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MORE AND BETTER CORN : Dr. H. K. Hayes, head of the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics at the University of Minnesota and for the present academic year guest Professor of Plant Breeding at Cornell, gave an interesting account of the methods and results in a modern corn breeding program before the December meeting of the Staff last Monday. Dr. R. A. Emerson, head of the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell, was also present and contributed to the discussion that followed Dr. Hayes' remarks.

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TALKED : Dr. Pederson and Dr. Kelly attended a meeting of the National Kraut ON KRAUT : Packers Association in Rochester last week, when Dr. Pederson spoke on his studies on the factors affecting the quality of sauerkraut.

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THE STATE : Dr. Horsfall, Dr. Glasgow, and Mr. Sayre are on the program of the CANNERS : annual meeting of the New York State Canners Association which is to be held in Rochester tomorrow and Friday.

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VIRUS DISEASES : The next in the series of plant science seminars will be held Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m., in Jordan Hall, when Dr. Rankin will lead a discussion on the subject of virus diseases. As usual, everyone interested in the topic is invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES : The December meeting of the University Club will be held next Monday evening in the grill room at the Hotel Seneca, with supper at 6:30. Dean Mosher of Syracuse University will speak on "The Breakdown in the Control of Public Utilities."

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A SPRAY CONFERENCE : Specialists in plant diseases and insect pests from the Departments of Plant Pathology and Entomology at Ithaca, together with the spray service men from the leading fruit counties of the State, will meet at the Station next Wednesday for an all-day conference on the important developments of the past season and to discuss plans for the coming year. The Station pathologists, entomologists, and chemists interested in fruit problems will participate in the meeting. On Thursday, the group will move on to Ithaca for further discussion of particular disease and insect problems.

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"COMING EVENTS" : We are indebted to the Extension Office at the College of Agriculture for the mimeographed list of "Coming Events" which were distributed yesterday. Important farm meetings at the College and elsewhere are listed up to the first of April.

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PLAN FOR DAIRY MEETINGS : Dr. Breed attended a conference of leaders in the dairy field in Syracuse last Monday to discuss plans for a series of meetings to be held in Albany next month. The organizations concerned include the State Dairymen's Association, the State Breeders Association, the State Agricultural Society, the Guernsey Breeders Association, and the New York State Jersey Cattle Club. The meetings are scheduled for January 18 to 20.

DR. HEDRICK : Altho still confined to his room, Dr. Hedrick is reported as being IMPROVING : somewhat better. It is expected, however, that he will continue the rest treatment that has been prescribed for him for sometime to come.

THE GERMANS : The November 15 number of Die Ernährung der Pflanze, published ARE INTERESTED : in Berlin, contains a lengthy review of Technical Bulletin No. 176 of this Station by Messrs. Sayre, Willaman, and Kertesz on "Factors Affecting the Quality of Commercial Canning Peas."

"RADIO: We are indebted to Dr. and Mrs. Mack for a copy of the Radio News issued NEWS" : by the Dollar Steamship Lines on all of their ships. This particular copy comes from the S.S. President Coolidge while enroute from Havana to Cristobal. It is strictly a news sheet, carrying United Press dispatches and without any shipboard gossip.

RECENT : Among those visiting the Station recently was a group of about 20 STUDENTS : dents comprising a class in botany at the College of Agriculture at Ithaca that visited the Seed Laboratory last Thursday under the direction of Dr. W. C. Muenscher. They spent a two-hour lecture period in the Seed Laboratory as part of the regular work of the course. Other visitors in the Seed Laboratory included J. F. Ferrell of the lawn seed department of Macy's department store in New York City and J. C. Pooler and his committee of three from the State Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany who are concerned with drawing up specifications for the purchase of seeds for the several State institution farms.

DISILLU- : Some thirty-odd workers about the Station who assembled in one of the SIONED! : laboratories of the Pomology Division yesterday to witness what was announced as an educational display of skill and science in the selection of the future owner of a few-weeks-old pup found to their dismay that it was nothing but a raffle after all, when the promoter of the enterprise emerged the winner. An investigation has been opened to determine if the lucky ticket was secreted under the corner of the box from which the drawings were made. Being well supplied with dogs, the promoter, who must remain anonymous, auctioned off the little pup, Dr. Tukey being the successful bidder.

THE : About eighty members of the Station Club, initiates, and their friends attended the meeting and tea held last Friday afternoon in Jordan Hall. It was a colorful and highly enjoyable affair, and the Social Committee is to be congratulated on such an auspicious opening of the "season". Amid appropriate ceremonies presided over by President Stewart, 11 new members were initiated into the mysteries of the Club, while 8 or 10 others who are eligible failed to appear for an official introduction and welcome. In addition, six others were made Associate members. The 11 new members are Dr. Shuck, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Crosier, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Jorgensen, Mrs. Kertesz, Mr. E. C. Smith, Miss Sill, Mrs. Nyce, and Miss Sharpe. The new Associates are Miss Silverman, Miss Parrott, Miss Mayalene Stewart, Donald Collins, Mr. Rouse, and Mr. Kloser. In straightening up after the party, it was discovered that someone had carried off one of Mr. Jahn's choice cyclamens--one that was being developed in connection with selection work with these flowers. While decorations at the Station parties are usually distributed among the committee in charge, particularly cut flowers, potted plants are not generally included, and Mr. Jahn would especially welcome the return of this particular specimen.

AND NOW THE : Tuesday, December 20, promises to be another red letter day CHRISTMAS PARTY : in Station social circles for that is the date set for the Christmas mas party. The cast for "In Santa's Workshop" has been selected and is to be limited to talent falling between the ages of 5 to 12. A rehearsal for this group will be held at 10:30 next Saturday morning in Jordan Hall, and Miss Margaret Parrott and Mrs. Chapman have offered to act as a committee on transportation for any who need their services. All of the children of the staff, ranging in age from 5 to 18 are asked to help out in a second feature of the program--the singing of Christmas carols. There will be a rehearsal for this group also next Saturday morning, beginning about 11:15.