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THE EXTENSION SERVICE

Director L. R. Simons last Monday outlined briefly Extension Service in the and Home Bureau organization, of the Station to the extension war plans for agriculture in development by a group of farmers who are considering various phases of the matter as a basis for recommendations. Director Simons told a little about the work of the State Food Commission and some of its problems, particularly with respect to the farm labor situation. He urged full use of the facilities of the Extension Service, including publication facilities, by members of the Station Staff.



VALENTINE GREETINGS

in his address to the Staff the development of the present State, including the Farm and discussed the relationships work. He also touched on post- this State now in process of

WE KNEW HIM WHEN.....

The work of Doctor Rudolph Anderson on the chemistry of the tubercle organism was the subject of a leading editorial in The New York Times last Monday, which read, in part, as follows:

"The other day a strange museum was formally dedicated at Yale. It consists only of a cabinet. Within its glass are over 300 labeled chemicals which have been isolated from living tubercle bacilli and which represent seventeen years of effort expended by Dr. Rudolph Anderson, with the financial support of the National Tuberculosis Association. These 300-odd exhibits embody the most complete chemical analysis ever made of a microbe.

"Why this concentration on the chemistry of disease? Simply because it is not enough to know that certain bacilli are the cause of tuberculosis. Physicians must know what chemical compounds in the bacilli destroy tissue and what compounds are harmless. Given that knowledge, it will ultimately become possible to treat tuberculosis not empirically, as at present, but scientifically, with a good chance of reducing mortality to something negligible.....It is to Professor Anderson, probably the best-informed man in the world on the chemistry of the tubercle bacillus, that thanks must be given for the progress thus far made.....The 300 chemicals in the Yale collection are not just curiosities but practical working tools....What we have here is not only an example of the scientific method at its best but an example of the manner in which that method should be supported by long-term grants."

Doctor Anderson served for several years as biochemist on the Station Staff and engaged, among other things, in a study of the chemistry of grape pigments. This recognition of his contributions to the whole problem of tuberculosis and its treatment is one of several tributes paid in recent years to his skill as an organic chemist.

LADIES' NIGHT

Bill Tapley was Ladies' Night speaker before the Onondaga County Vegetable Growers Association in Syracuse last Monday evening. Earlier in the day he attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Vegetable Growers Association of which he is the secretary.

SPEAKING OF LADIES' NIGHT

Doctor Kertesz has tickets for the Ladies' Night program of the University Club and would like to hear from Club members on the Staff who plan to attend that event. The dinner is to be on Monday evening, February 14th, but all reservations must be in by Friday, the 11th. The speaker is to be Prof. Otto Kinkeldey, Cornell University Librarian and Professor of Musicology, who will talk on "Exotic Music".

CALLED HOME

Mrs. Conn left yesterday for Wakefield, Mass., on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Mansfield.

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SURGICAL DRESSINGS

A neighborhood group of women who have been folding surgical dressings for the Geneva Chapter of the Red Cross in a private home for the past several months has had to find new quarters and is moving to the museum room in Jordan Hall. The first meeting in the new quarters will be this afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00. Hereafter the group will meet regularly on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. With greatly increased quotas of dressings called for in the months ahead, recruits are urgently needed.

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MR. NEWTON DOING WELL

Frank Newton underwent an emergency operation in the Geneva General Hospital last Thursday and is reported to be doing satisfactorily. Mr. Newton is 81 years old and hence is our authority for all matters pertaining to the early history of the Station, since his long years of service as clerk began in 1884 soon after the Station was organized. Here's hoping for his speedy and complete recovery.

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JORDAN MEMENTOS

The Station is indebted to Dr. F. H. Lathrop, head of the Department of Entomology at the University of Maine, for a quantity of documentary material pertaining to Doctor Jordan which he salvaged at a sale of the belongings of Dr. and Mrs. Jordan in Orono recently. In the collection are a number of Doctor Jordan's manuscripts which have considerable historic value, and also an album containing the famous set of cartoons of the Station Staff drawn by Bently Fulton. All of the material will be placed in the Station archives for future historians to ponder over.

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GOING TO LOCKPORT

Joe Loconti has been granted leave for a three-month period to engage in dehydration research for the Sardik Food Products Corporation at their Lockport factory, beginning today. Mr. Loconti will resume his graduate work here after completing this assignment.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

After setting several delivery dates, the printers finally came through last week with the sixty-second Annual Report. Manpower shortage, particularly pressmen, is making itself felt more and more in the services of the print shop but is just one of those things.

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"TOWERS OF GENEVA"

Mrs. Emma S. Herendeen will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of Ceres Circle next Wednesday, the 16th, when she will give an illustrated talk on "The Towers of Geneva". Mrs. Conn arranged the program and Mrs. J. R. Sanborn will be the hostess. Time and place same as usual--3:30 p. m. at the Director's residence.

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MORE NEW BOOKS

The following volumes were added to the Station Library during the past week:

- Annual Review of Physiology, Vol. 5
- Baker, J. R., The Scientific Life
- Wulf, E. V., An Introduction to Historical Plant Geography
- Fenton, C. L., Our Living World
- Luhr, O., Physics Tells Why

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NABBED BY SHERIFF

The law caught up with Frank Bowen at last and he is now doing duty on the Grand Jury in Canandaigua.

FLASH: Frank was rejected--late for roll call!