



STATION NEWS

Vol. 63, No. 25

December 29, 1954

Geneva, N. Y.

A GREAT MAN PASSES

A man who accomplished more in his half century of "retirement" than in his shorter active career passed away on Christmas. He was Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, a monument in the field of plant science. Neither space nor words can do justice to the one-time Dean of the College of Agriculture--only those who have been fortunate enough to know the man can appreciate what his ability, personality, and spirit have meant to the past two generations of botanists, agronomists, horticulturists, and agriculturists. And the generations to come are endowed with the fabulous contributions which Liberty Hyde Bailey has made in their behalf. His published books number over a hundred; his medals, citations, and honorary memberships into several hundreds; and his encyclopedias now serve as the highest authority in the plant world. He journeyed into remote corners of the world in collecting and classifying the thousands of plants which make up the Bailey Hortorium at Cornell University. His most recent expedition was cut short on the eve of his departure to Africa when he suffered a broken leg in a fall in New York City at the age of 91. His spirit was unbroken but his body could not maintain the pace. The failure of eyesight and other faculties forced Liberty Hyde Bailey into genuine retirement. The world of science has lost a strong pillar--but science is on a firmer foundation for his having been with us.

TO GREET 1955 IN CALIFORNIA

Dr. and Mrs. Hand will greet 1955 three hours after their friends in Geneva. The pair left Geneva on Monday for a flying trip to California where the FS&T head is visiting several food laboratories with an eye peeled toward possibilities for the Station's new Food Processing Building. During a stopover in Chicago, Dr. Hand visited a laboratory in that city, then went on to continue his itinerary at Davis, Albany, and San Fernando. He also plans to call on Dr. E. A. Beavens at the Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry Laboratory in Pasadena. Dr. Beavens was a member of the Station staff in the late 1930's. The Hands will spend the holiday weekend at the home of Dr. Hand's mother and sister in Santa Ana.

NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Confirmation of two new Station appointments have been received at the Director's office. Miss Patricia Rayno replaces Mrs. Virginia Schramm as stenographer in Pomology. Miss Rayno is a native of Glens Falls and was previously employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. She resides on Lewis Street....Mr. Albert King of Westfield, N. Y., is a new research assistant in FS&T, working in Sturtevant Hall. He graduated from Trinity College in 1949, received his Master's degree at Cornell in 1954 and has had five years of experience in teaching science. He is a veteran of World War II and is not married. The NEWS takes pleasure in welcoming the newcomers.

MRS. MISHANEC BEREAVED

The Christmas holidays were saddened for Mrs. William Mishanec when her mother passed away on Sunday morning at Olean. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

FORMER STATIONITE RETURNS TO MANILA

Dr. Otto Reinking, retired head of the Station's Plant Pathology Department, is on a 90-day visit to the Philippine Islands for the Foreign Operations Administration. Dr. Reinking has made several trips to that area since leaving Geneva a few years ago. The news come from Mrs. L. O. Weaver, wife of another former Station pathologist. Dr. and Mrs. Weaver are living in Maryland and report a recent dinner engagement with yet another former Station family, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Nebel. Dr. Nebel is with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington. Incidentally, Dr. Weaver is mentioned in an article on fungicides appearing in the January issue of Reader's Digest.

Seems like only yesterday when we said goodbye to Dr. Maria Pantidou who earned her Ph D while working as a graduate assistant in Plant Path. She returned to her native Greece last August and is already back on this continent. Dr. Pantidou is serving as a mycologist at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph.

IN APPRECIATION

Mr. Atkinson wishes to express his gratitude to the people in Hedrick Hall for their thoughtfulness at Christmastime.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Geneva campus is somewhat deserted this week as many workers are extending their vacations at their homes. Several others made the round trip on the three-day weekend....Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs went to their hometown of Machias, near Olean.... Dr. Gilmer is visiting his parents at Washington....Dr. Hamilton spent Christmas with his mother near Toronto....Miss Rayno went home to Glens Falls....Dr. and Mrs. Lamb and son gathered around the tree at her home in Canastota....The Doctors Wilson visited both homesteads at Columbus and at Medina, Ohio.

CHIT CHAT

Spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glass are Mr. Lewis Webb and daughters of Boydton, Va. Mr. Webb and Mrs. Glass are brother and sister....Bill Mookhoek is taking the rest of the year off for his vacation....Doris Traphagen reports that she and her mother put in a phone call on Christmas Day to her ice-bound sister, Bernice, up in Alaska. It took some time to warm up the lines in the northland for the connection was completed at two o'clock in the morning. Nurse Bernice stated that the weather was ideal for Christmas,—a foot of snow on the ground, more falling, and the mercury gelling at minus 25....Members of the Entomology Department were guests at a dessert party given by Mrs. Hugh Glasgow on Sunday evening. The bug people trolled a few carols for their supper....Christmas greetings from the southern hemisphere came from Miss Isabelle Chartres, former stenog in the Chemistry Building. She left here about 5 years ago to join the Department of State. She's currently stationed in Buenos Aires and expects to return to Geneva in September....The Wilsons will greet a rosy-cheeked 1955 in a somewhat unconventional setting. They'll join a group of skiing enthusiasts who will ski the old year out at Old Forge....Prof. Slate was in New York on Monday for a meeting of the North American Lily Society directors....Marion Holland came in for a bit of publicity last week when one of her poems was published in the Geneva paper. Marion dabbles in poetry in her spare time and has an anthology ready for publication. Published in the local paper was a Christmas poem entitled "A Birthday Card for Jesus"....And another local personality was given a very nice writeup in a Rochester paper on Sunday. The story concerned Jack Heinicke and the skiing facilities he is maintaining at Brantling Hill, eight miles north of Newark. Jack is an enthusiast himself, and operates the tow on weekends, in addition to his off-season work at his Lakeview Knolls Orchards at Ontario.

BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Shirley McGuigan to Robert Hefferon. The bride-to-be works in the Plant Introduction Unit and Mr. Hefferon is a member of Mr. Hey's department. The announcement was made on December 17th.

NATIONAL DELEGATE

Miss Dorothy Mack, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Guilford Mack, is serving as a delegate from Oberlin College to the National YMCA-YWCA Conference being held at Lawrence, Kansas, this week. Dorothy is a sophomore at Oberlin.

CLASSIFIED

Still unclaimed from the Christmas Party are a pair of child's rubbers, a child's red muff, and two pyrex jello dishes. Who wants 'em?

Someone abandoned a 6-months old dog at the Hofer home the other day. Alvin diagnoses the case as part bloodhound, part beagle, and probably male. He'd like to give him to somebody before he grows fond of him.

Junior wants to know why Santa Claus always reeks of moth balls.



We wish you a happy and prosperous 1955!