it appears in bulletin form.)

KLASSIFIED

Mrs. Middleton would like to buy a studio couch, or borrow one for a couple of months. If you have one with which you'd like to part, either permanently or temporarily, please call her at 6462.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The semi-annual report from Mary Curtis Miller, former member of Veg Crops and the Seed Lab who left to do missionary work in Brazil, has arrived and is available to all who would like to read it. In it, she tells of the windup of her work at an orphanage in Brazil, her marriage in February, and a picturesque trip to their new assignment in Chile. Both Mary and Ralph have signed up as regular missionaries and will continue on indefinitely in South America.

DOUBLE HEADER

Just ten days ago, Willard Robinson's interest in English bulldogs bore fruit. The owner of "Chunky" and her daughter, "Cal", came into possession of more of the same as both mother and daughter whelped litters on the same day. Unfortunately, the two youngsters born of "Chunky" were short-lived but "Cal" is doing a good job of raising her three striplings.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address contains 266 words; the Ten Commandments contains 297 words; the Declaration of Independence contains 300 words; and an OPS order to reduce the price of cabbage contains 26,911 words.