

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY : Front page news this week is concerned chiefly with the doings of "our children", at the Annual Christmas Party of the Station Club held last night. The party, to say it mildly, was a complete success from beginning to end. Never before has the group been larger nor the enthusiasm run higher. From five o'clock, when supper was served until Santa left at seven there was more than enough to hold the interest of everyone. The decorated Christmas tree with the tables arranged about it made a lovely picture. The supper was excellent and we have discovered that all the credit for the delicious ice cream should go to Mrs. Stewart.

In the play "Santa's Workshop" presented under the direction of Mrs. Tapley, Mrs. Van Eseltine, Mrs. Pederson and Margaret Parrott, announced by John Van Alstyne, each child participating proved a real helper to Santa Claus, not only in making toys but in providing delightful entertainment for the whole group. The carols were sung with real spirit and when Santa Claus arrived the climax of the evening was reached. Every child received gifts.

Professor and Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Hervey with her committees deserve a great deal of thanks for giving us all a real Christmas party.

THE A. A. S. : The Station will be well represented when the American Association for the Advancement of Science meets in Atlantic City on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of December. Representatives on the program of the Twenty-ninth Annual meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science include Mr. Wellington reporting on crosses between grape varieties, Dr. Tukey giving a report on the artificial culture of abortive embryos of sweet cherry and Dr. Tukey and Mr. Brase discussing the relation between cion top, stem piece, and rootstock in the growth of doubleworked apple trees. Dr. Nebel will report the results of work on the thickness of skins in sweet cherries in relation to cracking.

Prof. Parrott will speak for the Entomologists on the Codling Moth in New York, Dr. Chapman on the Apple Maggot, Dr. Glasgow on the Cherry Fruit Fly and Mr. Hartzell has two papers which present results of his work with tar distillate sprays.

Dr. Horsfall will attend the meetings from the Plant Pathology Department and will present a paper on the influence of root rot in peas.

BACTERIOLOGISTS MEET ALSO : At the same time that the "Association" meetings are being held in Atlantic City the Society of American Bacteriologists will be holding their 34th Annual Meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The program of that Society reveals that our Bacteriology Division will take a prominent part and that in the list of authors presenting papers six from this Station are included. The following names appear on the program: Dr. Breed, Dr. Conn, Dr. Hucker, Dr. Pederson, Dr. Yale, and Mr. Hofer.

IN ALBANY : Dr. Breed is in Albany for a day or so. While we have the Bacteriologists in mind, it is reported that a Christmas present of real "live" lobsters to one of that Division made a gala occasion for the entire Department at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Breed.

BETTER AND BETTER : Every day "Good News" comes from the hospital. Dr. Hedrick is improving each day and we hope by next week to report a still greater progress.

ADDED TO SICK LIST : We are sorry to have to add Mr. Streeter's name to our sick list. Mr. Enzie we find also is absent on account of illness. Hope to hear good news from each of these soon.

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HOMECOMINGS : MaryElizabeth Wellington and John Parrott are home for their first
-----: "holidays" after their first few months of being "away at school".
Imagine none of us will ever forget what that first Christmas holiday meant.

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FROM FREDONIA : Mr. Cooley who is stationed at Fredonia spent a few days at the
-----: Station last week in conference with Dr. Rankin on their work with
virus diseases of raspberries. Mr. Cooley will spend the winter at Fredonia this
year.

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SPEAKS IN : Mr. Stewart spoke at the Plant Pathology Seminar at Cornell Univer-
ITHACA : sity last week on his work with potato diseases.

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FORMER : A recent member of Science announces the death on Nov. 9th. of
HORTICULTURIST : Dr. Heinrich Hasselbring, Physiologist in the U. S. Department of
-----: Agriculture. Dr. Hasselbring was Assistant Horticulturist at this
Station from Nov. 1st. 1900 to Aug. 1, 1901.

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SPRAY SERVICE : Last Wednesday Dr. Glasgow, Horsfall and Forvey attended a meet-
MEETINGS : ing of the County Agents interested particularly in diseases and
-----: insect pests of vegetable crops and each spoke before the group.
On Friday the same group came to the Station and held a conference with the men from
the Entomology and Plant Pathology Divisions.

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MOVING IN : A report on the progress being made in moving into the new green-
-----: houses seems to reveal that practically all of the plants have been mov-
ed from the old houses and that work is still in progress with installation of e-
quipment, walks etc.

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ON : Mr. Gloyer is taking a little of his vacation this week.
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WILL BE HOME : Miss Charlotte Stewart arrives in Geneva on Saturday to spend the
-----: Christmas Recess with her family.

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ALWAYS GLAD TO : From the Sunny Southland comes the annual letter to the Editor
HEAR : and all to whom it may concern from Mr. Hawthorn who you will re-
-----: member used to have his place of business with Mr. Sayre in the De-
partment of Vegetable Crops. Mr. Hawthorn seems to be very happy in his work in
Texas and seems to be accomplishing a good bit too. Some of his recent bulletins
have been received at the Station. He reports that Mrs. Hawthorn and Shirley are in
splendid health and enjoying the Southern winters with only a note of pity for those
of us who have to stand the rigors of our own.

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DOWN SOUTH : Speaking of the Sunny South, Mr. Crawford of the Entomology Divi-
-----: sion has gone to his home in South Caroling for a short vacation.

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AHOY! : Those aquatically minded will do well to make a trip to the dairy build-
-----: ing to see a huge tub. The trip must be taken soon however before this
turns into a brine tank for the refrigerating system being installed.