



## HAWAII

Professor D. M. Weller of the University of Hawaii gave a most interesting account of the geography,

history, people, and agriculture of the Hawaiian Islands before the first Staff meeting of the year in Jordan Hall last Monday afternoon, illustrating his remarks with many beautifully colored slides. Professor Weller is teaching botany at Cornell this term on an exchange professorship and in addition is giving a course of lectures on Hawaii that is proving very popular at Ithaca. Drawing on intimate personal knowledge of the Islands and with his pleasing presentation, his talk proved exceptionally informing and entertaining. Following the Staff meeting, Professor Weller discussed with those particularly interested in genetics some of the problems encountered in the breeding of sugar cane, one of his major interests at the University of Hawaii.

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## THE CHICAGO MEETINGS

The American Society of Agronomy meetings in Chicago beginning next Monday will take four members of the Staff to the Windy City while a fifth will contribute to the program in absentia. Dr. Hofer and Dr. Conn will be concerned with meetings of the Soil Microbiology Section and a special conference on the inspection, production, and testing of legume inoculants. Dr. Hofer is also scheduled to give papers on "Seed Sterilization" and on "Testing of Cultures of Root Nodule Bacteria for Efficiency". Mr. Munn will be in Chicago to attend the meetings of the International Crop Improvement Association which meets jointly with the American Society of Agronomy. He has no formal part in the program, however. Mr. Sayre will not attend "in person", but he will submit reports on his experiments on granular vs. ordinary fertilizers for vegetables, on the plowing under of fertilizers, and on fertilizer placements for vegetable crops, to be presented for him before a meeting of the National Joint Committee on Fertilizer Application. Mr. Luckett will attend the meetings in his capacity as Editor of the Journal of the American Society of Agronomy, and will report upon the status of the Journal and take part in meetings of various committees of which he is an ex officio member. The meetings extend thru Friday, December 3.

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## VACATIONS

Hastening to take advantage of their annual vacation allowance before the deadline of December 31 wipes out all vacation "credits" for 1937, are Mr. and Mrs. Sayre and Dr. and Mrs. Magie, who are reported to be heading for the Southland by December first or sooner, and Mr. Munn who is vacationing in Michigan enroute to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Sayre are planning to return to Geneva "by way" of Indianapolis where Mr. Sayre will attend the A. A. S. meetings to be held in that city the last week of December, while Mrs. Sayre will visit her mother in Champaign, Ill.

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## END OF THE SHOW

The Station chrysanthemum show ended up in a snow storm, but even at that 94 brave souls, by actual count, braved the slippery roads and blustering elements to get one final view of the display. One carload of flower lovers even drove all the way from Lockport, but then they had had no snow in Lockport and were surprised to run into conditions they found as they came east. Well over 4,000 persons visited the show this year, an increasing number coming from points outside of Geneva.

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Mr. Wellington received word yesterday of the death on Monday of Elvin Woodworth of Phelps, a young man who had served in various capacities around the Station for the past two summers. Mr. Woodworth had returned to the University of Illinois this fall to continue work begun there last year.

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FUTURE FARMERS

About a hundred Future Farmers of America from nine high schools in Seneca, Yates, and Ontario counties paid a "flying" visit to the Station last Saturday. The boys were in Geneva for a regional meeting of their organization at the Geneva High School.

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EXP. STA. RECORD INDEX

The Pomology Division reports that it has in its library two bound copies of the cumulative index of the Experiment Station Record for volumes 41 to 50, but lacks the index for volumes 26 to 40. If anyone has a duplicate of this latter index, or has any use for the duplicate index to volumes 41 to 50, will they please get in touch with Mr. Van Eseltine. The Pomology Division would very much like to complete their file of the Record.

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ADDRESSED TOMATO GROWERS

Mr. Tapley spoke before a group of Cayuga County tomato growers in Auburn last week under the auspices of the Farm Bureau.

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CHRISTMAS MAIL

Christmas mail for the Huckers will have to be on its way very soon now if it is to reach them before the holidays. A recent communication from Dr. Hucker conveys the information that they expect to leave New Zealand about December 24, but their plans are still indefinite as to their route home.

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THE FOOD SHOW

Mr. Tapley was in Syracuse last Friday representing the New York State Vegetable Growers Association in his capacity as Acting Secretary for that organization at a meeting of the general committee concerned with New York Farm Foods Exposition which is to be held in the armory in Syracuse January 5, 6, and 7. The Vegetable Growers Association is planning to hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the food show. Just for good measure, Mr. Tapley was also made Secretary of the Exposition Committee, which is to hold its next meeting on Saturday of this week.

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REMEMBER THAT CHRISTMAS PARTY !

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

4 TO 6:30 P. M.

