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MRS. WILLIAM T. TAPLEY

It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Mrs. William T. Tapley in Roosevelt Hospital in New York last Saturday morning, following an illness of only two days. A talented and gracious lady, Mrs. Tapley will be sorely missed in Station and community activities, at Keuka College where she taught, and in her various contacts with musical undertakings over the State. By this wholly inadequate means we extend sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Bill, Helen, and Suzanne.

DR. STODDARD COMING

Doctor George D. Stoddard, Commissioner of the Department of Education will address the Station Staff next Monday afternoon, December 11, at 3:30 in Jordan Hall.

JUST IN TIME

Doctor John F. Davis and his family arrived in Geneva from Delaware just ahead of the storm last week and thus had an opportunity to see us at our worst. Doctor Davis has assumed his duties as Assistant Professor in Vegetable Crops.

IN ATLANTIC CITY

Professor Sayre is in Atlantic City this week to participate in the program of the New Jersey Horticultural Society. This organization includes both fruit and vegetable growers in its membership and Professor Sayre is addressing the vegetable growers on his work with fertilizers for tomatoes.

THE STRENUOUS LIFE

Letters from Pvt. Josephine Bagg, A-217,323, Co. 5, 22nd Reg., 3rd WACTC, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., received by the bacteriologists, give a vivid account of the "life of a WAC", at least of the early experiences of one WAC. In the short time that she has been at Ft. Oglethorpe, Jody has had two assignments at K. P. and also takes care of the barrack's fire. This latter post she welcomed because it assured her a bed near the stove which she finds most desirable in the "warm south!" She particularly enjoyed Thanksgiving Day--that is, from 5:30 p. m. on, when all of the company--officers, cooks, and K. P.'s--sat down together to a traditional repast with all of the usual trimmings.

AND FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Comes a letter from Pete Potorti to Henry Bennett telling of his experiences on three "D-days" with the Marines. Pete's outfit took part in the landings on Kwajalein, Saipan, and Tinian, his battalion being the assault battalion on the last-named island. "Three D-days in a period of seven months takes a lot out of a fellow," says Pete, adding that, "It's quite an accomplishment, too, altho I'm not bragging about it." Despite the trials and tribulations of campaigning against the "Nips", Pete writes that he is getting a lot of satisfaction out of observing the plant life in that part of the world and making plans for the future back home. Pete's address--P. J. Potorti, 2/HQ/25, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

CERES CIRCLE TODAY--CHRISTMAS PARTY--3:30 P. M.

We are indebted to Mr. Heit for the latest word from Ben Clark and Roy Everson, both formerly associated with the seed testing lab. Ben, who is with the infantry in France, writes of having seen Ed Smith and tells of a visit to the famous Vilmorin seed house near Paris which he says is the most modern building he has seen since he has been in France. Lt. (j. g.) Everson is still in Hawaii but was expecting to move out almost any time. Roy had had a brief furlough to the states to see his mother, who was quite ill at the time but has now recovered her health, and at the same time caught his first glimpse of his son. Mrs. Everson is living at Fort Wing, Wisconsin.

TO WITNESS AWARDS

Doctor Carpenter plans to be in New York City on Sunday and Monday to participate in the awards of the Nobel Prize in Medicine to four American physicians. This will mark the first occasion that Nobel awards have been made outside of Stockholm. The Swedish ambassador to the United States will officiate in place of the King of Sweden who usually confers the citations and medals. Doctor Carpenter has been a member of the Nobel Prize Commission for Awards in Chemistry for the past several years.

VEGETABLE GROWERS OF AMERICA

The national association of vegetable growers is holding its 36th annual meeting in Rochester this week. While no one from the Station appears on the program, some of the vegetable crops specialists will probably attend the meetings. The Station is also represented with a small publications exhibit which Tim Butts of the College of Agriculture is incorporating in the educational displays of which he has over-all supervision.

PROFESSOR WHETZEL

Professor H. H. Whetzel of the Department of Plant Pathology at Cornell for the past 42 years, died on November 30th after a long illness. Professor Whetzel organized and developed the department at Cornell, the first department of plant pathology in America, and headed it from 1907 to 1922 when he retired in favor of teaching. Rarely has any teacher commanded the universal admiration and regard of his students that have marked Professor Whetzel's record at the College at Ithaca.

GEORGE SHERMAN RESIGNS

George W. Sherman who has been assisting Professor Wheeler in the Biological Control Laboratory, resigned December 1st to accept a position with the Firestone Stores in Lake Street.

MISSING OVER GERMANY

We regret to note that according to newspaper accounts Maynard Ungerer is reported missing over Germany since November 10th. He was pilot on a Liberator. During summer vacations, Maynard worked with Doctor Carruth.

ONE WHO GOT BACK

Cpl. William J. Murray, son of John Murray, former janitor in the Chemistry Building, and a former employee of the American Can Company here, had the good fortune to get back to Saipan following a Superfortress raid over Tokyo when two of the four engines of his plane failed. The failure was due "only to operational difficulties, not to fighters or anti-aircraft", according to the official report, but the engines were just as dead as tho they had been shot out and the Pacific was just as deep and forbidding. Mr. Murray is a tail gunner. Most of the crew had been in Saipan only four days before the raid and had never flown a combat mission.

THE 113th ANNUAL MEETING

We are indebted to Perley M. Eastman, Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, for a pre-view of plans for the 113th annual meeting of the Society which is to be held in Albany on January 17th. "Elaborate plans are being made to hold the farm dinner, a war casualty for the past two years," writes Perley. "Governor Dewey will be the principal speaker and plans are being made for two or three farm families to be present to receive the Century Farm Citation." The program is still incomplete, but it will include a forum on "The Future of Northeastern Agriculture" to be led by Herbert W. Voorhees, President of the Northeastern Agricultural Council, and to be participated in by H. E. Babcock, Commissioner DuMond, H. L. Sherwood, Master of the State Grange, and Warren Hawley, President of the State Farm Bureau Federation.

LOST: A STANDARD

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of the Christmas tree standard belonging to the Experiment Station Club please get in touch with Mrs. Carruth. It is urgently needed for use on December 19th.
