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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**MARTIN MURRAY** : At the end of this year Martin Murray will leave the services of  
**RETIREES JAN. 1** : the New York Agricultural Experiment Station after thirty-five years  
-----: of employment, twenty-five of which have been spent on the testing  
of Babcock and bacteriological glassware.

In 1894 "Martin" took what he thought to be a temporary job at the Station picking strawberries, but he proved to be such a help that his services were needed in other lines of activity and ever since he has been devoting himself to some line of work here. During the fall of 1894, he was transferred to the Feeds and Fertilizer Laboratory, and was engaged in grinding samples for ten years.

In 1904, Martin expressed a desire to work along the dairy line, so in the fall of that year he was sent to Cornell to take a Short Course in General Dairying. On his return to Geneva he was assigned to work under Mr. G. A. Smith, who was then Dairy Expert at the Station. Martin became the butter maker and general utility man around the Dairy. Later, in 1917, Martin again attended a Short Course at Cornell, this time specializing in the manufacture of soft-cheese and ice-cream.

Martin has spent practically all of his life up to this date in Geneva. He was born and raised on West Avenue. Previous to his employment at the Station he worked for several local concerns, but chiefly with the Merrell Nursery Company.

Since the Station first started testing glassware according to the State law of 1899, the number of pieces tested each year has steadily increased until for the past five years the amount of glassware has exceeded 50,000 pieces a year. No exact figures can be obtained but it is fair to assume that Mr. Murray has been connected with the testing of over half a million pieces of glassware.

Station folks are more familiar with Martin Murray as a dispenser of milk, butter, cheese and ice cream, and his genial smile will be missed in the days to come. Undoubtedly he can look back with satisfaction on such a long period of service as has been his, and we trust that in the years to come when he is indulging in some of the activities he has been looking forward to, he will find time to look up his old friends at the Station once in a while.

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**SANTA DOES HIS STUFF** : Santa Claus dropped in on the Christmas Party held in Jordan Hall  
-----: last Saturday evening and distributed freely to his little friends  
-----: numerous bundles of presents which seemed to please them immensely  
Previous to his arrival a number of the group had entertained those gathered with a remarkably successful presentation of a play called "The Enchanted Christmas Tree." In this Johnnie Parrott as "Mr. Benton" and Janet Willaman as his "wife" scored success at first as the hard-hearted folk who didn't care for children's Christmas pranks, and later as the happy couple who invited the numerous children to their home. Helga Einset played her part well as the maid to the Bentons, and Bob Van Eseltine and Morgan Sweeney, Jr. acted successfully their parts as Expressmen. Background was delightfully added by a chorus of other children singing carols at first "outside" the Bentons house, but at the finale "within" its confines, where they were joined by all the Station children at the party. It was at this time that Santa came in upon them, and distributed his Christmas cheer. As the play and the distributions of gifts all took part on the stage, every part could be easily seen by the highly appreciative audience. Credit for the success of the play goes to the coaching and direction of Mrs. Willaman and Mrs. Kelly. Prof. Parrott and Mr. Marquardt were also on the general committee for the party.

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TO BE AWAY : Christmas is the time for family gatherings, and so from here and there  
FOR : around the Station word comes of those who expect to spend the occasion  
CHRISTMAS : out of town. The Breeds are planning to be with their daughter in  
-----: Albany; Mr. Gloyer is spending the holiday in Washington; the Walshs  
are going to Syracuse; the Eglintons have departed for New York City; the Traphagens  
plan to spend the day at Lodi; and Miss Hoeffle will be at her home in Ithaca.

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NEARER GENEVA: While they will not be leaving Geneva for the holiday season the  
-----: Sayres are not spending it in California. Word last received from  
them indicated that they expected to celebrate Christmas day at the home of Mr. Sayre  
in Norfolk, Nebraska.

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WE EXTEND : Word has been received of the death on December 18 of Alan Barber,  
SINCERE : the infant son of Mrs. Lida Thatcher Barber. This comes as a sad note  
SYMPATHY : at this Christmas Season, and we extend on the behalf of old friends  
-----: at the Station our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Barber, and Dr.  
and Mrs. Thatcher in their bereavement.

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FIRE SQUAD : Last Friday ten stout men and true prowled thru the buildings of the  
INSPECTS : Station on a tour of inspection. Anything connected with fire haz-  
-----: ards they were interested in. Fire Chief Wellington as a result of  
this inspection reports that he is making recommendations for further equipment in  
various places. Dr. Hucker and Dr. Willaman, are now 1st and 2nd. Assistant Fire  
Chiefs, respectively.

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CONCENTRATION: Incidentally while the above mentioned squad was making their way  
DULY NOTED : thru the present maize of the Entomological Department, Mr. Fred  
-----: Hartzell was applying himself to the deep problems in hand. Later  
one of his associates had a difficult time convincing him that such a group of men  
had inspected the fire hazards and protection adjacent to his desk. Such concentra-  
tion calls for admiration, if not commendation, but we only hope that our friend  
won't exhibit his skill in the face of a real fire.

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STANDARDIZING: Dr. John Drew, Veterinarian in the mild inspection service of the  
STRAINERS : Dairymen's League, and Mr. M. T. Jabaut, Assistant Purchasing Agent  
-----: of the same organization spent December 16, 18, and 19 at the Station  
working with members of the Dairy Division on a series of tests of strainers, and  
strainer cloth. The object of the tests was to find a limited number of strainers,  
which members of the League might use. Dr. Drew and Mr. Jabaut expect to return for  
a final series of tests at a later date.

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HENRY L. YOUNG: Mr. Streeter recently heard from Mr. Henry L. Young, who was an as-  
HEARD FROM : sistant Chemist at the Station in 1921. Mr. Young is now with the  
-----: McGraw-Hill Book Co., and is on the editorial staff of the Journal  
of Chemistry and Metallurgy. He is located in New York City, and adds the further  
interesting news that he expects to be married in June.

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ATTEND PEA : Dr. Horsfall and Mr. Traphagen attended a conference of pea growers  
GROWERS : gathered under the direction of the Farm Bufeau Agent in Penn Yan  
MEETING : last Saturday afternoon.  
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