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GRANT STEVENS VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

Death struck suddenly on Monday morning when Grant Stevens, an employee in Plant Pathology, succumbed to a heart attack. He had reported to work as usual and had driven downtown to pick up a co-worker who was having automobile trouble. Although he did not exert himself, the fatal attack occurred while Grant was waiting for his passenger.

Grant Stevens was born in Smithfield, Pennsylvania, in 1904. He came to the Experiment Station nine years ago and lived on a farm on the Billsboro Road. He is survived by his wife; a son, Clayton, 16; a daughter, Marie, 8; a brother, three sisters, and several nieces and nephews. In his work at the Station, Grant Stevens earned a reputation for diligence and a ready smile. The circumstances of his death typified his willingness to lend a hand to his many friends. The Station has lost a capable worker. Services will be held at the Corwin Funeral Home on Thursday at 2:30 P.M.

SEMINAR SLATED

The first Station seminar of the New Year will be held on January 2nd in the staffroom of Jordan Hall. Doctor Knud Swenson will speak on "Insects and Viruses" at 4 P.M. Coffee will be served at 3:45.

TUNNEL BIDS AWARDED

Bids were opened in Albany, last week, for the tunnel work which will connect the Station's new heating plant with the buildings to be served. Potter-DeWitt Corp. of Pavilion submitted the low bid for the construction work; Horacek-Hayden of Rochester was low bidder on the electrical project; and Quackenbush Company of Buffalo was low on the heating work. When the projects have been completed, steam will be provided for Jordan, Hedrick, and Sturtevant Halls, and the greenhouses.

THE BRIDGE PARTY

The enthusiastic turnout at last Friday's first Station Club Bridge Party indicates that this pastime may well become another of the club's regular activities. The bridge addicts turned out 46 strong for an enjoyable evening which saw first prizes go to the teams made up of Mrs. Moyer and Mr. Bigelow, and Mrs. Herb Reitmann and Mrs. Walter Reitmann. A tie for second place honors resulted in three awards to Miss Hogan and Miss McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer. Because they sacrificed their own glory in order to boost their opponents' scores, prizes were also given to Mr. and Mrs. Shaulis, and Mr. and Mrs. Barton. Our thanks to the committee, Ted Wishnetsky and Herb Reitmann for their efforts in the club's behalf.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Doctor Clifford Kelly, a former Station bacteriologist, and daughter, Joan, will spend the holiday season in Geneva. The Kellys will arrive on Sunday to be the guests of Doctor and Mrs. Kertesz. Doctor Kelly is a member of the bacteriology department at McGill University. He left the Station's employ in 1937.

THE "EDEN" STRAWBERRY

The Station has named and introduced a new strawberry which is particularly adapted to processing. The "Eden" resulted from a cross between Dresden and Fairfax, made in 1940 and has attained high ratings in tests conducted by commercial growers, processors, and by the Experiment Station. It's a slightly tart berry with a medium to slightly dark red color throughout the fruit. A cooperating canner reports that "Eden" retained very good color and excellent flavor throughout processing as preserves or canned strawberries. It's also good as a frozen sliced-berry. Distribution of plants will be handled by those growers who cooperated with the pomologists in the testing work.

AT WASHINGTON MEETING

Doctor Robinson spent Monday and Tuesday in Washington, D. C., explaining the Station's findings in the tomato grading project. The meeting is being held with members of the National Cannery Association and the Production and Marketing Administration.

SMALL TALK

The blizzard has held up the news from New Jersey but we're nonetheless happy to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jahn are grandparents again. The event occurred on November 17th when Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Jahn became the parents of Gretchen Lois. Congratulations to all generations....Badminton will take place as usual, tonight, but there will be no play on the following two Wednesdays.

SANTA'S VISIT

About 70 children and 80 adults acclaimed last evening's Christmas Party a well-organized success. From the serving of the children's supper to the presentation of the last gift from Santa's bag, the party progressed without a hitch. After the refreshments were properly decimated, the program got underway in the auditorium with the singing of carols, aided by Dorothy Mack's violin and Cap Bigelow's 88 keys. Woody Woodpecker started off the motion picture cartoon program which was followed by a showing of the Kodachrome slides made by Gertrude Catlin and Bob Wesselmann at last summer's Station Club picnic. After a few more carols, Santa, himself, entered the scene by the chimney route and passed out gifts to an appreciative clientele. Orchids go to Party Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and their well-chosen committee: Decorations--The Lienks; Program--The Davises; Children's gifts--The Boyles; Children's Lunch (a double orchid here)--The Shaulises; Adults' refreshments--The Henings; and many bouquets to the host of helpers who prepared the goodies and who otherwise rendered assistance where it was needed. The Club is grateful to Santa Claus, too, who always manages to take time out for a pre-holiday visit, at his busiest time of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson express their appreciation to the committee and the Station Club is indebted to all who took part.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

Despite the threat of too-much-white this Christmas, a good many folks are contemplating trips which will take them home for the holiday. Undertaking the longest jaunt are the Hands who took off yesterday morning to spend a trailer-Christmas in Florida. They left none-too-soon and experienced more than an hour of difficulty in maneuvering through the snow-drifts in their own driveway....The Gambrells will attempt a trip to South Carolina and Georgia. They'll spend Christmas with his folks and will set up headquarters in Bill Van Eseltine's apartment. Later on, they'll welcome the New Year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce in Savannah... The Gilmers are contemplating a visit to his home in Hyattsville, Virginia....Heading for Connecticut and his home stamping grounds will be Mr. and Mrs. Kimball..... Also planning to go to Connecticut is Charlotte Pratt....Ellen Male will go to New Jersey if she gets over the measles in time....Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs will visit both parental homes in the Olean area....The LaBelles will spend Christmas at home in Catskill....Heading for more northern climes will be the Davises who are Ottawa-bound, and the Lienks who are Toronto-bound. And we're guessing that they'll both be snow-bound before they get back....Beverly Cole's Christmas will be complete with the arrival of her husband, Ship's Cook First Class Lauren Cole. He'll be on a ten-day leave from Newport, R. I.Tomorrow, Alderman and Mrs. Frank Bowen will mush their dog team to Babylon, L. I., to spend Christmas with the next two generations, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. De Garmo and family. Frank will return to Geneva after New Year's but Mrs. Bowen has a long-range baby-sitting job ahead of her, while Mr. and Mrs. De Garmo travel to Mexico.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The grownups haven't been overlooked by Santa Claus. In an announcement made yesterday, President Dean Malott authorized December 31st as a holiday. That means two extra-long weekends this holiday season. The Station will be closed on December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1....In view of the abbreviated work week approaching, they tell us that no NEWS is good news, so in view of the abbreviated work week, the STATION NEWS will not be published next week. This is a Christmas present for our readers and ourselves. At this time, the entire Editorial Staff wishes an enjoyable holiday season to all. We'll see you next year.

From Santa Claus land come greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dearborn and family. The Alaskans have sent another of their classical progress reports, supplemented by a recording of Curt's theme song, "The Belles Along the Yukon are Good Enough for Me". We'll digest the latest chapter in their polar life and present it in a subsequent issue of the NEWS.

