



Station News



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Gene

ALMOST HERE!

Yes, Sir! The day for that Christmas party is not far away now. Next Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in Jordan Hall the doors of the auditorium will swing open and some 150 children, ranging in ages from 2 to 62, will sweep Santa's helpers off their feet in the rush for front row seats for the celebration. The plans call for a supper for the younger children (up to 12 years) and light refreshments for the oldsters. Following this important part of every successful program will come a Christmas play, and then--Santa! It is expected that the festivities will draw to a close about 6:30.

STAFF MEETING

The December Staff meeting will be held at 3:30 Monday afternoon, December 20, in the Staff room in Jordan Hall. Dr. Richard Bradfield, recently appointed head of the Department of Agronomy at Cornell, will speak on "A Unified Approach to Soil Moisture Problems". Dr. Bradfield came to Cornell from Ohio State University to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Dr. T. L. Lyon last July.

IN THE ARCTIC

Mr. Parrott left Monday for Ogdensburg for the annual meeting of the State Grange where he was to deliver the report on the work of the Experiment Station for the past year at Tuesday's session. From newspaper accounts of northern New York's recent blizzard in which dispatches from Ogdensburg told of blocked highways and stalled transportation facilities, Mr. Parrott will doubtless be able upon his return to supplement his African experiences with stories of his Arctic adventures.

WHEN WRITING THE HUCKERS

Assuming that they are following the program outlined in the latest word received from them, Dr. and Mrs. Hucker will leave New Zealand today for Sidney, Australia. Because of the disturbed conditions in the Orient, they have had to abandon their original plan of visiting China and Japan and instead will return home by way of Australia, Java, India, Egypt, the Mediterranean, and England, probably arriving in Geneva (N.Y.) early in March. Letters mailed prior to January 1 will reach the Huckers at Port Said about January 30. Mail should be addressed as follows: S. S. Rawalpindi, P. & O. Line, Arriving Jan. 30, Port Said, Egypt. For later mailings, address them in care of American Express, 4 Haymarket Square, London, and mail in time to reach London prior to February 11.

GOING TO INDIANAPOLIS?

If you are interested in attending the A. A. S. meetings in Indianapolis the week of December 27, Dr. Horsfall has some information about rates over the Lehigh railroad that will interest you. Briefly, the Lehigh will sell roundtrip transportation from Ithaca to Indianapolis at $\frac{1}{2}$ times the normal rate, ^{one way} assuming that a certain minimum number of persons make the trip. Present indications are that this minimum has already been met by the College delegation. Those going from Geneva can board the train here, altho it is necessary under the terms of the agreement that all tickets be purchased from Ithaca. At that, however, the plan represents a considerable saving. The only point that is still undecided is whether the group will leave Monday a.m. or p.m. Those making the trip may return at their own convenience. Dr. Horsfall can supply full details.



A NEW ARRIVAL

The first grandchild is quite an event according to Mr. O. F. Fanson who has a new grandson by the name of James Allen McLellan. Congratulations!

WITH VEGETABLE GROWERS

Mr. Tapley is in New York City attending the meetings of the Vegetable Growers Association of America which is holding forth there this week. Last Friday he addressed the Southern tier Vegetable Growers Association at Elmira.

GONE FOR THE WINTER

Mr. H. C. Hamilton, who spends a large share of his time in Geneva as an independent investigator on bacteriological problems, will spend Christmas with relatives in Detroit then depart for Puerto Rico for a winter vacation. Lucky fellow!

EXHIBIT PLANNING

Mr. Luckett was in Rochester Saturday to confer with the Secretary of the State Horticultural Society and the contractor in charge of construction for the Society's trade show on necessary work in connection with the joint educational exhibits of the College of Agriculture and the Station. Dr. Tukey was also in the big city on Saturday for a conference later in the day on the program for the four-day meeting of the Horticultural Society, beginning January 11. Dr. Tukey is also assisting the State Nurserymen's Association in plans for their annual meeting which will be held the same week.

DR. FARRAND HONORED

According to newspaper accounts, Dr. Farrand has been elected a member of the Board of Governors of the Society of the New York Hospital. He is one of 24 governors who constitute the Board and the 376th member to be elected since the Society received its charter from King George III in 1771.

DR. SHEAR

A recent communication from Dr. E. V. Shear, at one time plant pathologist for the Station's Hudson Valley Fruit Investigations laboratory at Poughkeepsie, conveys the information that he is now connected with the U. S. Horticultural Field Station at Beltsville, Md., where he is in charge of the Department of Agriculture's pear blight work, including the breeding of pears for resistance to blight.

A FARM CHEMURGIC JOURNAL

A request received recently from the Farm Chemurgic Council in Dearborn, Mich., for information about the progress of work on projects here at the Station having to do with research on industrial and other uses for agricultural products conveyed the information that the Council is about to inaugurate a quarterly journal to be known as the "Farm Chemurgic Journal".

THICKNESS OF CREAM

A prospectus of the January 1938 number of Farmer's Digest received here yesterday contains in the table of contents an entry reading "Increasing the Thickness of Cream" attributed to Farm Research—which constitutes the second citation to Farm Research in the Farmer's Digest.
