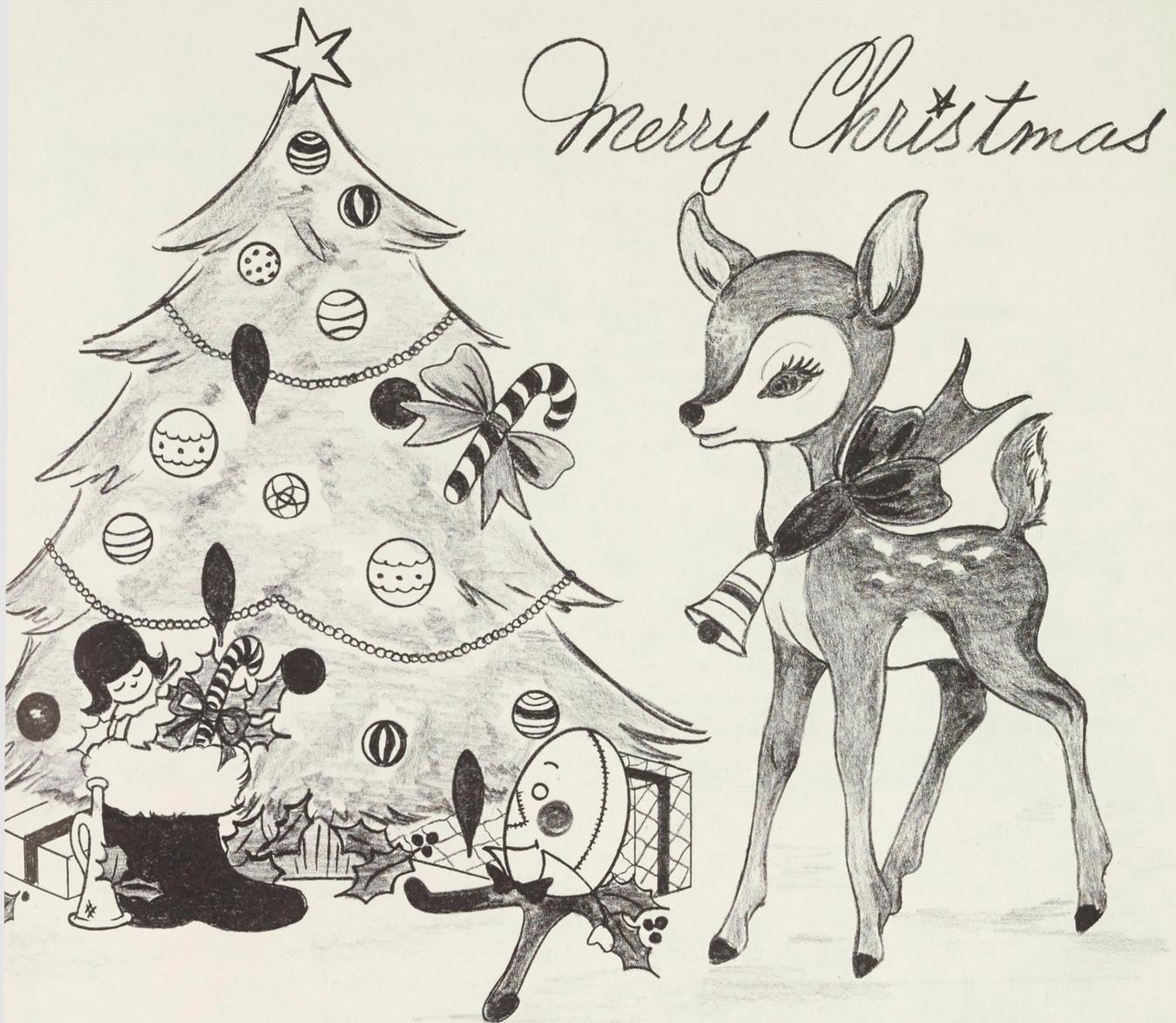


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 18 - 10:30 a. m. - Tour: Elementary Classes, City School District of Rochester
- 19 - 10:00 a. m. - Morrison Hall Seminar Room, Ithaca - Department Heads Meeting
- 19 - 3:30 p. m. - Conference Room, Food Research Laboratory - Food Science Seminar - "Application of a Modified Analog Computer to Resolve Superimposed Gaussian and Lorentzian Distribution Data," T. Acree
- 20 - 7:30 p. m. - Staff Room, Jordan Hall - U. S. Power Squadron
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CHRISTMAS--1967

As I sat down this year to prepare these annual words of greetings during the holiday season, my mind was in quite a quandary as to what to say. No matter what I thought about, I kept coming back to the basic premise that perhaps this Christmas season is quite a bit different than at any time since that most glorious of all Christmases occurred well over 1900 years ago.

It seems almost as if the whole world is in a state of indecision and strife. All one has to do is pick up any newspaper, any magazine, or hear any radio newscast and "trouble, my friends," to quote a famous phrase from Music Man, is the word of the day. More than 500,000 young Americans are thousands of miles from our shores fighting a war that is not a war. At the same time they are fighting as a unit, we in this country have become deeply divided as to the propriety of our commitment.

I think a young American soldier in Vietnam summed things up pretty succinctly the other day when he was asked by a visiting U. S. official, "How ya doin'?" His reply was, "We're doing fine over here, but are the folks at home doing all right?"

And then, of course, there was the Israel-Egypt dispute and now its Cyprus. Trouble spots such as these two are cropping up almost daily, some much more serious to the world as a whole, but each of bitter seriousness and stark realism to those who are involved in the particular conflict.

War is not the only trouble spot, at least not the shooting type as we ordinarily know it. Look at the economic war in England that is beginning to be felt throughout the world--in our own country, it may be the deciding factor whether taxes are increased. Look at the appalling spectacle we made of ourselves this year with the race riots that occurred throughout the country--and what function did they perform other than to delay total freedom of a people, for who knows how much longer, that should have been granted freedom 100 years ago. Look at the draft card burners, look at the radicals, look at the thousands of persons who are still on strike because management and labor cannot agree, look at a hundred other troubles just like these that have occurred this past year--it isn't pleasant.

Yes, it made it most difficult to say, "Season's greetings" until--until my mind wandered back to that happening 20 centuries ago. Then it became an easy matter, for never in the history of the world has one event occurred that has for so long a period been able to guide and bring together people of all lands. Suddenly, at this time of the year, no matter how tough the going seems to get people change. They become more tolerant, they're more willing to push themselves that extra inch to help someone else who is in need more than they, they sing with a different gilt to their voices, they seem to walk with a little quicker gait, they smile more quickly, their troubles suddenly seem to grow smaller in proportion than they were a week or a month ago, and even a difference can be seen in the children.

This magic word Christmas, and the reason for which it is celebrated, has the ability to even temporarily stop a war. What more powerful influence on the people of the world can there be than the miracle that is still with us after these many, many years.

This year it seems people are more than ever conscious of the joy and purpose of Christmas. Decorations were out earlier, presents were bought sooner, Christmas cards were mailed sooner, and the children are constantly asking, "Mommy, how many more days before Santa comes?"

And, so it should be. The world will have its wars, there will be dissent, there will continue to be trouble, and we will all live and eventually die. But, the miracle of Christmas will go on forever, never letting us forget that someday there will be, "peace on earth, good will toward all men."

To each of you, may you have the merriest of Christmases and the most joyous of New Years.

R. E. Krauss

CHRISTMAS PARTY OVER

Speaking of Christmas, congratulations to Bill Sherring and the president of Station Club, Ross Hackler, for the excellent job they and many others did in preparing for this year's Christmas party.

Bill, as most of you know, was the chairman for the party. Just to give you an idea of the amount of help necessary to put on an outstanding affair such as this, more than 50 persons were directly involved in organizing this year's Christmas party. Special thanks must go to the following: Carol D'Augustine and Audrey Emmo, cochairmen of the adult tea; Lois Brandt and Helen Melious for the catered food; Herb Pallesen for the punch; LaRita Hackler, chairman of the children's party; Ceres Circle for helping Santa wrap the candy; John and Patti Natti, cochairmen of the teen-age party; Pete DeMaria, chairman of the decorations; Wilson Hey and his fine crew for setting up the chairs and tables; Judy Austing and Charlotte McCarthy for handling the tickets; Charmion and Bill Schroeder for donating the beautiful Christmas tree that stood front and center on the stage; Dan Monaco who, as usual, did such fine work in helping get the facilities in Jordan Hall ready; Roger Way for supplying the apples for the children's table; and Tom (Ho, Ho, Ho) Kenny.

In addition, the thanks of these people just listed above go particularly to all their assistants.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Please note that the day after Christmas, December 26, will be a holiday for the Geneva Experiment Station.

APPOINTMENTS

Nancy Gilpatrick has accepted appointment to a temporary service position in Food Science effective December 6. Nancy will be working with John Bourke's group until she enters college next September.

Arlene Fullwood and Sarah Bond, students at Keuka College, are currently assisting M. U. Shaikh and Wendell Roelofs for a short period. Arlene was also Mahtab Shaikh's assistant this summer.

In Vegetable Crops, Joseph M. Rapini has accepted appointment as a laboratory technician and is working with Stanton Shannon. Also in Vegetable Crops, Miss Lynn K. Ferguson, Penn Yan, has been appointed to a temporary position for 5 weeks beginning November 20. She is a junior at Keuka College and is majoring in biology.

She also is working with Stan on waste water analyses, wax bean pigments, and beet pigments. Incidentally, the Station received quite a bit of publicity earlier this week when Lynn's photograph appeared on the front page of the B section of the Democrat and Chronicle. She was shown at work in the laboratory.

MEETINGS

Congratulations to Don Downing, Mike Dickson, and Jerry Van Buren for the very successful snap bean cutting held last Friday in the Food Science conference room. There were about 65 industry representatives present at the meeting, which is the largest attendance ever at this type of session.

Nathan Peck and Morie Vittum attended the annual meeting of the Empire State Soil Fertility Association at Syracuse last week. Morie served as vice-president and program chairman last year and is this year's president of the association.

NOTE OF INTEREST

David Judge will make a Christmas junket to his home in Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland. He leaves Montreal by plane Sunday and plans to return to Geneva in about a month.

WEATHER

	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Rain, Melted snow, etc.</u>
December 1	30	13	
2	31	14	
3	38	22	.25
4	38	28	.03 R. & S.
5	44	22	
6	48	26	
7	39	31	.11
8	45	36	
9	45	32	.02 R. & S.
10	34	21	
11	35	20	.33 R. & Sleet
12	44	32	.19
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14	47	33	
15	37	28	

SEMINARS

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