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OFFICE HOURS

The Director has announced that, beginning January 3, the regular office hours at the Station for the months of January and February will be 8:30 to 5:00, with the noon hour off for lunch. This is expected to conserve electricity during the morning hours and should make it possible to have the offices reasonably warm by 8:30. It has also been announced that the Station offices will close at noon on December 24th and 31st.

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CANNER'S SCHOOL CANCELLED

For the second time, the extension school for canners' fieldmen and canning crop growers has been cancelled. Heretofore, the school has been held early in March, usually at the Station, for the purpose of acquainting the fieldmen and growers with the latest information on all phases of canning crop production as supplied by the professors from the College and the Station. Difficulties in feeding, housing, and transportation dictate the decision to call off the 1944 school. Instead, the specialists will prepare brief summaries of their new information which will be mimeographed and circulated among interested persons.

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MAKING PLANS

Mr. P. J. McManus who is in charge of the insecticide division of the GLF, with headquarters in Ithaca, conferred with the entomologists yesterday on spray programs and insecticide requirements for 1944, with the view of planning for the approaching season.

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ENROUTE TO ITHACA

Mr. E. F. Taschenberg who keeps things going at the Vineyard Laboratory at Fredonia during the growing season, at least so far as the insect control work is concerned, is here at the Station for a few days prior to resuming graduate work at Cornell.

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AIDING DR. MOYER

Miss Helen Ferris of Geneva has taken up her duties as technician in the Chemistry Division and will assist in vitamin analysis of food products in connection with the dehydration studies. Miss Ferris is a sister of Fred Ferris formerly with the Dairy Division here.

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c/o POSTMASTER, NEW YORK

A formal post office notice addressed to the Editor of the NEWS conveyed the information that the correct address for Captain Edward H. Smith, 45th Replacement Battalion, was now APO No. 9191, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. That means only one thing, of course, and here's wishing Ed the best of luck and a speedy return trip.

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MAKING PLANS

Mr. Slate has been representing the Geneva group in arranging for a Cornell-Geneva meeting of members of the American Society of Horticultural Science which is to be held in Ithaca on December 30th. The Society is holding a number of regional meetings rather than a national meeting, due to transportation difficulties.

## DOCTOR FELT

Dr. E. Porter Felt who died last week in his office at the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories in Stamford, Conn., at the age of 75, was well known here at the Station thru his 30 years of service as State Entomologist. For many years he was also editor of the Journal of Economic Entomology. In the summer of 1941, Doctor Felt attracted considerable attention when he made a study of the wind drift of insects, both beneficial and harmful types, which had drifted on wind currents onto the 86th floor of the building.

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## GOES TO CONNECTICUT

Mr. Richard Eglinton, former City Bacteriologist with laboratory headquarters in the Bacteriology Division here, has taken up his new duties with the Connecticut State Department of Health in Hartford. He will be in charge of the sanitation work of the Department and will be associated with Dr. F. Lee Mickle who spent several months at the Station a few years back on a study of milk sanitation problems. Our best wishes to Dick for every success and happiness in his new job.

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## NEW BOOKS

Miss Jennings lists the following books which have been recently acquired by the Library:

Gainey, P. L.	Microbiology of water and sewage.
Schopfer, W. H.	Plants and vitamins.
Mayr, Ernest	Systematics and the origin of species.
Wyman, Donald	Crabapples for America.
Harris, R. S., and Thimann, K. V.	Vitamins and hormones. V. 1.

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## NOT WOUNDED

A letter to the Pomology Division from Pfc. R. E. McDonald vehemently refutes the prevailing opinion that he was wounded in the Sicilian campaign. Bob is in a hospital in North Africa, but he says he was sent back there for a minor operation and for attention to his teeth and eyes. He writes that he is getting along very well and doesn't want to have to do a lot of explaining about his "wounds" when he gets back home. Well, it is good news anyway. Bob was formerly employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on a cooperative fruit breeding project with the Station.

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## MOVING IN

Mr. Marquardt has moved into his new office in Jordan Hall and will soon be ready for visitors. Jules attended a testimonial dinner to William F. McDonough in Albany last week upon the latter's retirement as Assistant Director of the Department of Agriculture and Markets. "Mac", as he has been known to most of us for many years, has been named executive representative of the State Association of Civil Service Employees of which he is a former president and chairman of the legislative committee.

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## GOOD OLD SANTA

Santa's appearance put the finishing touch on the Christmas party Monday evening both for the youngsters and the grown-ups. Until late last week it was not known whether Santa could make the grade, what with the flu and all, but he was there with bells and everything. Elaine Kokoski added to the festivities by rendering "A White Christmas" wholly impromptu for Santa's benefit. But the real pay-off for Santa came when little Dorothy Lee Mack presented him with a bag of cookies and candies and a wish for a merry Christmas, all on her own. Jamie Deuel's movies added much to the gaiety of the evening. Orchids for a delightful time go to Professor and Mrs. Wheeler who were in general charge, to Mrs. Carruth who served as Santa's assistant in rounding up the gifts, to Dorothy Metcalf for the attractive decorations of the tree and stage, to Mrs. Brooks for the supper for the children, to Mrs. Magic for the refreshments for the so-called adults, and to all who helped in various ways to make the affair a complete success.

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## THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

It seems a bit ironical to say "Merry Christmas" these days when for so many it is a difficult time to be merry, but we do wish for one and all a happy Christmas season and a brighter and truly happy New Year.

