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WILLIAM LYDON

Bill Lydon died Tuesday night, December 8th, at his home on Genesee Street. Bill was associated with the Station from April, 1904, until his retirement July 1st, 1940. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sister in her bereavement.

Prior to his employment by the Station, Bill had been working in the nurseries around Geneva and he was first engaged to work in the Station orchards. Years later he maintained that he was the one who taught Dr. Hedrick how to prune an apple tree. Be that as it may, Bill by his industry and interest in the Station advanced rapidly and was soon put in charge of the Milk Room and assisted with the testing of the dairy glassware sent here for inspection. Oldtimers at the Station will always remember the team of Bill Lydon and Martin Murray. Bill's philosophy was that you might get more money some place else, but you would never have a better job than the one you had here at the Station, and he expounded that idea on all occasions for the edification of the young men around the place. Shortly before his last illness, Bill went to work again for one of the local nurseries and cited the interesting comparison between his wages of fifty cents a day back in the early 1900's and the \$5.00-a-day scale of 1942. All of us who worked with him and who knew his genial ways are going to miss Bill sorely.

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DISCUSSED NUTRITION

Miss Jessie G. Cole, Senior Nutritionist of the New York State Department of Health, spent Monday at the Station discussing investigations under way here relating to nutrition.

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PASSED HER EXAM

Miss Thressa Campbell, assistant in the Bacteriology Division, appeared before a committee of the Graduate School at Cornell yesterday and passed her examination for the M. S. degree.

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SET UP TESTS

Several members of the Bacteriology Division were in Rochester last week to set up experiments with the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps and the Beechnut Company on the packaging of dehydrated vegetables.

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CHICAGO INTERESTED

Along the same line, representatives of the National Paper Box Association of Chicago have been conferring with the bacteriologists on packaging problems in connection with dehydrated foods for the Quarter Master Corps of that area.

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MRS. BAKER RESIGNS

Mrs. Marsden Baker has resigned her position as secretary to the Vegetable Crops Division effective January 1st, following 15 years of service. Mrs. Baker says that her chief interest will be her home and seeing to it that dinner is ready when Marsden gets home from work, but she is also taking over the B. Briggs Chapman distributing business for packaging materials for frozen foods. There is no charge for this advertisement and we wish Mrs. Baker all the luck in the world.

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood spent last week in Geneva while Doug checked up on the literature in connection with his investigations. They have returned to the Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations laboratory in Poughkeepsie.

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Lt. PARROTT

Lt. John Parrott is home on leave from Camp Lee, Virginia.

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BLACKOUTS AND THE STATION

With a tightening up of blackout regulations, steps are being taken in the Director's office to insure adequate supervision of the Station buildings during blackouts. The cooperation of the Staff is requested in turning off all lights before leaving offices in the evening, and especially during an air raid alarm. If experimental work is to be carried on at night, the possibility of interruption by a blackout should be anticipated in order that the blackout regulations may be complied with immediately upon the sounding of the alarm. In the event of daylight alerts, all Station employees who do not report to special posts of duty are requested to remain indoors until the all clear signal is sounded.

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WELL KNOWN HERE

Dr. Harrison E. Howe, Editor of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, died last week. Doctor Howe was well known here at the Station and on one of his last visits to Geneva spoke at the High School on behalf of the Science Scholarship Fund for students of the local high schools who showed special interest in science and expected to follow science courses in college.

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W. J. WRIGHT RETIRES

Professor W. J. Wright, State 4-H Club leader, retires on December 31 after 24 years of service. Professor Wright came to New York State in 1912 as Director of the State School of Agriculture at Alfred University and became 4-H Club leader at Cornell in 1918. Commenting on his service in this latter capacity, Extension Echoes says, "As State leader, he has directed the activities of the 50-odd county club agents working with more than 35,000 farm boys and girls. During his 24 years of leadership, nearly 250,000 young folks have been 4-H Club members. The State now has about 2,400 4-H Clubs with more than 3,300 volunteer local leaders and assistants."

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IN ARMY RESERVE

Following up the mention in last week's NEWS of Loren Tukey, we are now informed that Ronnie Tukey has enlisted in the Army Reserve. He is a student at Michigan State College.

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MR. CLISE IN THE ARMY

Mr. Robert Clise has been inducted into the Army and left for service last week. Mrs. Clise will continue her work in the Bacteriology Division.

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MRS. JORDAN ILL

We note with regret that word has been received in Geneva of the serious illness of Mrs. W. H. Jordan at her home in Orono, Maine.

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IMPROVING STEADILY

Miss Marion Gillottee is recuperating at her home here following an operation in New York City.

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REMEMBER! YOU HAVE A DATE!

Remember that you have a date with Santa Claus tomorrow at 5:00 o'clock in Jordan Hall!