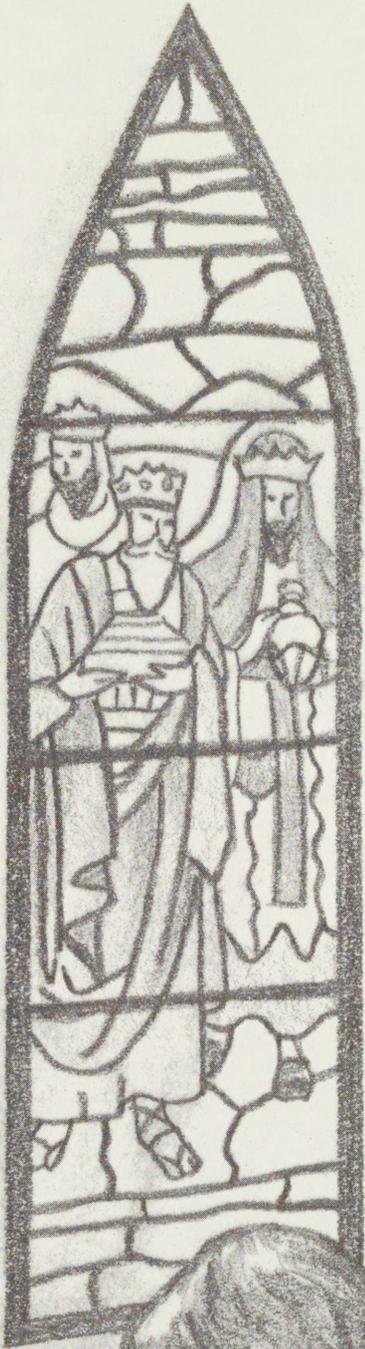


# STATION NEWS



*Season's  
Greetings*



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New York State Agricultural Experiment Station  
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CHRISTMAS 1969

Within a few all too short hours Christmas will again be here with its glistening tinsel, its carols of joy and peace, its warmth, its glow that is only felt at this very special time of the year, and all its splendor. As happens every year, the time between this most magnificent of holidays seems to shorten as we grow older.

One would like to hope that every day could be a Christmas--that each of us will think of his fellow man the way we do during this holiday season. Yet, the days between Christmases this past year have not been ones which many of us would like to call glorious. Oh yes, there were days when this country and the world began to reach for what sometimes seems like, "the impossible dream." This is the year in which we landed a man on the moon! It is the year when we could all say, "One step forward for man and one giant step forward for mankind."

We proved that working together toward a common goal man can bridge his differences, that he can reach the highest goals. But, why is it that so much of what happened this year did not reflect the good of man? Why were there so many uprisings in cities? Why were there so many violent riots on school campuses around the nation? Why is there so much hate and dissidence in this great country of wealth, beauty, and freedom? Or, perhaps, is it because we are a nation of wealth, beauty, and freedom that such occurrences can take place?

Whatever the answer, we are now in that season of the year when most people again begin acting like people. They talk differently, walk with a lighter step, open their doors that might normally be closed, and wish for all men the hopes and dreams that can be attained. It is Christmas, the time for happiness, for forgiveness, for hope, and for reflection.

The New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and its family of employees can reflect with pride this past year. We have seen the beginning of a major transformation in the face of the Experiment Station campus. A new, uniquely designed Entomology-Plant Pathology Laboratory was completed, occupied, and dedicated. No sooner had the dedication ceremonies been completed than ground-breaking took place for the new General Services and Raw Products Buildings. Now, Hedrick Hall is getting a much deserved face lifting that will eventually provide Pomology and Vegetable Crops with modern, specifically designed space for crop oriented research.

The future of the Station is bright from almost every aspect. Our recognition throughout all parts of the world is at a peak and promises to remain so. Our scientific contributions have been many during this past year with many new horizons ahead for all scientists at the Station. We probably are in the "Golden Era" of the Experiment Station. In this space age of technological advances we will continue to assure people in the Empire State of an economical, high quality food supply.

Horticultural research is our "bag," our "thing," as the young people say. It is fitting at this time of the year that we look at ourselves and take pride in what we have done to make the world a better place in which to live.

To each of you, may we wish you the most joyous of holidays and a prosperous, healthy, and successful New Year.

R. E. Krauss