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HOME FRONT--WAR FRONT

Geneva's three-in-one financial campaign for the National War Fund, local Community Chest agencies, and the YMCA will get under way next Monday evening and will be completed on Thursday, October 19th. Carrying the ball for the Station's part in the campaign are R. F. Brooks, F. K. Bowen, J. I. Shafer, C. E. Heit, L. A. Caruth, H. G. Beattie, L. B. Norton, and J. E. Hefferon. Of the total amount of \$67,522 to be raised, the Station's share is computed to be \$1,400. The National War Fund embraces 22 agencies, including USO which receives by far the largest part of the Fund. Included in the War Fund also is aid to prisoners of war. The local Community Chest agencies are the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Hospital, the Salvation Army, the Visiting Nursing Service, and the Social Service League. The YMCA has joined forces with the Chest and War Fund so as to do the whole job for Geneva in one campaign. Some member of the Station committee will call on you within the next few days for your contribution or pledge. Payments can be made now or spread over the year to suit the contributor's convenience.

DINNER AT 6:00

The Station Club dinner next Friday evening is scheduled to get under way at 6:00 o'clock and at this writing about 140 have signed up for the event. As previously announced, Dean and Mrs. W. I. Myers will be the guests of honor, with Dean Myers giving the address of the evening. Election of officers for the coming year and a brief business session will precede Dean Myers' talk.

CERES CIRCLE RESUMES

The first meeting of Ceres Circle for the 1944-45 season will be held at the Director's residence on Wednesday, October 18, at 3:30, with Mrs. Arthur Clark in charge of the program and Mrs. M. T. Munn hostess. Following a business meeting and election of officers for the coming year, Mrs. Sidney Smith, Geneva's leading graphologist, will discuss "Nervousness as Indicated by Handwriting". Present officers of Ceres Circle are Mrs. R. F. Suit, President, and Mrs. George Oberle, Secretary-Treasurer.

"FARM RESEARCH" OUT

The October number of Farm Research is now going into the mails, a little late this time due to unavoidable delays all along the line.

CHANGING JOBS

Miss Lucile Holtby has resigned her position with the Vegetable Crops Division to accept an appointment as Registrar for William Smith College, effective October 16th. Miss Beth Richardson has also relinquished her position as Laboratory Assistant in the Chemistry Division to accept an appointment in the Public Relations Office at Hobart College.

LOREN TUKEY IN FRANCE

The Tukeys have had word recently from Loren telling of his arrival in France with the Army Supply Transport outfit to which he is attached. His present address is Lt. Loren Tukey, APO 176, New York City. Ronald Tukey is serving somewhere in the European area as a meteorologist with the 9th Air Force.

At the Staff meeting last Monday, the Director stressed the importance of publications as tangible evidence of accomplishment in research work, and urged submission of manuscripts for publication as Station bulletins or in scientific journals. He also discussed briefly the proposed reclassification bill and progress on the Station budget for 1945-46. New appointments made since the last Staff meeting, most of which have already been mentioned in the NEWS, were announced by Doctor Heinicke as follows: C. I. Hamner, Asst. Prof. in Pomology; R. F. Carlson, Investigator in Pomology; R. J. McColloch, Investigator in Chemistry; Elizabeth Cato, Investigator in Chemistry; A. A. LaPlante, Research Asst. in Entomology; Matthew Carragher, Foreman in Pomology; Marian E. Holland, Laboratory Asst. in Entomology; Margaret E. Hart, Investigator in Plant Pathology; Esther Baumgartner, Laboratory Technician in Bacteriology; and Helen Ferris and Ruth Sherman, Laboratory Assistants in Chemistry.

A WEDDING

Miss Yolanda Augsburg and John van Alstyne were married last Saturday in the Church of the Transfiguration in New York City. The bride attended the University of Florence, Italy, and Wellesley College, while John is a graduate of Hamilton College and is now engaged in post-graduate work in mathematics at Princeton University.

WHY NOT?

Called upon recently to testify at a hearing held by the Federal Communications Commission on an application for the licensing of a radio station in Geneva, we discovered in checking the transcript of the testimony that the court stenographer had considerable difficulty with some of the terminology used in describing the work of the Station. Among other things, the Entomology Division came out as the "Animology Division". At first we were inclined to let it go at that but reconsidered for the sake of the record.

EXPERIMENTAL ERROR

A new experimental error was introduced into some of Doctor Cunningham's investigations on Long Island by the recent hurricane; in fact it literally "washed out" the experiment. Writing to Doctor Reinking recently, Doctor Cunningham says, "I had an experiment at Orient Point in connection with control of Sclerotinia, but the hurricane finished that. There was seven feet of salt water on that field because of the abnormally high tide....In this section (Riverhead) there was comparatively little damage to trees and buildings from the wind, but the foliage on the north side of trees shows salt spray injury as far south as Riverhead town. My cottage (on the Sound) is still standing but somewhat wrecked...I consider myself fortunate in having no greater loss than I have. Conditions were about as bad as they could be at the time. A new moon which would normally mean high tides, the tide high at midnight, and the worst of the storm came about that time when the wind shifted to the northwest. We had moved back home to Riverhead on the Monday before."

MR. BARTLETT RESIGNS

Lawrence M. Bartlett, investigator in the Entomology Division with headquarters at Mineola where he assisted Doctor Carruth with his work on Long Island, has resigned to accept an appointment as instructor in zoology with the Massachusetts State College in Amherst.

IT WORKS ON HUMAN OYSTERS TOO

The Consumers Guide of the War Food Administration states that a quick and easy way to open oysters is to drop a bicarbonate tablet in the water covering the oysters and within 5 minutes the carbonated water will cause "their muscles to relax and the shells to open readily." We've all seen this same phenomenon take place with human oysters, too, upon exposure to sparkling beverages.
