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---A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL---

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BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS : The Christmas party in Jordan Hall last Thursday evening exceeded all expectations, but then the Christmas party always does. More than 175 persons, including the Girl Scouts who served the supper, were on hand to greet Santa when he came down the chimney, and the spontaneous response from the younger members of the audience left no doubt of the reality of Santa Claus. One small girl even went so far as to lay plans to trace the reindeer tracks in the snow the next morning, but unfortunately the warm weather softened up the snow to such an extent that she was unable to find them. It was a grand party, with most attractive decorations and an excellent supper, thanks to Dr. Horsfall and his efficient committee.

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A QUIET WEEK : The Station is a quiet place this week, what with the large number away attending meetings of various scientific societies and with several out on vacation. Among those attending the Boston meetings are Mr. Stewart, Dr. Horsfall, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Tukey, Mr. Van Eseltine, Mr. Tapley, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Sayre, Mr. Wellington, Mr. Collison, Mr. Harlan, Mr. Parrott, Dr. Chapman, Dr. Hervey, Dr. Daniel, Dr. Hockett, Mr. Harman, Mr. Dean, and Dr. Collins. Bound for Philadelphia to attend the meetings of the Society of American Bacteriologists are Dr. Breed, Dr. Hucker, Dr. Conn, Dr. Pederson, Dr. Kelly, and Mr. Hansen.

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JUST COME TO HAND : A list of the papers to be presented by members of the Staff before the American Association for Horticultural Science in Boston this week has just come to hand. It is as follows:

The Breeding of Grapes for Juice Purposes, R. Wellington

Purple Raspberry Breeding, G. D. Slate

A Source of Error in Fertilizer Tests of Cannery Peas, C. B. Sayre

Anomalous Embryos of Cultivated Varieties of Prunus, with Particular Reference to Fruit Breeding, H. B. Tukey

Growth Curves of Pericarp, Seed, and Embryo of Peaches Ripening at Different Seasons, H. B. Tukey

Trials with Stocks for Pears in New York, H. B. Tukey and K. D. Brase

In addition to the above papers and to his duties as Secretary of the Association, Dr. Tukey is also presenting a paper before the American Botanical Society on "Some Aspects of Artificial Culture of Embryos of Prunus."

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PLEASURE SEEKERS : In addition to those who are away for professional improvement, several folks are on pleasure bent before their 1933 vacation allowance lapses, including Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Cooper Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Willits, Miss Rogers, Dr. Shuck, and Mr. and Mrs. Hening. And speaking of vacations, the Director calls attention to the fact that vacations "run" with the calendar year and that the allotted period is supposed to be taken all at one time, except where the Station, because of the nature of the individual's work, might be better served by having the vacation broken into two periods. Any further division of the time is highly undesirable, and the Director is desirous that 1934 vacations be planned with the Station regulations in mind.

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XMAS GUESTS : When one cannot go home for Christmas, the next best thing is to have the home folks come for a visit. The Henings are entertaining Mrs. Hening's people, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Evans of Minneapolis; while Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Waugh of Chicago are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Chapman. Mr. Clifford Evers of the Birdseye Laboratory is spending a few days with the Tresslers.

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MORE : Four carpenters went to work at the Station yesterday under the auspices
CWA : of the CWA. At present they are engaged upon repairs to the dairy barn.
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FRUIT : At a recent meeting in Rochester, definite plans were drawn up with the
SHOW : contractor for the joint exhibit of the College and the Station at the
-----: winter meeting of the State Horticultural Society, January 10 to 12. With
this show only two weeks away and with the activities of the holiday season inter-
vening, we take this opportunity to suggest to those who take part in this exhibit
that they begin to think about their needs in the way of signs and equipment. A
floor plan of the exhibit space can be seen in the Editor's office.

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MR. ENZIE : Word from the Enzies tells of the safe arrival of Mr. Enzie at Long
ARRIVES : Beach, California where he joined Mrs. Enzie and the children. Mr.
-----: Enzie reached Long Beach on Thursday, Dec. 21, having left here on
Friday morning, Dec. 15. The distance is 3,480 miles. While Walt. didn't average
80 miles per hour, he must have plugged away to make such good time.

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SPOKE IN : Mr. Wellington addressed the Connecticut Pomological Society in Hart-
HARTFORD : ford last week. His topic was small fruits and grapes.
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TO TALK IN : Mr. Hartzell is to appear before the Maryland Horticultural Society
MARYLAND : at its meeting in College Park, Maryland, next Tuesday to discuss the
-----: control of the rosy aphid with particular reference to the new tar
distillate emulsions with which he has been working for the past several years.

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A BIRD : Under the leadership of Mr. Van Eseltine, the Geneva Ornithological So-
CENSUS : ciety has again undertaken the winter bird census for the National Audu-
-----: bon Society. Mr. Hartzell and John Parrott, among the Station group,
assisted in taking this year's census which was completed yesterday. Some thirty-
odd species of birds were identified as making their winter home here, including at
least two robins. To Mr. Hartzell fell the lot of assisting in counting the crows
in a roost near Canandaigua. In one hour, he counted over 2,700 of these birds re-
turning to the roost in one line of flight. Taking into account the numbers coming
in from other directions, it is believed that nearly 15,000 of these creatures re-
turned to that one roosting place for the night.

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THE SCIENCE : The Directors of the Science Seminar announce the following schedule
SEMINARS : of topics and leaders for the next few weeks:
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- Jan. 3.--Bacterial Fermentation, C. S. Pederson.
- Jan. 17.--Fungicidal Value of Sulfur, J. M. Hamilton.
- Jan. 31.--Plant Relationships, G. P. Van Eseltine.
- Feb. 14.--How Copper Kills, J. G. Horsfall.
- Feb. 28.--Some Chemical Aspects of Fruit Juices, W. F. Walsh.
- Mar. 14.--Selected Problems in Modern Genetics, Curt Stern, Kaiser Wilhelm
Inst. fur Biologie, Berlin.

Dr. Pederson's seminar will be held next Wednesday at 7:15.

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A TRIBUTE TO : Director Sievers of the Mass. Exp. Sta. quotes from a history of
DR. THATCHER : Mass. State College, as follows: "President Roscoe Thatcher--people
-----: notice him quickly, then look a second time. There is something a-
bout his appearance--the Titan body, the deeply lined open face--that suggests the
Nebraskan prairies where he spent his youth. There is nothing temperamentally timid
about this man. He is making a good impression particularly upon his staff. They
like his genuineness, his courage, his horse sense, even his occasional bluntness."
Prof. Sievers concludes, "This is a fair and comprehensive statement of the qualities
for which those who loved him most knew him best. I know of no finer tribute."
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