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BACTERIOLOGISTS

The Central Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists will hold its spring meeting in Jordan Hall next Saturday, May 15, with sessions both morning and afternoon. Dr. Selman A. Waksman of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and retiring President of the Society of American Bacteriologists will deliver an address on "The Nature and Mode of Action of Antibiotic Substances". Other papers to be presented include a discussion of the lacto-bacilli by Dr. Pederson, the use of glass tubing to replace metal piping in food and dairy plants by Dr. Hucker, and certain aspects of taxonomy by Dr. Breed. Professor I. C. Gunsalus, dairy bacteriologist at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, is chairman of the Section. The Seneca Castle Grange is serving lunch for the group.

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GOING TO PENN STATE

Good things come in three's to Dr. Leslie Weaver. Early this year he completed work for and was granted his Ph. D. by Cornell, then more recently he was elected a member of the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi, honorary research fraternity, and now he has been appointed to an excellent position as extension plant pathologist at Pennsylvania State College. The only regrettable feature is that he and Mrs. Weaver will be leaving Geneva the last of the week. We shall probably see something of them occasionally, however, and certainly wish them the best of luck and happiness in their new surroundings.

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BACK HOME

Mrs. Wellington and Marylizabeth returned to Geneva last week and we are glad to note that Marylizabeth is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

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HE WAS ELECTED

Harold Beattie was named Vice President of the University Club Monday night which means that he will move up to the Presidency in 1944. Dr. Chapman was elected a member of the Board of Directors.

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CHERRY PACKAGING

Dr. Hucker met with the executive committee of the State cherry growers association recently to discuss packaging problems.

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"CLARKIE" LEAVES

Elwood Clark, better known to his associates around the Station as "Clarkie", is taking a position with the Affiliated Industries in Waterloo on the 15th, terminating 12 years of service on the Station farm. He and his family will take up their residence in Waterloo. Clarkie has been taking work for the past several months at the Geneva War Training School. Congratulations and good luck on the new job!

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CHEESE IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Allen Goodmiller and Mr. H. C. Trowbridge, in charge of quality control work for the Kraft Cheese Company in this State, were at the Station yesterday to confer with Mr. Marquardt and Dr. Yale on the cheese improvement program of the Wartime Food Commission in relation to the products of their company.

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VITAMIN RESEARCH

Miss Joanne Whitcomb of the University of Rochester has begun work in the Chemistry Division under Dr. Lee's direction on vitamin research with frozen foods.

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GIVING "SHOTS" TO GRUBS

Baiting a hook with worms will have no terrors for the five William Smith girls who are spending part of their vacation in Ellsworth Wheeler's laboratory inoculating Jap beetle grubs with "milky disease" spores. The girls remove the grubs from the soil in which they are peacefully reposing and inject a shot of a suspension of the spores into each grub by means of an ingenious device which insures that each hapless creature receives just the right amount of inoculant in just the right place. The spores multiply rapidly, and when the grubs become sufficiently saturated with the disease organisms, they are ground up and mixed with talc to make a standardized milky disease spore dust. This dust is then applied to Jap beetle infested areas where it serves as a source of infection for other grubs. The project is being supervised by Professor Wheeler for Dr. A. B. Buchholz of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

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FROZEN FOOD PACKAGING

Representatives of the Locker Association and of manufacturers of materials for packaging frozen foods conferred with Dr. Hucker recently on specifications for these products.

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LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

Miss Marilyn Stadtler and Miss Margaret Diederick, both of William Smith College, are spending their vacations as technicians in the Bacteriology Division.

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SUSAN CATHERINE BRUNDAGE

A daughter, Susan Catherine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brundage on May 5th. Mr. Brundage was formerly a member of the NYA staff here in Geneva, while Mrs. Brundage was employed in the Mailing Room. They now reside in Central Square where Mr. Brundage is in charge of the agricultural department of the local high school.

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A MARIONETTE SHOW.

The special feature of the May meeting of Ceres Circle will be an exhibit and demonstration of marionettes by Mrs. George Pearce, together with an explanation of their construction. Wednesday, May 19, is the date; 3:30 is the hour; and Jordan Hall the place. All Ceres Circle sisters please note change of meeting place! Miss Katherine Wheeler will be the hostess.

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