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THE CHRISTMAS Party of the Station Club will get under way with a supper, starting at 5:30, Thursday, December 22, in Jordan Hall. To date 138 members of the Station group have indicated their intention of being on hand when Santa Claus makes his 1927 debut.

MR. STEWART is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Jordan in which he tells, among other things, of a siege of "flu" through which Mrs. Jordan and he have just passed. The prospects for the winter are somewhat improved with recovery from this trying malady and Dr. Jordan comments on the pleasure that they derive from Geneva news in the TIMES and the "Scandals".

MISS Lida Thatcher distinguished herself as an actress of the modern school in a play given by the Woman's Club last Friday evening.

ACCORDING to information received in the Horticultural Department, the Wellingtons sail for New York on the Leviathan tomorrow and will probably reach Geneva in time for Christmas. They report having enjoyed their stay in southern France immensely.

ONCE MORE the Station's new fruits win special recognition in the horticultural world! Dr. Hedrick returned from Louisville last Friday from a meeting of the American Pomological Society with two Wilder medals and several honorable mentions for new fruit varieties created here. The silver medal, the highest form of Wilder award, was given to the Sheridan grape, the new black grape that is expected to give the Concord serious competition as the leading market variety. A bronze medal was given to the June red raspberry, a variety developed at the Station several years ago and now widely grown commercially. The award to the June was made on the basis of testimonials gathered together by Mr. Slate and submitted as evidence of the merits of the variety. Honorable mention was given to Macoun, a late McIntosh-like apple; to Orleans, one of the Delicious type of apples; and to Sweet Delicious. The Wilder awards are made possible through a trust established by the late Marshall P. Wilder, amateur horticulturist of Massachusetts, and administered by the American Pomological Society. The awards are not necessarily made every year but are intended as recognition of merit in new varieties of fruit as they appear. The Cortland apple was the first of the Station new fruits to win the silver medal under the provisions of the Wilder trust.

MISS VERA Charles, associate pathologist in the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington, visited the Station last Friday to consult with Mr. Stewart about mushroom investigations.

THE FLOORS in the Reading room in the Library and the Editor's quarters have received a coat of varnish and at present are strewn with papers for the footsteps of those who follow the beaten paths to these inner sanctums. Opinion is divided as to the merits of the treatment, but there is no question but that Mr. Hoag is a very competent interior decorator.

"JIM" Lawson paid a brief visit to the Station last week on his way to Cleveland, where, with Dr. Hedrick, he served as an expert witness for the defense in a suit for alleged infringement of patents of certain processes in the manufacture of wax models.

THOSE who attended the meetings of the Association of New York State Canners in Syracuse last week report that very considerable interest was shown in the brief summaries of the canning crops work under way at the Station.

MRS. HUCKER has been granted by Cornell University an "Investigatorship" under a grant supplied by the Mead Johnson and Company, manufacturers of baby foods, for a study of the bacterial flora of their products. Mrs. Hucker's appointment followed the recent visit of "Dick" Keeler to the Station when the details of the plan were discussed and the necessary arrangements made with the University authorities and the local Bacteriological Division. The title "Investigatorship" is used advisedly, for it seems that in administrative circles there is a distinction between a "Fellowship" and an "Investigatorship." At any rate, we take pleasure in welcoming Investigator Alice Hucker into the fellowship of the Experiment Station. Mrs. Hucker enters upon her new duties on the 15th of this month.

THE program is out for the 29th annual meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists to be held in Rochester December 28 to 30. Dr. Breed is President of the Society and will deliver the proverbial president's address on the subject of "The Present Status of Systematic Bacteriology." Other members of the Station Staff taking part in the program include Dr. Conn, Mr. Pederson, Dr. Hucker, and Mr. Prickett. Miss Alice Breed will also present a paper. Miss Lida Thatcher expects to attend several of the sessions which, by the way, are open to anyone interested in the matters under discussion whether members of the Society or not. Dr. J. M. Sherman, chief of the Dairy Division of the College of Agriculture, is Secretary of the Society. Dr. H. A. Harding, formerly chief of the Division of Bacteriology here, and Dr. A. H. Robertson, better known to Station folks as "Robbie," are scheduled to appear on the program.
