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FIRST ON THE JOB

When Director Heinicke named several advisory committees the other day, he predicted that they would undoubtedly supply "copy" for the NEWS, but we scarcely looked for such quick action as that taken by the Buildings and Grounds Committee composed of Mr. Munn, Mr. Beattie, Dr. Hervey, and Mr. van Alstyne. The committee has not only met, but has submitted a 10-point program for the consideration of the Director. Two of the recommendations will be of general interest to readers of the NEWS. It is urged, for one thing, that those who use the parking lot back of the Dairy Building refrain from cutting thru the hedge and wearing a path across the lawn; in other words, "Please keep off the grass". Another recommendation has to do with the activities of the Junior Commandos, recruited largely from Station families, who have been much in evidence around the Station during the past months. These future members of the armed forces, including the WAACS, have found the rock gardens, greenhouses, experimental orchards, fire escapes, and other areas about the grounds made to order for their purposes, with the result that in some cases extensive damage has been done to installations. It has been suggested that in the future the commandos might well turn their energies to guarding Station property against trespass and to preserving the plantings, both ornamental and experimental, in the interest of the war effort.

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IN COSTA RICA

Dr. Reinking left Saturday morning to join a mission going to Costa Rica to establish a quinine production project in that country. He hopes to return to Geneva the last of May. The new industry in Costa Rica is being undertaken with the hope of making the Western Hemisphere independent of outside sources for its quinine supply. While some wild bark from northwestern South America has been used in the industry, the chief source of supply has been the Dutch East Indies. At the time of the Japanese invasion of the Philippines, Col. A. F. Fischer, chief forester of the Philippines, had experimental plantings of the cinchona tree established on the Island of Mindinao. He escaped to Australia in a flying fortress and took with him a large amount of cinchona seed. Plants propagated from this seed in greenhouses of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will form the nucleus of the new undertaking in Costa Rica. Government officials in Washington have been profuse in their praise of the assistance rendered by Dr. Reinking on his first mission to Central America in connection with banana diseases and fiber crops and have requested his assistance on this latest project because of his wide knowledge of Central American agriculture.

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IN THE FIELD

Dr. Yale and Mr. Marquardt are engaged this week on their first visits to cheese factories under their recent assignment with the State Wartime Food Commission. Dr. Yale is visiting plants in central and western New York and Mr. Marquardt in northern New York. Their chief objective is to aid cheese makers to meet the standards required for the sale of cheddar cheese abroad under lend-lease.

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PRIVATE BINDING

Mrs. Hening is assembling material for binding for the Station and department libraries and will also accept private binding. It is expected that the bindery will call for the material this week.

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GLASS TUBING

"The Use Of Glass Tubing in Place of Metal Piping in Food and Dairy Plants" is the subject of an address to be given by Dr. Hucker before a group of food technologists in New York City tomorrow. Dr. Hucker has been studying the sanitary and mechanical possibilities of installations of pyrex glass tubing in place of metal pipe in several plants. The advantages of substituting glass for critical metals are at once apparent if sanitary and mechanical requirements can be met.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANIEL

Recent news dispatches from Tunisia tell of the promotion of Derrill Daniel to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and state that while fighting in the El Guitar section his battalion captured 500 Germans. The Station is mighty proud of its top-ranking soldier!

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DR. NEBEL ILL

A card from Dr. Nebel to the Bulletin Room requesting some publications stated that he was ill in the Strong Memorial Hospital at the time of writing but hoped to be up and around again soon.

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DR. TRESSLER HERE

Dr. Tressler paid a brief visit to the Station last Saturday following a business engagement in Syracuse. He stated that he is finding his new work interesting and congenial.

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JOINS HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Kertesz left Monday night to join Dr. Kertesz in Florida where he will be engaged for the next few weeks in advising on technical problems involved in the manufacture of pectin from citrus fruits.

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RECUPERATING

John Einset paid a sudden and unexpected visit to the Geneva General Hospital last Wednesday evening when he was operated upon for appendicitis. He is coming back strong and hopes to get home the last of the week.

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. J. R. Sanborn has gone to her home in Rock Island, Quebec, Canada, for a memorial service for her brother, Sergeant Charles S. Neveu of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who was killed in action last summer during an air attack over Germany.

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THE ANNUAL INSPECTION

Mr. Erwin C. Elting, Experiment Station Administrator of the Office of Experiment Stations, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been at the Station this week on the annual routine inspection of projects financed by federal funds.

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MISS NEEDHAM MARRIED

The marriage of Miss Margaret Needham of Phelps to Lt. Charles G. Albury, Jr., of Cranford, N. J., took place in Phelps last Friday. The bride is a graduate of William Smith College and has assisted in the Dairy Division here in connection with her research work in chemistry at Cornell.

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SPRING, LOVELY SPRING (?)

Your inquiring reporter plowed thru the snow on May Day to bring the readers of the NEWS the latest information from the Station scientists as to the season's prospects. Fred Hartzell says we are only about a week late so far as the spray schedule is concerned, but that we may be much later than that if it doesn't warm up pretty soon and start the buds to swelling. Doc Glasgow and Charlie Sayre are a little smug about it all with radishes, lettuce, peas, onions and spinach—the "cool" weather crops—already up and flourishing in their Victory gardens. They are concerned about the prospects for peas in this State, however, as plantings made after the first of May are always handicapped by hot weather as compared with April plantings. Aside from peas, the lateness of the season is not yet a serious threat to other food crops, except as it puts back all outside work.

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