

# STATION NEWS

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## THE 1944-45 BUDGET

With the signing of the supplemental budget bill by the Governor last week, the Station is assured of substantial sums for new researches in the development and propagation of fruit tree root stocks, the storage and handling of nursery stock, the breeding of new fruits, and on freezing, dehydration, and other methods of preserving foods. The additional amounts provided in the supplemental budget bring the total for the Station for the current fiscal year to \$451,140, representing a net increase over last year of \$55,670. Approximately \$11,500 of this is for special repairs.

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## PENICILLIN

The Geneva Chemists' Club will have as its guest speaker tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Jordan Hall, Dr. A. R. Menotti of the Cheplin Biological Laboratories in Syracuse. Doctor Menotti will speak on "Chemical and Bacteriological Aspects of Penicillin Production". Asusual, the meeting is open to anyone interested in the subject.

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## EXTENDS RETIREMENT PLAN

Governor Dewey recently approved a bill extending the State retirement plan to certain federal employees residing within New York State and making allowance for time spent by State employees in federal service. The latter may get credit for their former federal service by paying into the retirement fund a sum equivalent to their own and the State's contributions for the period involved.

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## HISTORY OF WALLPAPER

The April meeting of the Ceres Circle will be featured by an illustrated talk by Mrs. H. J. Conn on "The History of Wallpaper". The meeting will be held in Jordan Hall (note change of meeting place) at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, April 19th. Mrs. G. L. Mack is in charge of the program and Mrs. Victor Hopkins is hostess.

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The new telephone listing for the Librarian and the Editor is 2192. Prompt and cheerful service at all times is our motto.

STILL INTERESTED

Despite his 80 years, Mr. B. J. Case of Sodus (Tim Butts please note the "B. J.") was among the recent visitors in the Entomology Division where he was seeking the latest information on the control of orchard pests.

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IN PERSONNEL WORK

Recent word from Walt Davis who is now in England tells of his promotion to corporal and his transfer from his former duties with the Medical Corps to personnel work.

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AT ANZIO

We are indebted to Miss Rosina Felice for the following excerpts from a letter from John Cullen:

"I am on the Anzio beachhead up near Rome," writes John. "I am really looking forward to seeing Rome, but it seems to be quite a long ways off yet when the guys have to blow their way through. I have had a couple of close ones with bombs, but the old saying still holds true about a miss being as good as a mile. Like you, we're all waiting to see when and where this big second front will be and are hoping it isn't too far off. The weather here is quite a bit like our spring back home and we've been having quite a bit of rain. In the open parts of this beachhead you can see the snow-covered mountains that Jerry holds hemming us in. We've got quite a snazzy li'l dugout to live in and we're adding a bit of New World charm to the joint with a few choice old masters from Esquire--you know what I mean.... Lately, the food has gotten so that it's edible but it was pretty rugged stuff for quite a while..... This is my 23rd month overseas and believe it or not I'm pretty homesick. It's been quite an adventure but whenever Uncle Sammy wants to send me home, I'll go."

John came to the Station from Palmyra with the NYA and was associated first with Jim Heffron and then with Doctor Glasgow. He has seen active duty--and we mean active--in North Africa, Sicily, and now at Anzio.

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MRS. MICHAEL HARDING

We regret to note the death last week at her home on Washington Street of Mrs. Michael T. Harding, following a brief illness. Mr. Harding has been employed at the Station as a laborer for the past two years. The NEWS extends sincere sympathy to him and other members of the family.

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DR. HEDRICK HOME

Doctor Hedrick returned home from the Clifton Springs Sanitarium last week.

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JOHN EVERETT EVERSON

Word has been received of the birth on April 3rd in Duluth, Minn., of a son, John Everett, to Ensign and Mrs. Leroy Everson. Leroy, who was formerly with the Seed Laboratory, is now serving on a destroyer in the Pacific.