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SPRING!

The sunshine of the past two days emboldens us to hope that spring is really here! Also, our garden seeds and even our seed potatoes have arrived and we are all set to go. Inquiries addressed to the professors as to the progress of the season reveal that we are already behind last season, but that everything has come thru the winter in much better shape than last year. The dormant sprays are going on apples and cherries in the Station orchards this week--about a week or ten days later than last year. Doctor Suit has just been called to the Hudson Valley to start spraying operations on small fruits--also somewhat later than a year ago. On the whole, the experts seem to be well satisfied with the prospects for the fruit crop at this time, warning, however, that there is still a chance for frost injury. But here's hoping for the best.

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IT IS LT. (J. G.) NOW

Doctor Heit has just received a most interesting letter from Leroy E. Everson which reveals that he is now a lieutenant (junior grade) and that he is--or was at the time of writing--stationed in Hawaii. (His address, by the way, is ASW Tra. Cen. Navy 128, % Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco). Leroy writes that he has seen all of the Marshalls, some of the Carolines, Gilberts, New Hebrides, Solomons, and many other outposts of the South Pacific. He also tells of a visit to the University of Hawaii where he had a most interesting time inspecting work under way there in botany, plant breeding, horticulture, etc., including investigations on dormancy in seeds of various sorts. His one ambition at time of writing was to cultivate the good will of the natives sufficiently to be invited to attend some of their festivities. Leroy will doubtless be quite an authority on the South Seas when he gets back and what a talk he can give to a Staff meeting one of these days! He concludes rather wistfully with the thought that he might at that very moment be a "pop", as he put it--and sure enough he was, as we related in last week's NEWS.

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ALSO IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Mrs. William C. Haynes and Mrs. Robert Clise have had word from their husbands recently indicating that they are somewhere in New Guinea. Capt. Haynes is stationed at a base hospital and Corporal Clise is with the Air Corps.

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OTHER SERVICE MEN

Word has been received here that William Sullivan, better known around the Station as "Sammy", has arrived in England. It is also reported that Maynard Ungerer, who worked at various times with Dr. Carruth, is now training as a Liberator pilot.

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SALUTED HIS MOTHER

Lt. Victor S. Shipman passed over Seneca Castle in his twin-engined bomber the other day and dipped down in a salute to his mother. Word has come back that he reached his destination safely. Vic was at one time a field man for the Plant Pathology Division.

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MRS. MANSFIELD

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. H. J. Conn in the death of her mother, Mrs. C. A. Mansfield, at her home in Wakefield, Mass., last Sunday, following a long illness. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

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CLOSING OUT CONTRACTS

Dr. Floyd L. Higgins, Russian dandelion specialist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in charge of the experiments in this region last year, is in Geneva for a few days to take a few final samples of plants and to release experimental tracts used by the Department last season.

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GOING TO LONDON

According to Extension Echoes, Dr. L. A. Maynard, Director of the U. S. Nutrition Laboratory at Ithaca, will start about May 1st on a six-weeks' leave during which he will go to London to work with United Kingdom and UNRRA experts on the food requirements for European countries.

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PROFESSOR MYERS RETIRES

Also, according to Echoes, Professor C. H. Myers of the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell and well known here at the Station, has retired. Professor Myers has been at Cornell since 1912. (Far be it from us to claim a cigar, but Echoes states that Professor Myers is 51 and that he graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1907--this would have been at the tender age of 14. American Men of Science states that he is 61. Score this for the Station pomologists; not the Editor.)

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PROFESSOR ATWOOD

Professor Sanford S. Atwood, associate agronomist with the U. S. regional pasture research laboratory at State College, Pa., has been appointed Assistant Professor of Plant Breeding at Cornell, effective May 1st. Professor Atwood has done considerable work in corn breeding and in the field of botany. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

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A NEW BULLETIN

Technical Bulletin No. 272, entitled "Factors Determining the Consistency of Commercial Canned Tomato Juice", by Z. I. Kertesz and J. D. Loconti, has just been received from the printer.

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CERES CIRCLE

Ceres Circle will meet today, as announced last week. The place--Jordan Hall. The time--3:30 p. m. The subject--"The History of Wallpaper". And speaking of the Ceres Circle, the NEWS ventures to suggest a "project" for the ladies to take under consideration, namely, the revamping, redesigning, or what have you, of the Station's service flag. It is sadly in need of cleaning, to say the least. It is also short of at least six stars. There is no charge for this suggestion!

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