



SEASON'S WISHES

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RECORD NUMBER GREET SANTA CLAUS

Old St. Nick can't quite keep up with the growing Station family. Almost 300 youngsters and oldsters were present at last Friday's Station Club Party for the gentleman's brief pre-holiday visit. The younger generation, numbering 130-plus, proved to be more numerous than Santa expected. This week, he sends sincere apologies with three or four gifts which apparently fell from his pack as he left his North Pole headquarters. It wasn't many years ago when Santa could find time to personally pass out all the gifts in the time he had allotted for the Station visit. Not only is this no longer possible, but he's having quite a time even getting all of the gifts into his pack.

The usual eating space was expanded into the auditorium to accommodate all of the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Holley and their helpers managed to get all of the young 'uns fed in smooth order. Assisting them with the provisions were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Steinkraus, Mrs. Sondheimer, and the Dolans. Aiding Mr. and Mrs. Carleton with the adult refreshments were the Hofers, Mrs. Gambrell, Mrs. Slate, Miss Lavin, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Rickey, Mrs. Braun, Mrs. Kertesz, Mrs. Avens, and Miss Updike. Following the eats, the youngsters repaired to the auditorium to trolly to the accompaniment of Mr. Bigelow. Then there were the slides taken at last summer's picnic after which Mr. Hanson exceeded the program provided by the boys and girls. Performing were Mary and Bradley Davis who vocalized on "Away in a Manger"; Elaine Atkin who did a realistic job of portraying "Bill" in a poem, "Just Before Christmas"; Barbara Brase rendering "The Blue Danube" on the piano; Linda Szkolnik reciting "Christmas"; Doris Szkolnik singing "Rudolph"; Tommy Patrick who manipulated the 88 keys for a couple of numbers; David and Allen Vittum and David Robinson whose candid T-V commercial would probably have gotten them all fired; and Kenny Braun who wound things up with his rendition of "Moonlight Sonata" on the piano. All performed commendably. It was at this point that Santa arrived to distribute gifts to the children and end the evening on a note of gaiety. The holiday air was complete with the colorful tree and decorations arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Glass. Special thanks go to Mrs. Kimball and Mr. Lamb who assisted in the local arrangements for Santa Claus, and to the J. W. Smith Company who gave a hand in the wardrobe department. And our sincere thanks to the engineers of the entire affair, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Way.

GIVES PLANT BREEDING SEMINAR

Mr. Klein was the speaker at last Friday's Plant Breeding Seminar at the College of Agriculture. He was in his glory as he delved into his avocation, "Gladiolus Breeding".

VISITS SEED LAB

Professor C. E. Farnsworth of the College of Forestry at Syracuse called on the folks in the Seed Department yesterday. Mr. Farnsworth is a professor of silviculture and spent some time with Dr. Clark and Mr. Heit in discussing the certification of tree seeds.

VISITORS FROM WYOMING

Guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Atkin in Phelps are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nelson of Cheyenne, Wyoming. They arrived here earlier this month and will spend Christmas with the Atkin family.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Laverne Herink will spend Christmas at home this year. He'll head for Rochester tomorrow and will board a plane for his flight to Clutier, Iowa.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pedersen who last week gained the singular honor of becoming great-grandparents. We doubt if anyone else at the Station can claim this distinction. The newcomer is the 8 lb. 11 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder of Geneva. Mrs. Schroeder is a granddaughter of the Pedersens.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

The Tashiros will spend Christmas visiting in Chicago.....Dr. Karl Li of FS&T will be Christmasing in New York City.....Foster Gambrell, Jr., and Romaine Hervey are sojourning in Florida's sunnier climes. Can't say that we blame them.

CLASSIFIED

There were no children left over from the Station Party, but there is a child's muff and a pair of rubbers which are too small for the Editor.

GREETINGS FROM OTHER LANDS

Mr. Kadri Akhat, who spent some time with the entomologists about two years ago, sends greetings to the Station from his native Turkey.....The Frank Boyle's send the following message from Hawaii: "E hoolaulea i keia ka la Kalikimaka me ka leo haipule no ka Makahiki Hou". (According to our pet Humahumanukamuka apuaha, this means Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....And Carleton, Marie and Squee Cain say "Feliz Navidad y Feliz Ano Nuevo" from their sabbatic post in Costa Rica. They go on to say that "After a surprising short period of readjustment we have settled down to thoroughly enjoying living in the land of the 'Ticos', as the native Costa Ricans are called. The movies, television, autos and thousands of other things we thought were necessary have quickly become unimportant. The temperature varies from 65 to 75 with only slight annual variation...plan to visit the Panama Canal before leaving here...Most of the staff are from Central and South America and most speak some English. Squee attends a special school for American pupils with six others. He's collecting butterflies which abound here. The towns have open markets, meat hanging in windows, pretty flowers, gaily colored ox carts and many barefooted people..."...From beautiful Alaska comes our annual greeting from the Curtis Dearborn family. The twins, now 12 years old, joined their Dad in a moose hunt and the threesome brought home two of the big critters. If you like moose steak or mooseburgers, they're leaving the latchstring out for you....Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mickelsen send Christmas and New Year greetings from Frederikshavn, Denmark. Despite too much rainfall, both are feeling fine and enjoying their visit to Europe and the old country. By this time, they're visiting in Germany....Our most recent card comes from much closer to home--the land of Massachusetts, to be exact. Greetings from 36 Butterfield Terrace at Amherst were sent by the Wishnetskys. Say they: "Enclosed is our one dollar bill for the Station News for 1955. Needless to say, we enjoy keeping up-to-date on some of the happenings at the Station. Our best regards to everyone at the Station". (The NEWS editor is using his own medium to thank Ted for the nice card and to advise him that he forgot to enclose the buck!)

CHAT CHAT

Andrea Braun made a quick trip to the hospital last Friday (after the party) to get rid of a couple of tonsils. She's home now and expects to be in A-1 shape for the big day.....Donald and Marlene Crosier have arrived home from their studies at Cornell for the holiday vacation.....Leo Klein is with us for the same period of time and will be giving a hand on the exhibits for the Rochester Hort Society Show... Mr. H. J. Price of Karragullen, Western Australia, sends his thanks for the hospitality shown him on his October visit to the Station. "I would like to thank you most sincerely for the courtesy and cooperation shown during my visit to your country. As a matter of fact, it was of the very highest order throughout the complete trip. The sharing of information was greatly appreciated, as well as the time devoted to me personally....We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. and Mrs. Moyer enroute to Sydney last week...Kindest regards and very best wishes for a Happy Xmas and a successful New Year to you at Geneva".

CULLED FROM EXCHANGES

The United Press again provides the week's top news story. This one originated in Rochester where a noted authority on dogs says that chastisement isn't the way to stop a dog from howling. The dog may be frustrated, according to Clarence E. Harbison, and should be taken to a psychiatrist...Wonder if this is covered by Blue Cross?

The members of the Publications Department send sincere wishes for a joyous and relaxing holiday to all readers of the Station News.
