

# STATION NEWS

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## A BIGGER PIE

Dean Myers gave an interesting and constructive account of his views on post war planning for agriculture in the light of the experiences immediately preceding and following the last world war before some 130 members and guests of the Station Club at the 25th annual meeting last Friday evening. Dean Myers summed up his philosophy on post war planning by saying, "Let's devote our time and efforts after this war to making a bigger pie in which all of us will share fairly and equally rather than trying to get the biggest piece of pie for ourselves as we did after the last war." Reporting for the Nominating Committee, Dr. P. J. Chapman presented the following slate of officers for the coming year which were duly elected: For President, Dr. Otto A. Reinking; Vice President, Dr. L. A. Carruth; Treasurer, J. D. Harlan; and Secretary, Miss Eleanor Warren. Following the introduction of new members of the Staff, President H. G. Beattie presented Dr. Parrott and Mr. Frank E. Newton, now retired, who came to work at the Station 18 months after it was organized and continued on for more than forty years. Credit for the general arrangements and the excellent dinner goes to Mrs. Ellsworth Wheeler, chairman of the social committee, and Mrs. F. W. Hayward and her corps of assistants.

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## THE ARCHIVES

In his preliminary remarks, Dean Myers mentioned the records of war time activities now being compiled for the University archives and expressed the hope that they would be made as complete as possible in order to provide a historical record of the Station's part in the food production and other war efforts with which the members of the Staff are identified.

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## EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

The Geneva unit of the New York State Employees Association will meet in the Staff room in Jordan Hall at 7:30 Monday evening, October 23rd, to hear reports from their representatives who are attending the meeting of the State organization in Albany this week and to transact other business. Refreshments will be served following the business session.

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## THE LIGHT FANTASTIC

An important decision is about to be made following a canvas of the Station group, namely, whether to rejuvenate the Shufflers Club. The final decision rests in the hands of a committee comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, Dr. and Mrs. Suit, Dr. and Mrs. Crosier, Dr. and Mrs. Brooks, and Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow. According to an excellent 'commercial' by Mr. Sayre at the meeting of the Station Club the other evening, there are no age limits or restrictions on degree of proficiency in tripping the light fantastic for eligibility for membership in the Shufflers, simply a yen to indulge in some form of terpsichorean art.

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## WINIFRED JOAN WEAVER

Our congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. L. O. Weaver on the arrival of a daughter on September 27th. Doctor Weaver, formerly connected with the Division of Plant Pathology here, is now with the Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

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## RECOGNITION

In recognition of fifty hours or more of volunteer service to the Geneva USO, the following Station folks received USO pins during the anniversary celebration this past week: Dr. and Mrs. Reinking, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington, Dr. and Mrs. Hucker, 'Cap' Bigelow, Miss Updike, Miss Holtby, Miss Van Riper, Miss Beatrice Cass, Miss Metcalf, and Miss Helleland.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Writing on "Human Nature in Science" in Science for October 6th, Dr. J. K. Wright, Director of the American Geographical Society, touches on a number of human qualities as related to scientific research, including our favorite topic of publication. "Precision, with its little sister accuracy, is as necessary a quality in a scientist as is sharpness in an edged tool," says Doctor Wright, continuing, "There can, however, be too much precision. One does not cut down forests with razors, and, similarly, degrees of precision are often possible that may far exceed what is needed for a specific task in hand... Fussy and over-meticulous men of science do less for science than those who know just where to call a halt to their perfectionist inclinations. Excessive zeal for precision has delayed the publication of the results of researches until after the date when they would be of greatest use."

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## THE DEAN'S HAT

The "Dean's Hat", described by Extension Echoes as a luxurious silk top hat, was formally presented to Dean Myers last Friday by former Dean A. R. Mann who was in Ithaca for a meeting of the Cornell Board of Trustees. The hat was first worn by the late Dean Isaac P. Roberts in 1872. Dean Roberts established the traditional custom of passing on the Dean's Hat in 1903 when he presented the hat to Doctor Liberty Hyde Bailey with the words, "Since you have stepped into the Director's shoes, it is fitting that you should also wear the Director's Hat.... My desire is that easy may be the head that wears the hat and that on your retirement from the honorable and distinguished office which you now hold you will, with all appropriate and legal formalities, transmit this hat to your successor." In due time, Doctor Bailey passed the Hat on to Dr. Beverly T. Galloway, who presented it to Doctor Mann, who tendered it to Doctor Ladd. Echoes reports that Dean Myers found the insignia of office a trifle small, but since the silk topper always reposes in a vault, except on such rare occasions as that of last Friday, it really doesn't matter. The Hat is in first rate condition.

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## CHANGES IN BACTERIOLOGY

Miss Challis Randall is leaving this month to accept a position as laboratory assistant at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. She has been employed here as a technician assisting Doctor Conn on studies of bacteria associated with the so-called 'milky disease' of the Jap beetle. Miss Ruth Barnes has recently begun work as a technician in Doctor Sanborn's laboratory. Mrs. Elizabeth Statler, who has been doing part time clerical work at the Station, is leaving soon for Columbus, Ohio, where her husband is entering Ohio State University as a discharged veteran.

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## A BRIDE-TO-BE

Some twenty or more of the fair sex employed about the Station entertained at the Armitage in Seneca Falls last night for Miss Raphael Gillotte who is to be married to pharmacist mate Herman Filipini of the Sampson Naval Training Center next Monday in a ceremony at Sampson.

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