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STAFF MEETING MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Staff will be held in Jordan Hall Monday, March 12th, at 3:30 p. m., when the Director will discuss recent legislation affecting the Station.

H. R. SMALLEY

Mr. H. R. Smalley, agronomist and director of the soil improvement work of the National Fertilizer Association died in a Washington hospital last week, following a long illness. Mr. Smalley was well known here at the Station where he made frequent visits to keep in touch with Professor Sayre's fertilizer investigations and other lines of work under way here.

LEAVES FOR THE WAC

Miss Anne MacKenzie-Hucker left yesterday to enter the WAC for training as a medical technician.

SERVICE STARS

Incidentally, speaking of the WAC, we are reminded that a star has not yet been added to the Station Service Flag for our own WAC, Miss Bagg. A volunteer seamstress with a star could remedy this situation in a few minutes.

THE RED CROSS

A generous response has been accorded the Red Cross campaigners in their rounds of the Station group. It is hoped that the canvass can be completed this week, so if you haven't yet made your contribution won't you please get in touch with the representative in your building and make the response from the Station 100 per cent.

HE'S FED UP

A soldier writing to a farm paper that comes to our desk has this to say about processed foods. "I believe that many of these so-called marvelous discoveries in food processing will turn out to be flops. Just try living on processed food for a couple of years, with ascorbic acid to wash it down as a scurvy preventive! You should see the thrill we get from a second grade potato, or a whole egg. Dehydrated potatoes are about like wall paper paste. Synthetic rubber may replace the natural product, but foodstuff must come off the farm and be fresh."

GOING WITH GLF

George H. Serviss, Extension Associate Professor in Agronomy at Ithaca, resigned his position with the College on March 1st to head up the Soil Building Service of the GLF. Professor Serviss has been with the College since 1934.

LEAVING MONROE COUNTY

According to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Russell C. Granger, manager of the Monroe County Farm Bureau for the past ten years, has resigned to take over the management of the 200-acre Great Bear fruit farm in Oswego County on April 1st. Mr. Granger has been connected with the Monroe County Farm Bureau for 16 years and is well known to many members of the Station Staff who will wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

JAMES BRANN THE 3rd

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. James L. Brann, Jr., on the arrival of Jimmy the 3rd on February 2nd. We are a little late, but we have to blame the delay on a lag in communications between Geneva and the Hudson Valley Laboratory at Poughkeepsie.

AN EXTRA

The officers of the Shufflers Club have awarded an unexpected dividend to the members of the Club in the form of a Victrola dance on the evening of Saturday, March 17th. In a way they are making a virtue of necessity, seeing as how they have been unable to procure the services of an orchestra for that date. But nevertheless it means that the membership will have one more dance for their money, which should prove popular. We are asked to state that the affair will start at 8:00 p. m., and that refreshments will be served at 11:30 in order that the midnight curfew may be observed.

RETURNING TO RED CROSS

Miss Ruth Barnes who has been serving as a technician in Doctor Sanborn's laboratory since last August, resigned as of March 1st to rejoin the Red Cross field service. Miss Barnes reported to New York City headquarters last week.

A POSTPONED MEETING

Doctor Shaulis and Doctor Suit will discuss various aspects of grape growing before members of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and their guests at a dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 13th. This event was scheduled in December, but had to be postponed with the coming of one of the big snow storms of the winter.

THE FARM BUREAU CIRCUIT

This is open season for Farm Bureau meetings and a number of the Staff are appearing before groups in various parts of the State this week. Mr. Slate will be away all week attending meetings on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley. Mr. Harman is in Niagara County today, and Doctor Shaulis will address grape growers in Lockport later in the week. Professor Sayre is in Monroe County for two meetings today, one in Clarkson this morning, and one in Churchville tonight where Doctor Schroeder will join him. Professor Sayre also has meetings scheduled this week in Lyons and Clyde.

VIRUS DISEASES OF BACTERIA

A new and interesting motion picture of virus diseases of bacteria will be shown in Doctor Breed's office tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, at 4:30, and all who may be interested are invited to be present. The film was made by Doctor A. J. Pijper of Pretoria, South Africa, and will be explained by Doctor Hofer who is working in the same field.
