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MR. NEWTON RETIRES

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IT IS with mingled feelings of regret and pride that we record the retirement of Frank E. Newton as Chief Clerk of the Experiment Station after a period of service of more than forty-four years--regret that we are to lose the willing and helpful cooperation of Mr. Newton in our personal enterprises and his genial personality in the general organization of the Station, but pride in the fact that the Station can boast an employee with a record of continuous and faithful service practically from its beginning as well as a long list of others who have given the best years of their lives to the institution. As "Dean" of this group, Mr. Newton retires with the best wishes of his associates for a profitable and happy leisure.

MR. NEWTON entered upon his duties at the Station on December 9, 1883, coming here directly from a business school. His appointment was with a Dr. Sturtevant, whom he naturally supposed was a physician. Arrival on the Station grounds dispelled that illusion, however, and Mr. Newton was soon installed as the chief clerk of the Station. It has been his privilege to work under the five directors of the Station and to witness the procession of all the technical and non-technical employees that have made up the personnel of the Station. When he entered upon his duties, such eminent names in agricultural science as Plumb, Goff, Arthur, and Babcock appeared in the organization list. Mr. Newton has seen the technical staff expand from seven, including the Director, to fifty-six as of today, while the clerical force has expanded from one to ten with two part-time assistants and the force of laboratory and farm assistants has increased many-fold.

MR. NEWTON'S varied activities are to be dispersed among several others when he completes his active service next Thursday night. John Brown will distribute all mail matter addressed to members of the Staff, as he has been doing for some time past. Miss Petersen will take over much of the mimeograph work, at least for the present. She will also have general supervision over the distribution of supplies from the stock room. Miss Sperry will open and distribute mail addressed to the Station. Mr. Bowen is now a notary public and will perform the important services of that office so long filled by Mr. Newton.

We cannot leave the subject of Mr. Newton's retirement without brief mention of one other outstanding event of his career at the Station and that was when he prevailed upon Miss May Gladwin on one of her visits to her sister, Mrs. Plumb, to become Mrs. Newton. Mr. Newton may relinquish active duties in Jordan Hall, but we are sure that Mr. and Mrs. Newton will never be permitted to retire from the affection and esteem of their Station friends.

*Birth date March 16, 1863 - H. Pharsalia,
Retired July 1, 1928 - Chenango Co.*

JUNE Staff meeting is called for 3:30 next Friday afternoon in the Staff room in Jordan Hall. Following a brief business session, the Staff will adjourn to the Dairy Department where discussions and demonstrations of the work under way in that Division will be presented.

Dr. Hedrick and Messrs. Wellington, Van Eseltine, Van Alstyne, and Einset paid the perennial visit of members of the Horticultural Department to Highland Park in Rochester yesterday to inspect the extensive collections on display there.

MR. HARTZELL is on a trip in Niagara County where he is inspecting some cooperative experiments. He plans to spend the holiday at his home in Fredonia.

"COURT" Hening proved an honest-to-goodness hero last Sunday when he rescued a seven-year-old youngster from threatened drowning in Seneca Lake just off Lakeside Park. The boy had tried to procure a dead fish and of course fell in at a point where the water reaches considerable depth. Quite a crowd had gathered by the time Mr. Hening reached the spot, but nothing was being done to get the boy out, although he had gone down twice. A stout spike in the retaining wall gave Court a hand hold, and he was able to reach the youngster and with assistance from the gallery landed him safely. The boy contracted pneumonia but is now said to be out of danger.

MR. HAWTHORN, who has recently figure prominently in the news of the day, once more steps forth in the capacity this time of newly naturalized American citizen, having passed the final examinations in Canandaigua yesterday.

MRS. GLOYER has been called to her home in Wisconsin on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Sinclair, who will be remembered as a frequent visitor in Geneva.

A BALL game between the Kiwanis Club and the Station is scheduled for Friday at 5:30 P. m. in Jersey Field. Further details are lacking at this time, but doubtless a strong aggregation will be assembled to defend the good name of the institution against the invaders.

CLOSE observers report progress in the contest between Harry King and Foster Grambrell for hirsute adornment of their upper lips, with Foster very noticeably in the lead. In fact it was only quite recently that Harry was suspected to have entered the contest, altho he claims to have been a contestant from the start.