

Station News

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Doctor Reinking, his committee, and the Station are to be congratulated on the final outcome of the Community Chest campaign so far as Station contributions are concerned. The record remains intact - we attained our quota and there is still more to come. The total reported to date is \$1,202.66. To give credit where credit is due, here again is the list of "Lieutenants" who helped "Captain" Reinking: J. E. Heffron, C. E. Heit, J. C. Hening, G. E. R. Hervey, C. S. Pederson, W. B. Robinson, Miss Jessie Sperry and Miss Eleanor Warren.

CHARLES BATTLE

Readers of the Geneva Daily Times have been following with much interest the progress of a fund being collected by the paper for Charles Battle recently discharged from the Geneva General Hospital following a long period of treatment for burns sustained in the rescue of some twenty persons from a fire in a local rooming house. His savings exhausted and his earning capacity limited, at least for the present, the appeal on the part of the Times - not by Mr. Battle - for contributions to help tide him over the convalescent period has met with generous response. It was suggested to us by a member of the Station group that there might be those at the Station who would like to have a part in this recognition of Mr. Battle's heroism. The following persons have therefore consented to accept contributions in the name of the Station to be forwarded to the Times office for this purpose: Miss Felice, Miss Warren, Mrs. Wharton, Miss Updike and Mr. Lockett, and Mr. Heffron.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Professor Wellington has been notified by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society that special prizes were awarded collections of new fruit varieties exhibited by the Station at the recent fall show of the Society in Boston. The exhibits included collections of eleven apple varieties and nine grape varieties. Mr. A. H. Nehrling, Director of Exhibits for the Society, wrote that, "The exhibit attracted a great deal of attention and added much interest to the show."

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Professor Sayre was in Ithaca Friday and Saturday of last week for a GLF sponsored conference of GLF managers and college and experiment station representatives from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York to discuss fertilizer formulas for vegetable crops and vegetable variety recommendations.

TO DISCUSS EXHIBITS

A meeting of a committee on State Fair participation, headed by Professor Albert Hoefer, 4-H Club Leader at Ithaca, has been called for Friday at the College of Agriculture. Mr. Lockett will represent the Station.

PLANNING BROADCAST

Mrs. H. S. Gabriel of the Department of Extension Teaching and Information at the College of Agriculture was at the Station yesterday to plan a radio interview on plant disease investigations with Doctor Reinking for the December 3rd broadcast on the program "What's New In Farm and Home Research".

IN THE SOUTHWEST

The last communications received by the Seed Testing Laboratory from Professor Munn tells of visits to the New Mexico and Oklahoma laboratories and of plans to stop off at the Kansas and Missouri seed labs. He is probably nearing Geneva by this time, if he hasn't already arrived.

BACK IN COLLEGE

Ed Smith has entered upon graduate work at Cornell and is now living in Ithaca. Doctor Braun is also registered in the Graduate School but is commuting between Geneva and Ithaca for the present.

PASSED EXAMS

Speaking of the Graduate School, William P. VanEseltine qualified for the M. S. degree from Cornell last week and is now engaged as an assistant in Doctor Rahn's laboratory where he is continuing work for the Ph. D. degree. Congratulations, Bill!

GONE AHUNTING

Stewart Patrick is spending a week in the Adirondacks, supposedly tracking down the elusive deer.

OFFICERS FOR 1946-47

Ceres Circle at the meeting held last week chose Mrs. Nelson Shaulis for President for the coming year. Other officers include Mrs. W. B. Robinson, Vice-President, and Mrs. Dominick Legnini, Secretary and Treasurer.

NEW COMMISSIONER

Doctor Francis T. Spaulding was formally inducted into office as Commissioner of the Department of Education and President of the University of the State of New York in Albany last week. Doctor Spaulding is credited with rendering distinguished educational service to the War Department and prior to the war to have made a notable record in teaching and administration at Harvard. He also has participated in New York State regents' inquiries. He succeeds Doctor George D. Stoddard who has become President of the University of Illinois.

THE FLANNAGAN-HOPE ACT

A recent issue of Science carries a brief account of the Flannagan-Hope Act, passed by the last Congress, which provides for support beginning with the 1947 fiscal year for research in the state experiment stations on the utilization of farm products and studies on the marketing and transportation of farm products and cooperative production. The primary objective of the legislature is said to be to give agriculture parity with industry in the field of research.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The October 10th issue of Chemical and Engineering News carries a thought-provoking article on "Education of Graduate Students" by Doctor Joseph D. Loconti, now with the E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company in Wilmington, Del., and formerly associated with Doctor Kertesz here at the Station. Doctor Loconti emphasizes the need for broader education of graduate students both from an academic point of view and in their social contacts, in order that they may become leaders in community affairs and not merely "learned ignoramuses". In the course of his remarks in which he cites what he believes to be a lack of cooperation and mutual interest among graduate students themselves, he says, "It was the author's experience to work for several years at one of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations where all types of research in relation to agriculture are conducted....Here was an entirely different attitude from that in the graduate students' laboratories. The various research men circulated through the different laboratories and had open discussions on their mutual problems which often resulted in new ideas or a clarification of problems in their own minds. This free exchange of ideas accrued to the advantage of all concerned and made for a more smoothly functioning organization."

PERSONAL SERVICE

Mr. Kokoski had the interesting experience while in Washington last week to occupy the room in the Shoreham Hotel assigned to Admiral "Full" Halsey when the latter is a guest of that hostelry. That didn't help Frank any when it came to making up his bed and cleaning up the room, however, for due to a strike of all service employees in Washington hotels, the guests had to take care of their rooms themselves--or do without.
