



STATION NEWS

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---A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS---



SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

The Director has indicated that steps have again been taken by Cornell University to secure an amendment to the classification schedule for employees in State colleges and institutions administered by the University so as to include the present cost-of-living bonus as part of a new base salary. Whatever additional temporary cost-of-living bonus is agreed upon by the State authorities for civil service employees is expected to apply as well to the employees of State-supported colleges and institutions administered by Cornell University.

THE OIL SHORTAGE

With winter officially in our midst and with the newspapers full of dire predictions regarding fuel oil shortages, the following comment from Director Heinicke is especially timely. "As most of you know," says the Director, "the fuel oil situation is very tight. The Station has to pay about 75 per cent more for oil above what it cost last year and less oil is available even at that. Hedrick Hall, Sturtevant Hall, and the Chemistry Building are all heated by oil. It is imperative that we do all we can to conserve heat. Shades should be drawn down at least halfway at night and during holidays. If a room is temporarily overheated, close the radiator before opening the window. Keep the temperature as low as can safely be done when rooms are not being used. We shall be glad to pass on any other suggestions that individuals may have. Your individual cooperation will be appreciated and will contribute to the comfort of all."

THE GREAT EXODUS

The meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and affiliated scientific societies in Chicago next week will attract a long list of Station scientists, many of whom will present papers on their investigations. Among those planning to take part in the deliberations in the Windy City are the Director and Professors Slate, Einset, Brase, Oberle, Shaulis, Dearborn, Sayre, Foster, Braun, Schroeder, Tapley, Hamilton, Mack, Young, Palmiter, and Carruth.

THE BREEDS LEAVE

Dr. and Mrs. Breed are leaving Geneva today to spend Christmas with Alice at her home on Long Island and will then proceed leisurely to Mobile, Ala., with a stop-over in Washington. On January 7th, they will sail from Mobile for Puerto Rico where Doctor Breed will conduct special investigations for the Mayaguez Tropical Products Company in cooperation with the Mayaguez Experiment Station. The Breeds plan to leave Puerto Rico about February 20th for New Orleans.

AIDED IN DEMONSTRATION

Doctor Shaulis aided in extensive grape pruning demonstrations staged by the Extension Service in Chautauqua County recently.

SOMETHING NEW

George Axinn spent a day in the visual aids office at the College of Agriculture in Ithaca last week and, among other things, acquired the necessary technic for making lantern slides, both of the 2x2 and the standard size. He will now be prepared to take care of this detail for Station personnel, and the line will please form to the right. Also, it will help if needs can be anticipated as far in advance as possible; this is not a 24-hour service necessarily.

DIANNE CROSIER

Our congratulations to Doctor and Mrs. Crosier on the arrival on December 18th of Dianne Caye. The Seed Division reports that it has had candy to celebrate the occasion and that cigars, ice cream, and cake are to follow.

COUNTING SEEDS

Mrs. Talmage (Bud) Campbell is assisting temporarily in the seed laboratory. Mr. Boyd VanDyke, a student at Alfred University, is also helping out during his Christmas vacation.

GLEE CLUB TOUR

Jack Heinicke is a member of the Cornell Men's Glee Club now on tour of nine midwest cities, the first time since 1941 that the Club has made a westward circuit. The itinerary includes Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh. Christmas day will be spent in Chicago where the Club will be guests of honor at a banquet by Cornell alumni and the members will stay in alumni homes. The American Broadcasting Company will present a coast-to-coast network program next Saturday, December 27th, from 9 to 10 a. m., featuring the Glee Club.

WELCOME HOME

This will be a truly happy Christmas for Miss Anne Mackenzie Hucker just home this week from several months' hospitalization following injuries sustained in an automobile accident during the Labor Day week-end. Our congratulations on a complete recovery, Anne, and the very best of all good things for 1948!

ANNUAL DINNER

The date for the annual dinner of the Geneva Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association has been set for January 13th at Club 86. Tickets are now available for those desiring to attend.

GREETINGS

The Director is in receipt of an unusual but much-appreciated communication from Mr. H. Harold Kershner of Reading, Pa., in the form of a Christmas greeting card and the following message: "I wish you the Season's greetings--a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your Staff. Appreciate your bulletin (Farm Research) very much." And that would seem to be a happy note upon which to end this Christmas issue of the NEWS.
