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WHAT'S IT WORTH?

No one needs to "justify" or try to "sell" the Red Cross. Its manifold services to the men and women in the armed forces, to prisoners of war, to the families of service men and women, to those in need in time of national disasters, and many other activities call for no elaboration on our part. An American soldier in a prisoner of war camp in Germany wrote home that he had learned to appreciate four things, "God, my parachute, my good health, and the Red Cross." A war correspondent writes that the three greatest discoveries of the war are, "The jeep, Ernie Pyle, and the Red Cross girl." We know all of this and more too about the Red Cross, but what we do not know is what it costs, except in very general terms. Some one has estimated that the wartime activities of the Red Cross are costing about \$6.00 a second. On or about pay day, the Station's campaign committee will call on all Station employees and give each one an opportunity to make his and her annual contribution to the American Red Cross. Our quota in the local campaign has been set at \$550. We predict that this will be oversubscribed, as usual! Please be prepared to say what your part will be when you are called upon. The committee is as follows: Miss McGuigan, Miss Hogan, Mrs. Lognini, Miss Warren, Mrs. DeWall, Miss Curtis, Miss Updike, Miss Van Riper, Mr. Hefferon, and Mr. Luckett.

SEED STANDARDS

Professor Munn was in Ithaca Monday for a conference on standards for all types of certified seeds to be grown this year. Today he is attending a conference in Albany to discuss details of the official seed inspection to be carried on by representatives of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets this spring. This work was recently placed under the direction of Dr. A. B. Buchholz, Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department.

CANNING CROPS "SCHOOL"

It looks very much as tho there will be a canning crops extension "school" here at the Station next month. We understand that permission to hold such a school has been granted by the ODT and that the Agricultural Committee of the Association of New York State Canners has tentatively set March 19 and 20 as the dates. Professor Sayre is planning to attend a meeting of the canners' committee tomorrow in Rochester when the program for the school will be drafted. Professor C. B. Raymond, extension specialist in canning crops, is also taking an active part in arranging the details.

WINTER HOURS TO CONTINUE

Due to the wintry blasts, snow squalls, and low temperatures that continue to make fuel saving a matter of first consideration, Director Heinicke has decided to continue the 8:30 opening hour thru the month of March. Heretofore, "summer" office hours have prevailed after March 1st.

AN ENGAGEMENT

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Jean Conn to Vincent W. Cochrane. Both are graduates of Cornell and Miss Conn is now a member of the faculty of Iowa State College at Ames. Mr. Cochrane is engaged in research work for the Lodorle Laboratories in Pearl River, N. Y.

A WEDDING

Joan MacKenzie-Hucker, a niece of Dr. and Mrs. Hucker, was married in the Hucker's residence last Saturday afternoon to Arland Case White. The young people will make their home in LeRoy, N. Y., where both are members of the high school faculty. Mr. White is expecting to be called into the armed services in the near future. Incidentally, the groom is a grandson of Mr. B. J. Case, well-known fruit grower of Sodus.

"UNDERMANNED"?

With the severing this week by Charles Luckett of his temporary connections with the seed testing laboratory in order to resume pursuit of higher education at the University of Rochester, are we justified in saying that the laboratory is "undermanned" in the sense that the gentler sex now has a clear majority in that area of the Station's activities?

IN THE MOVIES

Pfc Robert Baumgartner, brother of Esther Baumgartner of the Bacteriology Division and better known to his admiring friends in Geneva as Bobbie, was seen in the movie "The Fighting Lady" shown in Geneva recently. Bobbie was an anti-aircraft gunner on the carrier at the time the picture was made and participated in five major engagements in the Pacific. He has been selected for officers' training and is now at Princeton University.

WANTED: MORE LETTERS

We are indebted to Mrs. Brooks for permission to quote from a recent letter from Major Ed Smith from somewhere in Belgium. "A bit of Geneva weather here," writes Ed, "snow and ice. Progress is being made in spite of and not because of the weather...I am sure people would write more if they knew how we felt, but they can't know 'til they have been here and that, of course, won't happen, for which we are thankful." Ed's address is as follows: Major E. H. Smith, Inf. Hq. 45 Repl. Bn., APO 872, % Postmaster, New York.

CHECKING RESULTS

Representatives of food processing plants in Geneva, Newark, Rochester, Detroit, and Chicago met in the bacteriology laboratories yesterday to check samples of canned and frozen peas which were collected last summer as part of the current project on food plant sanitation being conducted by Dr. Hucker and Dr. Brooks.