

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP

Pursuant to the recommendations of a temporary committee, endorsed by the Deans of the State Colleges at Cornell, a meeting of all non-professional employees of the Station was held in Jordan Hall on Friday, December 16th, to nominate a slate from which a representative of the Experiment Station at Geneva will be chosen, by the President of the University, as a member of a permanent advisory committee on personnel policies and practices concerned with non-professional positions. The ballots containing the official list of nominees have been distributed by messenger service. Nominated at the meeting were Bob Larsen, Mildred Wharton, Vic Hopkins, Professor Munding, Bill Mookhoek, Professor Hofer, Professor Kertesz, Jeanne Smith, and Ralph Stearman. Non-professional employees are being given an opportunity to vote for any three. The ballots, properly validated by signing the envelope, are to be sent to Jessie Sperry's office by Thursday, December 22nd. Votes will be counted on December 27th by the appointed tellers. Names of the three persons selected by ballot will appear in next week's Station News.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PARTY

A vote of commendation is in order for the members of the Christmas Party committee. The kids stole the show...., which is what we wanted. They gobbled the food and then sat restlessly through the singing and movies. They even tolerated several acts of magic but it soon became apparent that they had come to see Santa Claus and would take nothing less. With Saint Nick's arrival, all was bedlam until pent-up emotions had been released. When peace again reigned, those youngsters who had not succumbed to the wiles of Morpheus, sat in on an encore of the magician's art. It was a huge job, what with decorations, refreshments, presents, program, furniture, and what not, and to all who cooperated we express our gratitude.

ON SICK CALL

This is an inconvenient time of year to go and get sick. This week we're sending get-well wishes to Professor Luckett who has been sent to bed by some rascally virus. This necessitated an indefinite postponement of last Monday's seminar. Doctor's orders are that he'll stay home for the rest of the week.....Word at press time concerning little Paul Robinson was encouraging, we're glad to say. The youngest Robinson is a victim of pneumonia but his good progress has permitted him to convalesce at his home. Get better in time for Santa Claus, Paul.

POST-MARITAL NOTES

Can't help dwelling on the Lamb-Imhofe wedding--it's such a coincidence that two people from the Station should get married on the same day. Our society reporter informs us that several co-workers took part in the ceremony. Lucile Holtby, for instance, was one of the bridesmaids, John Einset was best man, and Roger Way served as an usher. The newlyweds are currently on a honeymoon which ranges from Virginia to Saskatoon, with a holiday stop at Barbara's home in Canastota, N. Y. They'll be back with us around the middle of January.

PHYTOPATH AND A.A.A.S.

The Hotel Martinique in New York City will be the scene of the annual meetings of the American Phytopathological Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science on December 28, 29, and 30. Except for Bob Foster who is in California, the entire Plant Pathology Division including D. H. Palmiter, will attend the meeting and Jim Hamilton will give a talk about his studies on apples. George Slate and Frank Boyle have also voiced an intent to attend.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Pfc. Jim Traphagen is home for a holiday furlough with his family. He'll sail the first of the year for his new assignment in the Far Eastern Air Force....Irving Munn, a student at Michigan State, has arrived to spend Christmas with his parents.... Guests of the Vittum's will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Giles of the Keystone State.

AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Cains left last Friday to spend a vacation in Florida....Mr. and Mrs. Harry King will greet Santa Claus at the home of their daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Washington, D. C.The Masons are way down south, too. Last week, the USDA entomologist attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Economic Entomologists in Tampa.

DOCTOR A. P. HITCHENS

Well known by many local scientists, Doctor A. Parker Hitchens, Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania, died on December 9th. Doctor Hitchens worked with Doctor Breed in editing "Bergey's Manual".

ERICKA GAERTNER LEAVES

Doctor Ericka Gaertner, temporarily appointed as a laboratory assistant in the Seed Labs, has terminated that appointment and is leaving for her home in Dundas, Canada. Doris Traphagen will continue her projects here.

GRATEFUL GREETINGS

A pat on the back does wondrous things, so it's a pleasure to print this greeting received at the Station the other day: "At this time I wish to take the opportunity of extending to you best wishes for a happy Christmas and another prosperous New Year. In addition, I should like to express my appreciation for the help and kindness which you have shown our representatives during the past year. We only hope that if you are ever passing through the Niagara Peninsula you will make a point of calling on us so that we may in some small measure reciprocate your kindnesses..."

HOLIDAY GUESTS

The coming Phytopath meeting brings two guests to the home of Doctor and Mrs. Braun. On Monday, Doctor and Mrs. J. A. Milbrath will stop at Geneva enroute to the New York meetings. He is a plant pathologist at Corvallis, Oregon. On the return from the scientific meetings, Doctor Braun will be accompanied by another plant pathologist, Doctor Henry Schneider of the Citrus Experiment Station at Riverside, Calif. Doctor Schneider worked on the Guayule Research Project with Doctors Braun and Curtis a few years ago. The project is now defunct.

KLASSIFIED STUFF

FOUND: A solid gold (colored) lipstick dispenser at Christmas Party. It's called "Bachelor's Carnation" and, according to the engraving, it belongs to someone by the name of Revlon. Can be claimed at Station News office. (For heaven's sake please claim it before my wife finds it!)

FOUND: A cocker spaniel pup. Carrie Legnini has already claimed her wayward companion. We wonder how long he'll tolerate her this time.

LEST YOU FORGET

A little late for Christmas greetings but still in time for New Year's cards, here's a reminder about some of our friends who will be spending Christmas in far-away places; Doctor D. C. Carpenter can be reached at the Alvear Palace Hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina....Doctor Guilford Mack is located at 213 North 21st Street in Corvallis, Oregon.....Bill Tapley's address is 526 East Wabash, Phoenix, Arizona.. and Bob Brooks' home is at 108 Porter Street in Columbia, Missouri....Maurice Becker gets his mail at Route 4, Box 221-C, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

Mr. Norman Healey of the USDA's Production and Marketing Administration is here to follow up on some aspects of the Tomato Grading Project which was undertaken here this past season.

NEW STACKS ERECTED IN THE LIBRARY

The library let out its belt three notches last week with the addition of three new stacks of ten shelves each. All Experiment Station and USDA bulletins will be filed on the new racks and the resultant space will be filled by our ever expanding collection.

Some cheerful optimist points out that there really isn't much difference between an agnostic and a believer. The former rejects all religions, and the latter all but one.

