

Station News

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SOMETHING FOR YOUR MONEY

The Geneva Y.M.C.A. is starting a new season with its annual financial campaign October 10 to 16, and is stressing particularly the many types of memberships available. In other words, the "Y" is not passing the hat, but is offering something for your money in the way of a membership that will make available to you the many recreational and social facilities at the "Y". Full details as to just what each type of membership provides can be obtained from Jules Marquardt, who is heading up the Station canvas, or from the following members of his committee: Elinor Heist, Lucile Holtby, Jessie Sperry, George Hervey, Bob Magic, George Slate, or Parks Traphagen. The ladies, too, are well provided for in the "Y" program, with definite periods set aside for their use of the pool and other "Y" facilities. Also, men who wish to use the pool will find a schedule in force which will insure no conflict with the boys. In addition to the pool, the "Y" offers handball courts; a gym for basket ball, badminton, volley ball, and other sports; a game room, and other recreational facilities. Your membership, good until October 31, 1941, can be paid for over a period of nine months, if desired, and it is transferable to other Associations in the event that you move away from Geneva. JOIN THE "Y".

A REAL FAIR

Tomorrow The Geneva Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will hold their annual farm show in the gymnasium of the High School. This has become a real show and will be well worth a trip down to the High School tomorrow afternoon. Several members of the Station Staff are assisting Professor Watkins in the judging of the entries, including Mr. Bennett, Mr. Enzie, Mr. Marquardt, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Slate.

A DELEGATION FROM COLGATE

Dr. Stauffer of Colgate University and a group of his botanical students plan to visit the Station next Monday to observe especially the fruit breeding, colchicine, and the work in plant embryology.

LEAVING SATURDAY

Dr. Tressler and family plan to get away on Saturday for a year's leave of absence which will be spent largely on the West Coast. The Tresslers plan to go first to Los Angeles where Eleanor will enter school, then to San Diego where they will spend most of the winter. Dr. Tressler expects to do considerable writing and will also travel extensively to observe West Coast developments in quick freezing operations and other fruit and vegetable utilization work. Our best wishes to the Tresslers for a pleasant and profitable year—with the hope that they will not forget entirely their many friends at the "State Farm".

GRANTED M.S. DEGREE

Mr. Joseph D. Loconti, who is assisting Dr. Kertesz on his pectin investigations passed his examination for the MS degree at Cornell last week.

THE CHEMISTS' CLUB

The annual business meeting and first program for the season of the Geneva Chemists' Club will be held in Jordan Hall tomorrow evening at 7:30. Professor Wm. I. Bruce of Cornell University will speak on "Carcinogenic Hydrocarbons", with a discussion of his own work well as a general review of this field with reference to the medical aspects of the subject.

A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Dr. Nebel was a guest and participant in a bicentennial celebration of the founding of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia recently, where he took part in a two-day conference on cytology and genetics.

THE FRUIT SHOW

Mr. Lockett is in Rochester today to confer with officers of the State Horticultural Society and other exhibitors on the use of the Duffy-Powers building for the meeting and exhibit of the Society in January. The buildings at Edgerton Park, formerly used for this purpose, have been taken over for military purposes by the National Guard. Military considerations have also closed the armory at Kingston to the Society for its eastern meeting, necessitating the use of other quarters in that city, too.

OFF TO CORNELL

Two NYA youths who have been assisting here at the Station for the past year or more have entered Cornell. Joseph Greci, who was associated with Dr. Carpenter on the plastic investigations, has registered in the Dairy Department and Chester Grzsiak, who has been helping the entomologists, is planning to specialize in entomology.

"CHERRY COCKTAIL"

The Chemistry Division announces that the Daylight Grocery on Seneca Street is handling the Station's "Cherry Cocktail" exclusively in Geneva this fall. For the past two weeks a demonstration sale of the beverage has been in progress in the grocery department of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr, with a very active demand as a result.

DR. DAFOE IN ITHACA

Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe of Quintuplet fame is to be a speaker next Friday evening at Cornell's Newspaper Institute for editors and publishers of weekly papers. Speaking of newspapers, the week of October 1 to 8 is being widely celebrated as "Newspaper Week" and in recognition of the event, the Geneva Daily Times is carrying a series of "guest editorials", one of which will come from the pen of Director Parrott.

EYE APPEAL

The October number of Farm Research, which is now going into the mail specializes in "action" pictures where people are supposedly doing things. Three guesses as to the identity of the young lady on the front page.

DR. E. C. WORDEN

We are indebted to Mr. Stewart for a clipping from the New York Times regarding the death recently of Dr. Edward C. Worden, consulting chemist and head of the Worden Laboratory at Millborn, N. J., who was at one time a member of the Station staff--along in the early nineties, according to Mr. Stewart. Dr. Worden was a cellulose expert and did much to advance the development of airplane wing coatings for the U. S. Army. In writing of his early life, the Times quotes Dr. Worden regarding his connection with this Station as follows: "My next job had a title," wrote Dr. Worden in his memoirs, "assistant chemist at the State Agricultural Station in Geneva, N. Y. My sharpest memory of the year I spent there comes from a court case I lost for the State when serving as an expert witness against a farmer charged with watering his vinegar. Things were going nicely for us until the farmer's lawyer began to cross-examine me. 'When and where have you testified before?' he asked. 'Nowhere', I answered, 'this is my first case'. 'Then you are not an expert, you only think you are,' said the lawyer. The judge agreed with him and threw out my testimony."

Mr. Stewart, by the way, is still at his camp at Inlet but will probably return to Geneva within a week or ten days.

ATTENTION: JIM KNAPP

Jim Knapp, the able and versatile editor of Extension Echoes, in an unguarded moment, put himself on record as offering a cigar (price and quality not specified) for every error that could be found in Echoes. In a recent issue he writes "Echoes made its annual pilgrimage to the exhibit of the Geneva Station at the State Fair, hoping for the annual basket of fruit. But no representative, either Lockett or Van Alstine (one cigar, please Jim--its van Alstyne), was around at the time. Maybe they were watching Lucky Teeter. Perhaps the scientists to the north will offer a rain check on the fruit, a check that will be honored by Dexter Phillips of the Second National Bank of Geneva (another cigar, please, there is no 'Second' nor even a 'First' National Bank in Geneva--just THE National Bank of Geneva). Make 'em La Coronas, Jim, not the campaign variety.

RALPH JENKINS

It is with profound regret that we note the death of Ralph Jenkins early this morning in Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. This word reached us after the Station NEWS had been run off. Ralph was 37 years old.

Coming to the Station in July, 1931, he was assigned to do chemical research for the Vegetable Crops Division. He remained in this position until May, 1936, when he accepted an appointment on a research fellowship with General Foods and since then has been conducting investigations on quick freezing under the supervision of Dr. Tressler.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon (Thursday) at the home of his parents, 12 Commonwealth Ave., Lowell, Mass.

Despite a long period of ill health, Ralph was most energetic in the conduct of his research, was unusually productive of results, and had a promising career ahead of him. His genial personality and good nature endeared him to his laboratory associates and a host of friends who find his passing a very personal loss.

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Jenkins, the two children, and Ralph's family.

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