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FULL HOUSE

If there's any question about the trend of population these days, the question was answered for those who attended the Station Club Christmas Party

in Jordan Hall on Monday evening. Kids? There were millions of 'em....even tho the register showed slightly over a hundred. Fun? It was on all sides. Grown-ups took a backseat as the youngsters put on the performances, rehearsed and otherwise. The whole thing seemed to be over as soon as it had started. Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Davis served up some tempting eats to the kidlets as soon as they arrived and while the small fry were managing to get on the outside of their refreshments, the oldsters were provided with a snack by Mr. and Mrs. Lockett and their helpers. Before long, it was time for the entertainment in the auditorium and that's where the tads really shone. Individual acts were punctuated by group carol singing. Kristin Davis recited a poem in a style which comes only from years and years of experience. A trio of six-year-olds wore scarlet proboscides for their rendition of "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer". Karen Schroeder, Janine Wesselmann, and Mary Ann Klein were the little deers. Ann Glass took to the piano for a polished delivery of "The First Noel". Johnny Einset told about his view from the window in carefully measured rhyme and Don Wagenknecht gave a long-haired rendition of "Ducks on the Pond" on the keyboard. At this point, some of the littlest angels attempted to make a duet or trio out of the piano recital but failed to unnerve the budding maestro. Teddy "Shufflesoes" Glass took the stage for some original Basin Street footwork. He managed his tophat capably enough but was in continuous danger of stepping on his own tails. Sophistication was the keynote of Beth Bigelow's singing recital of "Winds through the Olive Trees". Donna Klein and Kenny Braun teamed up for a delayed-action recitation of "The Story that Never Grows Old" and Elaine and Stevie Tashiro gave a delightful song-and-dance performance with "Christmas is A-Comin'". Lynn Schroeder wound up the program in an air of dignity with a memorized poem. That was the last semblance of dignity as Santa Claus tumbled down the chimney to pass out gifts to the eager throng. Despite the large attendance and the fervor of the occasion, the youngsters can pride themselves in their excellent behavior. And so can Mr. and Mrs. Klein and their hard-working committee. Mrs. Lamb gave Santa a sorely-needed hand ahead of time, Mr. and Mrs. Boyle managed the abundant decorations, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesselmann enlisted the aid of the younger generation in putting on the program, with Mr. Bigelow providing the necessary piano accompaniment. There were countless others who assisted on the various committees. And there was the ever-present help furnished by Mr. Jahn with his flowers....and the party couldn't have been a success without Santa Claus. It was a major undertaking, and a stellar performance. Congratulations are due to all who participated. Well done.

FORMER WORKER HONORED

A news release from the USDA explains the award of a plaque to Dr. E. E. Clayton of the Plant Industry Station at Beltsville, by the Cigar Manufacturers Association of America. Dr. Clayton, who is the principal tobacco pathologist at Beltsville, was recognized "for his outstanding research in the development of disease-resistant strains of leaf tobacco". The recipient was formerly a member of the Station's Plant Pathology Department and worked at the Vegetable Crops Research Farm on Long Island.

CANNERS MEETINGS

Prof. Sayre was in Batavia on Monday where he spoke at a canning crops school.... Today, Dr. Schroeder will go to Rochester to explain experimental results with a mist-concentrate sprayer to a group of canners.

EXPERT ADVICE

Mr. Klein will speak at a meeting of gladiolus growers in Guelph a week from today. The Gladiolus Council, meeting at Ontario Agricultural College, have asked the local hybridizer to divulge some of his show-winning secrets.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Sir: We are writing this letter to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you gave to make our trip worthwhile. You were very kind to spend so much time with us. One of the things our class liked the best was when you took us to the miniature canning machine. We also enjoyed it when you took us to the greenhouse. The man that told us about the cross-breeds of apples had a very interesting talk. The trip was very educational and interesting in every department that you took us to. We thank you again for showing us the different departments and for making the trip so much fun. Sincerely yours, Sixth Grade (Cortland Street School)

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

Eleanor Warren will spend Christmas in the snow-country. She'll head for Boonville in the Adirondacks....It'll be Christmas in Connecticut for Charlotte Pratt. After the big day, she'll meet Eleanor in New York where they'll try to spend whatever money they have left from shopping....The Taschenbergs will head for home in Maryland to greet Santa Claus and the Adamses will leave their Poughkeepsie headquarters, also for the Southland....Heading northward will be the Lienks, who will set up camp at St. Catherines, the Smiths who will be at home in Ottawa, and Jim Hamilton who will visit his mother at Toronto....The LaBelle family will celebrate Noel at Catskill.

CHRISTMAS IN GENEVA

Some of the children of Station people have arrived or will arrive to spend Christmas in Geneva. Barbara Slate is home from her Middlebury studies and Marlene Crosier is up from Ithaca. Also expected is Vera Kertesz who will leave her Boston duties for the holidays....Harrison Jahn, who is in the Navy, has returned from a Carribean cruise and visited his parents last Thursday. They had to celebrate Christmas ahead of time since the lately-promoted Lieutenant (J.G.) was required to leave for Newport, R. I., yesterday.

CHIT CHAT

Vern Norsen has transferred from Veg Crops to Plant Path....A card from the Herveys who are touring the British Isles and Europe informs us that they expect to dock in New York on January 8th. They'll spend the rest of the professor's sabbatic leave in the southern states....Mrs. Klein's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barry of Guelph, will celebrate Christmas with the younger generations here....Herb Palleson of FS&T is commuting between Ithaca and Geneva this week. He's pinch-hitting as a fireman at the University during the holidays....Kris Davis' artistic talent has won her an opportunity to speak to Santa over WGVA this afternoon....A Christmas letter has arrived from the Hands, addressed to all of their friends at the Station. It tells of their early impressions and experiences in Formosa. A copy is posted on the bulletin board in the Chemistry Building and in Jordan Hall.

PEAR-BREEDING SEMINAR

Mr. Lamb presented a talk on "Breeding Pears for Blight Resistance" at a seminar held in Jordan Hall on Monday. The audience was composed of his co-workers.

THE SPORT PAGE

Badmintoners are advised that tonight's meeting will be the final one until after the holidays. There'll be a notice in the NEWS when the classes are to reconvene....And in case you're lucky enough to get a pair of skis for Christmas, and in case we should have ample snow, you may like to try a fling at a new ski tow which has been erected at Brantling Hill, 8 miles north of Newark on Route 88. The hill, according to Jack Heinicke, one of its promoters, provides a 1,000 foot ski trail and is serviced by a new 900 foot rope tow. Happy landing!

3-D CHRISTMAS

When the Haight triplets open their presents on Christmas morning, they'll find a gift from the Station people beside their tree. Today, the Station Club Watchdog Committee is delivering an outdoor swing-trapeze gymnasium set for the little monkeys. The purchase was financed from donations made by Station workers at the time of arrival of Daniel, David, and Donald, about two-and-a-half years ago.

MRS. COLE FETED

Mrs. Beverly Cole was the guest-of-honor at a party given by her coworkers last Thursday. Bev is leaving the Station in order to devote full time to her homemaking duties. She was a laboratory assistant in FS&T.

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.
When a lawyer makes a mistake, he tries the case again.
When a carpenter makes a mistake, it is just what was expected.
When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes a law of the land.
When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.
When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

BUT---

When an editor makes a mistake, GOOD NIGHT!

Sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas