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FEATHER IN THE WIND

Dr. Frank Boyle has been named to head the Community Chest fund drive at the Experiment Station this year. He and his committee will pass out subscription cards on Monday with the hopes that all returns will be in by the end of next week. The Station's quota this year is \$1500, as compared to an even \$1000 last year...BUT...this increase is largely due to the incorporation of the Special Gifts cards subscribed to by Station personnel. The city's Red Feather budget is only slightly higher than last year's, with the addition of two more agencies. The organizations which depend upon the Community Chest for financial aid are the American Cancer Society, Family Service of Geneva, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Children's Camp Fund, Geneva General Hospital, Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., Hallowe'en Fund, Visiting Nursing Service, U.S.O., National Urban League, American Hearing Society, and the United Cerebral Palsy fund. How much should you contribute? Well, there are 14 groups who would need to hold separate drives were it not for the united effort of the campaign. Figure out how much you would give to each of them. The total should be your contribution. The campaign committee sets a guide of \$1 per month for the average employed person--1% of annual income for the professional worker. Hundreds of persons are giving of their time to insure the success of the drive. Realization of this goal depends upon you, the individual, for YOU are the benefactor as well as the beneficiary. If, for any reason, you are not contacted during this coming week regarding a contribution to the Community Chest, the committee asks that you see your departmental representative. They are as follows: Sturtevant--Keith Steinkraus, J. C. Hening; Pomology--J. C. Cain; Veg Crops--Don Barton; Plant Path--Bill Schroeder; Seeds--Ray Bula; Entomology--Sandy Davis; Chemistry--Anne McCullough; Administration--Bob Wesselmann; Orchard Crew--Jack Shannon; Other outside workers--Pete Gigliotti.

ANCHOR'S AWEIGH

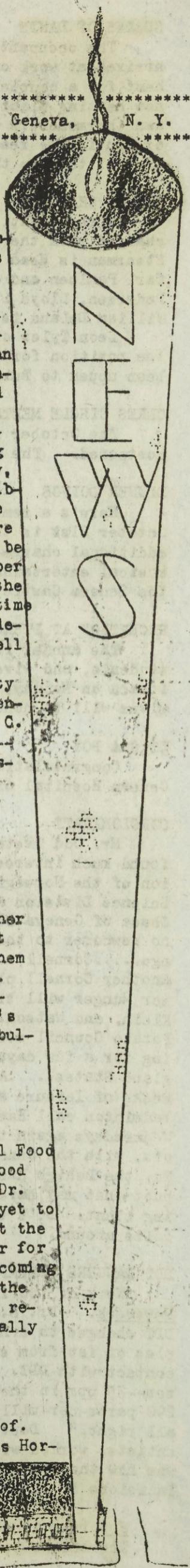
In New York City, today, Dr. and Mrs. Kertesz and Christopher are embarking on the first leg of a trip which will find them at Colombo, Ceylon, early next month. The Queen Mary will take them to London where they'll spend a week before heading toward Rome. In Italy at FAO headquarters, Dr. Kertesz will be briefed on details of his assignment as Director of Food Research for the UN's technical aid program in Ceylon. We've been promised regular bulletins on the food scientists's twelve-month leave.

PROCESSING CONFERENCE IN EARLY STAGE

November 12th has been set as the date for the Fifth Annual Food Processing Conference, sponsored by the Station's Division of Food Science and Technology. Dr. Pederson is general chairman and Dr. Robinson will be in charge of the program. With many details yet to be worked out, the committee announces that the guest speaker at the evening banquet will be Dr. Berton S. Clark, Scientific Director for the American Can Company in Chicago. Dr. Clark is also the incoming president of the Institute of Food Technologists. Purpose of the conference is to acquaint members of the industry with the food research work of the Experiment Station. The one-day affair usually draws about 200 guests.

AT BAYSTATE HORT MEETING

A bit of Geneva in old Boston is being made possible by Prof. Wellington's participation in the fall show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, currently running for the rest of the week. He has taken with him many of the Station's most recent apple, pear, fall-bearing raspberry, and grape introductions, including the five new grapes announced last month, plus a number of promising seedlings.



SHADES OF DANTE

The occupants of Jordan Hall had their prayers answered with interest when they arrived at work on Monday morning. After braving the cool autumn weather without heat for a couple of weeks, they met with a warm reception as the huge stack of the new heating plant belched its first smoke. Actually, it outdid itself as the Jordan thermometers sizzled at 100° and we're not sure whether that was the Fahrenheit or Centigrade reading. Be that as it may, the heat's on and there are over 300 tons of coal to keep the home fires burning for awhile.

STATUS CHANGES

With operations definitely underway, some additions have been made to the crew charged with the functions of the heating plant. As previously announced, Ralph Stearman is Head Stationary Engineer, and John Chimera is Senior Stationary Engineer. Carl Paulsen and Jay B. Covert carry the title of Stationary Engineer, and L. C. Pedersen, Lloyd L. Weir, Donald Heusler and Fred Rugar will serve as Steam Fireman. William DeLand is Power Plant Helper.

Leon Tyler of FS&T has been promoted to Maintenance Engineer at the Station, the position formerly held by Mr. Stearman. Station painter Joseph Pettrone has been upped to Building Maintenance Man, formerly held by Mr. Paulsen.

CERES CIRCLE MEETING POSTPONED

The October meeting of the Ceres Circle, scheduled for next Monday, has been postponed. The next meeting date will be November 10.

DINNER DOINGS

Here's a reminder that the Station Club Dinner is less than two weeks away-- October 21st is the date. Members of the Club are entitled to participate without additional charge--nonmembers and guests will have to raise two dollars. Games and musical entertainment will follow the meal which is to be put on by the ladies of the Seneca Castle Grange.

RECEPTION AT ITHACA

The annual informal reception for the agricultural college faculty, graduate students, and wives will be held in the Memorial Room of Willard Straight Hall at Ithaca on Monday, October 13th, from 8 to 10 P.M. Emeritus Professors and their wives will be honor guests.

IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Holley on the arrival of Frederick Owen at the Geneva Hospital on September 30th. The lad weighed 7 pounds, 14 grams.

CONGLOMERATE

Mr. Odd Tvete's seminar on the processing of fruits and vegetables in Norway found much interest last Friday afternoon. The Director of the Inspectorate Division of the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture spent two weeks in the Station's Food Science Division as part of his U. S. tour. He's now enroute home....Mrs. George Chase of Geneva is helping out in the Quality Control Lab (nee Vitamin Lab). She's no newcomer to the Station, having served in a similar capacity about five years ago....Cornell's agricultural council will meet at the Station next Monday..... Another Cornell plant breeding class will meet at the Station on Saturday. Professor Munger will bring his students here to hear talks by Professors Slate, Einset, Klein, and Watson....Dr. Barton will take part in the Northeastern Vegetable and Potato Council meeting in New York City on Saturday....Lucile Holtby is vacationing for a few days in the Poconos....The Tapleys are doing likewise in the New England States....And the Lambs will rely on the weather to improve for their two weeks of leisure at Letchworth State Park, starting this weekend....Response to the badminton call has justified two nights of play each week. It'll be on Mondays and Wednesdays again this season....Barbara Slate continues to garner scholastic honors, with the announcement that she has again made the dean's list at Middlebury.... No, the Lehigh hasn't installed a new whistle on its Toonerville Trolley. That hoot that may have startled you at times is excess steam being let off by the heating plant. It's being blown to remind our engrossed workers when quitting time rolls around.

DDT DANGERS MINIMIZED

Work of two former Station workers is cited in the September 29th issue of Newsweek. Dr. S. W. Simmons, chief of the Savannah USPHS laboratories stated that DDT changes to a harmless degradant, DDE, when lodged in human fatty tissues. Samples of fat from sixty people were analyzed, some of whom had undergone prolonged contact with DDT. Traces of DDT were found in all, about 7 ppm in the average person--35 ppm in the fat of the person who worked with DDT. One man was found with 290 parts-per-million of the insecticide but even he was "walking around and feeling all right." Doctors G. W. Pearce and Arnold Mattson, both recent Station food scientists, worked with Dr. Simmons on the project. One question which bothered us was how the samples of human fat were obtained. Says Dr. Simmons, "We made little incisions in their stomachs and snipped out a bit of fat....We didn't take much."

How busy is not so important as why busy.

The bee is praised; the mosquito is swatted.