



STATION NEWS



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IT HAPPENED IN ITHACA

Several matters of interest to readers of the NEWS received official approval at the meeting of the State College Council in Ithaca last week. Dr. Daniel and Mr. Collison were granted sabbatic leaves for six months each, beginning October 18, and Mr. Munn was given five weeks' leave of absence to enable him to attend the Eighth Congress of the International Seed Testing Association to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, beginning June 28. This will be Mr. Munn's fifth International Congress. He will go as the delegate of the American Official Analysts Association, as a representative of the Station and Cornell University, and probably as the accredited delegate of the United States government. He sails from New York City on June 9.

Dr. Daniel is planning to spend his leave in study of the biological control of insect pests at the Citrus Experiment Station at Riverside, Calif.

Mr. Collison wishes to spend several months in a study of soil erosion and soil erosion control in various parts of New York State and in other states.

A new Frosted Foods Fellowship was approved, providing for studies on changes in vitamin potency in fruits and vegetables during preparation for freezing. Mr. Clinton Stimson, a graduate student at Cornell, has been appointed to the fellowship, beginning May first. Mr. Stimson is working in Ithaca for the present but will come to the Station early in June.

The Station budget for 1937-38 was also approved, an important detail if pay checks are to continue to make their appearance at regular intervals during the coming fiscal year.

ON THE HIGH SEAS

Mr. Parrott will arrive in New York tomorrow on the S. S. Rex which sailed from Genoa on April 29. While the exact time of his arrival in Geneva cannot be predicted, our best information is that he will go directly to Margaret's home in Vermont and that they will come on to Geneva together the last of this week. At any rate it will not be long before we shall be hearing those much-anticipated stories told in P.J.'s own inimitable style.

HORTICULTURAL INFORMATION

A conference of College and Station workers in fields relating to horticulture will be held here on Saturday, May 8, according to present plans.

A GOOD RESPONSE

A crowd estimated at over 600 turned out for the second Science Scholarship lecture given at the Geneva High School last Wednesday evening by Dr. E. R. Weidlein, Director of the Mellon Institute for Industrial Research in Pittsburgh. Dr. Weidlein spoke on the importance of scientific research in the simple every day things of life and stressed particularly the opportunities that a research career offered to young men and women. The scholarship fund this year is to be divided between De Sales and Geneva High.

A GARDEN TRIP

Next Tuesday afternoon, May 11, the Geneva Garden Club will conduct a trip to the wild flower garden of Mr. Frank Warren at Seneca Point on Canandaigua Lake. For details, consult Dr. Tressler, President of the Club.

WE HAVE A "CONSCIENCE" FUND

The Director received a letter from a lady last week enclosing fifty cents to pay for some apples she "stole" from the Station orchards six years ago. All this time her conscience had been troubling her and she hoped by this means to make proper restitution. If all who might would contribute to this fund, what a sum it would grow to be!

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

The Station team for the Community Chest Drive which gets under way next Monday, has been appointed, and will be around to call on you next week. The general campaign is in charge of Laverne Darling, with Mr. C. C. Lobeck as chairman of the professional division under which the Experiment Station is listed. The Station team is somewhat different than in previous years and considerably enhanced by the addition of several attractive ladies from outside the Station personnel, including Mrs. Arthur Blood, Mrs. Leland Larrison, and Miss Mabel Spengler. Other solicitors are Dr. Otto Reinking, Dr. Donald Tressler, Mr. Robert Wright, and Dr. H. B. Tukey, chairman.

The Station has the reputation of giving good support to the Community Chest. Last year the quota was \$450, and subscriptions were \$480, or \$30 "over the top". This year the "big gifts" are included in the Station quota, which is therefore set at \$630. The new arrangement is a great improvement and will give the Station a better comparative standing in the campaign.

Let's continue the record of which we are justly proud.

THAT STAMP COLLECTOR AGAIN

The following letter was received yesterday:

1404 Florida Ave.,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 26, 1937

The Stamp Collector
N. Y. Agric. Exp. Station
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On several occasions you have been censored for the activity you have manifested in your avocation. I have condemned you for several offenses in removing stamps from my personal mails. Nevertheless, I am sending this cachet to you for your hobby is worth while (the President enjoys it), so few people have been helping you willingly, and this assistance to you may save me some stamps in the future.

Yours truly,

A. C. Dahlberg

(N.B. The Director kept the stamps that Dr. Dahlberg enclosed.)

WANDERING PATHOLOGISTS

Spring activities have sent Station plant pathologists far and wide. Dr. Reinking is on Long Island this week visiting cabbage experiments at Mineola and the Vegetable Research Farm at Riverhead; Mr. Cooley was in the Hudson Valley last week starting experimental raspberry plantings; and Dr. Magie made a hurried trip to Geneva from his hop investigations at Waterville.

THE CERES CIRCLE

Mrs. Yale and Mrs. Jenkins will be hostesses for the last meeting of the Ceres Circle which will be held at Hedrick's on Wednesday, May 12th at 3:30. This will be in the form of a Garden Party, weather permitting. All the Station ladies are cordially invited.

OPTIMISTIC

Coach C. G. Snavely outlined some of Cornell's football problems and discussed prospects for this fall before a group of sixty members of the Staff and their friends at the Geneva Country Club last night. His remarks and the discussion that followed made a very interesting evening and one was left with the impression that better days were ahead for Cornell football teams.
