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THE FOOD OUTLOOK

Addressing the Staff Monday afternoon, Doctor W. I. Myers presented a comprehensive summary of the food situation in the United States and outlined the type of wartime food production program needed to insure adequate food stocks to meet the needs of civilian consumers, members of the armed forces, and lend-lease requirements. His knowledge of the economic factors involved and his personal contacts with federal food administration efforts threw light on many aspects of the food problem that are not generally understood. It was a most interesting and informative account and provided a background of thinking that will make it possible to evaluate more intelligently future developments in the nation's food program. Doctor Myers also expressed his interest in the work of the Station and his concern that it be supported to the fullest extent possible. It will tax the efforts of institutions of this sort to the utmost to meet the opportunities and responsibilities that will be theirs in the years ahead, he said.

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DISCUSSED PROJECTS

Doctor F. J. Keenen of the DuPont Company was at the Station last Friday for a conference with members of the Plant Pathology, Entomology, Vegetable Crops, Pomology, and Chemistry Divisions on a wide range of research projects.

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MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER

Doctor Hedrick was elected an honorary member of the University Club of Geneva at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club. In acknowledging the action, Doctor Hedrick pointed out that he is the last surviving member of a group of six men who promoted an organization of college men here in Geneva which developed into the present Club.

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A CHRYSANTHEMUM "SHOW"

While it is not a formal show, the planting of hardy chrysanthemums which form a border for the vegetable garden east of the greenhouses is a gorgeous sight right now. Mr. Jahn says that there are more than 80 varieties in the collection and that about half of them are now at their best.

70.99 YEARS

Writing under the title of "The Longevity of the Eminent" in a recent issue of Science, Dr. Harvey C. Lehman of Ohio University presents a table of the mean ages at time of death of 25 groups of eminent individuals. Second on the long list is a group of 202 eminent entomologists, with a mean longevity of 70.99 years. The entomologists are second only to a group of 248 members of the President's Cabinet, with an average longevity of 71.39 years. Further down the list comes a group of 216 chemists with an average longevity of 69.24 years and of 1,172 educators of all kinds with an average of 68.98 years. Doctor Lehman fails to state just what there is about working with bugs that would add years to a man's life.

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CERES CIRCLE TO RESUME

The first meeting of Ceres Circle for the 1943-44 season will be held next Wednesday, October 20th, at 3:30 at the Director's residence. With Mrs. Bigelow in charge of the program, the meeting is to be largely a "Get Acquainted" gathering; not only for the members to get acquainted with each other, but also to become better acquainted with the work of the Station thru brief accounts of the work of the different Divisions. A business meeting and election of officers will also be held. All newcomers to the Station group are especially urged to attend. Mrs. A. W. Avens will be the hostess for the afternoon.

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ON LEAVE

Walt Davis arrived home on Sunday from Camp Grant. Walt spent several days in the hospital just prior to his furlough, recuperating from an attack of pneumonia. We are glad to learn that he is fully recovered and enjoying his usual good health.

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IN PORTUGAL

Dr. Richard Bradfield, head of the Agronomy Department at Ithaca, was asked by the U. S. State Department to attend the International Agricultural Congress in Portugal the week of October 24th. Doctor Bradfield is in Portugal now studying the agriculture of the country in company with Louis Vramao, formerly a graduate student at Cornell who is now head of the soil survey work in Portugal.

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