

STATION NEWS

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CHILDREN FIRST

Adults will be welcome at the Station Christmas party, but the festivities will be designed primarily to please the youngsters. Beginning at 5:00 o'clock Monday, December 20th, in Jordan Hall with light refreshments for all, there will be a short program for and by children and then—Santa Claus, of course! Mrs. Ellsworth Wheeler is in general charge of the party, ably assisted by a number of Santa's helpers.

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A REPORT TO THE GRANGE

Doctor Heinicke presented a report on the work of the Station before the New York State Grange in Syracuse yesterday afternoon. He outlined briefly the procedure followed in attacking a research problem and illustrated the nature of projects under investigation by specific examples. The Grange has always shown a keen interest in the work of the Station, having been one of the farm organizations that initiated the experiment station idea back in the 1880's, and the report of the Director is always given an important spot on the program.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Doctor Reinking was named a member of a special committee on International Cooperation and Reorganization set up by the American Phytopathological Society at the recent meeting of the Society in Columbus, Ohio.

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SEED TESTING

Mrs. Robert Howes was recently appointed as a technician in the Seed Testing Laboratory to assist in the coming busy season in that laboratory. She was formerly employed in the Geneva General Hospital.

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RECUPERATING

Jim Hamilton is recuperating in the Clifton Springs Sanitarium from an attack of the prevailing malady. Several others in the Station group are having or have had bouts with the "cat fever" bug, or a closely related ailment, but only those who get into the hospital rate special attention.

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CERTIFIED SEEDS

The recent meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association in Chicago was a pronounced success, according to all reports. More or less uniform standards of certification for each seed commodity for the United States and Canada were formulated and accepted. New York State was well represented by two certified seed growers; by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Bruce Jones of Hall; and by representatives of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the College of Agriculture, and the Station. Mr. Munn participated in some of the committee meetings having to do with the writing of laboratory procedures. He also reported upon the control work with seed potatoes since New York is the first state to control the sale of potatoes as seed.

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ON WORK DETAIL

Two Keuka College students, Miss Dorothy Leaver and Miss Betty LaRobardiere, are working out their "work detail" for the next two months here at the Station. Miss Leaver is assisting Professor Ellsworth Wheeler and Miss LaRobardiere is assisting Doctor Breed.

THE SCHROEDERS MOVE IN

Doctor Schroeder, newcomer to the Plant Pathology Division, and his family have taken up their residence at 659 Castle Street, familiarly known as the "Dahlberg" house.

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FAMILY REUNION

Doctor and Mrs. Pederson and Carolyn are leaving tomorrow for Milwaukee where they will be joined by Jane, who is studying at the University of Wisconsin, and by Donald, who is in a boys' school in Deep Springs, California. They expect to spend Christmas with Doctor Pederson's parents in Tomah, Wis., and will visit relatives in Madison and Mineral Point before returning to Geneva.

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HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Charles Lockett arrived home yesterday for the holidays from the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa.

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A CORRECTION

Extension Echoes carries an announcement that Professor R. C. Allen of the Department of Floriculture at Cornell has not resigned his position, but is on leave for one year, and is now serving as executive secretary of the American Rose Society.

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BEN CLARK HERE

Ben Clark, formerly with the Seed Testing Laboratory, was in Geneva last week on furlough from the A. S. T. P. at the University of Pennsylvania.

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"TWENTY YEARS AGO"

Under the above caption, the Geneva Daily Times last Friday carried the following item: "Cold weather holds no terror for George Slate and J. C. Marquardt of the Experiment Station staff, who yesterday (December 9, 1923) took a 'dip' in Seneca Lake and reported the water 'fine!'".

Turning to the files of the Station News of approximately that date, we find the following: "The majority of the Station staff missed an opportunity to see its water nymphs, George Slate and J. C. Marquardt, disporting themselves upon the beach of Seneca Lake near the outlet a few days ago, and apparently enjoying a plunge into its chilly waters. However, the 'sea urchins' promise to give due notice of their contemplated January plunge so that anyone who does not care to enter into the festivities may at least enjoy the role of spectator. It is said that iced tea and Eskimo pie (remember that confection) will be served as refreshment."

Search of later issues of the News make it appear that the boys must have abandoned the swimming project; at least there is no reference to the January splash, if any.

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LT. TUKEY

Lt. Loren Tukey is home on a furlough from Camp Lee where he graduated from the Quartermaster's School and was commissioned on December 10th. Congratulations, Lieutenant! Loren returns to Camp Lee the last of the week.

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STANDARD METHODS

Doctor Breed was in New York Monday for a meeting of the American Public Health Association committee on Standard Methods for Dairy Products.

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MR. ANSLEY

Lawrence Ansley, formerly of the Soil Conservation Service and who took his "boot" training at Sampson a few months ago, is now rated as a hospital attendant first class and is stationed at the Bremerton Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash.