

# Station News

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Geneva, N. Y.

## PLAIN SPEAKING

The Community Chest campaign opens in Geneva tomorrow evening and continues thru next Wednesday. The Station has been assigned a quota of \$375. This is \$71.50 more than we contributed last year. As all who read know by this time, a new agency has been included in the Chest this year in the United Service Organization—a combination of six national organizations—which will endeavor to meet the spiritual and recreational needs of men and women in over 300 Army camps, Navy stations, and defense areas. Almost 300 boys have already gone out of Geneva and vicinity into the service, everyone of whom will testify to the need for some such agency. The government is building the buildings and supplying the equipment, but it cannot direct the program of such centers without divorcing from the effort the very thing the six national organizations that are sponsoring the plan want most to preserve—the spiritual and moral influences that the boys have been accustomed to in their homes. Geneva has been asked, therefore, to add the sum of \$2,600 to its Chest fund, an increase of about 10%. Early reports indicate that those at the Station who are included in the so-called "Initial Gift" group are meeting this 10% increase. **WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO DO LESS FROM THE STATION AS A WHOLE.** Just what the Station quota means in dollars and cents as compared with last year is indicated in the following tabulation:

<u>Division</u>	<u>1940 Contributions</u>	<u>Making No 1940 Donation</u>	<u>Needed This Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Cards</u>
Labor.....	\$8.00	11	\$10.00	25
Jordan Hall.....	38.00	2	48.00	7
Entomology.....	66.50	4	84.00	19
Chemistry.....	42.00	11	54.00	29
Dairy Building.....	55.00	13	70.00	28
Hodrick Hall.....	<u>84.00</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>109.00</u>	<u>35</u>
Totals.....	\$293.50	51*	\$375.00	143

\*Some of these are new this year, but most are old timers.

Obviously there are two ways of meeting our obligation—getting more money from the same people or getting enough new contributions to make up the difference. Actually, it should be a combination of both. It is to be hoped that everyone who possibly can will add a little something to this year's contribution over and above what they gave last year to meet this very real and important new demand—the U. S. O. Then, too, it would seem apparent without saying so that there is no valid excuse for anyone employed at the Station to fail to make some contribution. A little extra sacrifice and effort by all of us will make this campaign one of which we can be proud to have had a part in. Representing the Station on the Community Chest this year are Jim Hefferon, "Cap" Bigelow, Paul Chapman, Jules Marquardt, Leroy Everson, and J. D. Lockett.

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## ARMY LIFE

Dr. Tukey received the following enlightening communication from San Sullivan who is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va.:

"Well, this is a great life. We arise at 5:30 a.m., and they keep us pretty busy during the day. First we have drill or exercise, then we are taken out into the woods for a couple of hours and are taught war games. In the afternoon they may show us how to put up gin poles, tripods, and different things like that—even teach us how to build different types of roads. Two or three nights last week they brought us out at about 7:30 and kept us out until 10:45, and another night they had us grading a road, more to get us used to handling tools in the dark; then another night they took us out in the woods for war games. The weather is fine down here now; if it will only stay this way it will be just right, but they tell me it will get a lot hotter later on. The wrist watch is going fine. Sincerely, San."

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## HOBART LECTURES

Dr. Carpenter delivered two lectures at Hobart last week, one on plastics in general and the other on synthetic textiles.

## BADLY SHAKEN UP

Word reached the Station Monday afternoon from Dr. Nebel that the truck he was driving to Cold Spring Harbor loaded with experimental material broke down on a hill near Deposit and turned over twice, with disastrous results both to the truck and the plants. So far as we have been able to discover at this time, Dr. Nebel suffered chiefly from shock and a bad shaking up. Miss Titcomb was following him in a second truck and Mrs. Nobel left early Tuesday morning with another truck to salvage as much as possible of the wrecked plants. The conveyance that Dr. Nebel was driving had already gone over 100,000 miles and should have been retired long ago.

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## BACTERIOLOGISTS IN SYRACUSE

Most of the members of the Bacteriology Division will attend a joint meeting of the Central New York Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists and the Western New York Section of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine at Syracuse University next Saturday. Dr. Hofer is Chairman of the Central New York Branch of the S. A. B. Dr. Breed and Dr. Conn are on the program. Dr. Breed is showing a motion picture of dark field studies of the flagellation of the typhoid organism, while Dr. Conn will speak on "Biological Stains and National Defense."

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## PLANNING WORK

L. C. Anderson, who is in charge of the Station's horticultural investigations in the Hudson River Valley and who makes his headquarters at Hudson, was at the Station yesterday planning the season's work with members of the Pomology Division.

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## HUB CAPS

Jim Hofferon has in his possession two Ford V8 hub caps picked up on the Station grounds and which the owner may have by calling at the garage.

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## GOING INTO WAR WORK

Russell Wellman, an NYA student in dairying, has left Geneva for a position in a war industry near Painted Post. Russell hopes by this means to accumulate sufficient cash to finance a college course later on.

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## FUTURE FARMERS

A group of Future Farmers from the club at the Scio Central School will visit the Station on Saturday.

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## HEADING FOR CANANDAIGUA

A large and enthusiastic audience saw a Gorham girl selected in the Geneva High School auditorium last Friday evening to represent Ontario County in the Western New York Apple Blossom Festival and Patriotic Pageant to be held in Canandaigua next Saturday.

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## MAPPED ROUTE

Dr. Breed, accompanied by Mrs. Breed, Dr. Hedrick, and Mr. Lockett, last Saturday afternoon mapped out a route for the historical pilgrimage which is to be a feature of the annual meeting of the State Historical Society to be held in Geneva September 18, 19, and 20. The route, which combines scenic beauty with points of historical interest, includes the Experiment Station, of course, the old Proclamation Road, Keuka College, the home of Jonina Wilkinson, Branchport, Hammondsport, the road along the east side of Keuka Lake, Dresden, and back to Geneva along Seneca Lake.

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## THE SCIENCE CIRCUS

The Science Scholarship fund out of which scholarships will be granted to outstanding students in the Geneva High School and the DeSales High School who plan to continue science studies in college, will be raised this year thru the medium of a "Science Circus". The event will be staged in the Geneva High School on Tuesday evening, May 27. Tickets are only 25 cents and may be purchased from the following persons: Mr. Marquardt, Mr. Bigelow, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Mack, Mr. Beattie, and Charles Tressler.

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