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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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THE WINTER : This year with the annual meeting of the American Association for
MEETINGS :
-----: the Advancement of Science farther way than last year, fewer members
of the Station Staff are in attendance. Papers are being presented, however, by
some of those who are staying in Geneva. Those attending the meetings are Dr. Breed,
Dr. Conn, Prof. Parrott, Mr. Tukey, and Mr. Munn. Dr. Conn has a committee report
on Bacteriological technique and Biological Stains. Mr. Tukey is attending the meet-
ings in his official capacity of Secretary for the Society of Horticultural Science.
Mr. Munn is reading a paper before the Association of Official Seed Analysts. While
most of the meetings are being held in Des Moines, Iowa, the Bacteriologists are
gathering at Ames.

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NEW CHEMIST : Soon after the New Year Mr. E. L. Green is expected in Geneva to
SOON TO REPORT:
-----: assume the position of Associate in Research in the Division of
Chemistry. Mr. Green comes from the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station at
Pullman, where he has been working in the Chemistry department. His chief interest
there has been oil sprays, but at Geneva he expects to devote most of his time to
the chemistry of plants. Mr. Green is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis,
Mo., and he has a Master of Science degree from the Washington Agricultural College
at Pullman. His wife and little boy are planning to stay in St. Louis for several
weeks before coming to Geneva. We hope the Greens will find their new associations
pleasant ones.

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SAYRE DETAINED : Mr. Sayre after being able to spend Christmas at his home in Nor-
BY ILLNESS : folk, Nebraska, had to go to the hospital on the evening of Christ-
-----: mas Day. On the following day he had a major operation, and the
last report received says that he is doing as well as could be expected. His illness
will delay the Sayres' return to Geneva by several weeks.

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DR. BERGER : In a recent letter received by Mr. Stewart from Dr. Berger, who used
PUBLISHING : to be systematic botanist in the Division of Horticulture, is the
-----: news that Dr. Berger has just published a book on Cacti, and so far
it is having a good sale. At present he is working hard and fast on an account of
the Crassulaceae for the new edition of Engler und Prantl's "Die Natürliche
Pflanzenfamilien."

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MARTIN MURRAY: Martin Murray, whose retirement was announced in last week's NEWS
DOLES OUT THE: was the center of a gathering of Station folk last Thursday after-
ICE CREAM FOR : noon. All had come together in the Dairy Laboratory to bid Martin
THE LAST TIME: an official farewell. Dr. Hedrick as spokesman for the Station pre-
-----: sented to the retiring member, after a brief speech, two lamps as
tokens from Martin's friends at the Station. One came from the Staff, and the other
from the Laboring force. To the joy of everyone present Martin reciprocated with a
substantial "hand-out" of ice cream.

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NEW DAIRY : Mr. H. L. Durham has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the
MAN : retirement of Martin Murray. Mr. Durham has had considerable experi-
-----: ence in various dairy plants and other laboratories.

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"THE BEST : It is reported that O'Bryne, Toner and Alvaro who have been privileged
HEADS" : to render tonsorial service to various members of the Station are
-----: moving their place of business to the Seneca Hotel. It is claimed
that when they open up on Jan. 2, they will have for their slogan "We cut the best
heads at the Experiment Station."

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DID SOMEONE : Looks of alarm and horror appeared on the faces of some of the fair
SAY, "PIGS"? : sex in the Biology Building yesterday morning, when prolonged and
-----: intermittent shrieks and squeals were heard in the direction of the
Dairy Department. Investigation, however, definitely removed a general idea of whole-
sale slaughter of what sounded like pigs. Mr. Henning was found to be experimenting
with the homogenizer, and was totally unaware of the emotions he was arousing thru-
out the building.

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LEAVE STATION: After many years of residence in the center part of the triple house,
HOUSE SOON : Mr. Churchill expects to vacate very shortly. He and Mrs. Churchill
-----: are planning to make their new home at 11 West Avenue.

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VACATIONING : Among those spending the holiday season in Geneva is "Bud" Hedrick
IN GENEVA : who is taking a brief rest from his work in Michigan. Margaret Farrott
-----: is also spending her vacation from college at home.

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OTHERS WHO : There should have been included in the list of Station folk who spent
WERE AWAY : Christmas out of town Dr. Dorner who went to New York, Mrs. Barsony
-----: who spent her holiday in Boston, and the Jahns who visited the home
of Mrs. Jahn's brother in Providence, R. I.

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CHECKS AND : After Christmas comes New Year's, and right on the heels of New Year's
OTHER THINGS : comes (for many of us) bills. To pay these bills we have to have our
-----: checks, and so at this time of the year even the scientist who is lost
in his experiments the rest of the year keeps a sharp lookout for the welcome white
sign we all know so well. Last week, came rumours of unusual brilliance in the
financial office; many people blinked their eyes as penetrating rays of exceptionally
bright light caught them unawares. These rumours combined with the absence of checks
caused some enterprising persons to wonder whether the unusual excitement was re-
tarding efficiency in the financial office. Investigation led to the discovery that
the piercing flashes of reflected light were caused by a diamond ring worn so as to
catch the light coming over the left shoulder. We are glad to announce, however,
on good authority that this has nothing whatever to do with delay in the posting of
the welcome white sign.

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CONFINED TO : The holiday season has been somewhat disappointing to Mr. Hartzell,
HIS HOME : who has been kept away from his office for a week now with a cold
-----: and sore throat.

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NEW BOOKS : Books added to the Station Library since the last list was published
AT THE LIBRARY: are as follows:

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Martin: Scientific Principles of Plant Protection.
Fisher: Statistical Methods for Research Workers.
Engling: Handbuch der Praktischen Kaserol.
Auchter: Orchard and Small Fruit Culture.
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CHEERIO : Thank goodness, the Station Editor will be on the job next week. This
-----: picking of one's way thru the maze of Station "scandals", investigat-
ing rumours, keeping this affair under one's hat, and giving that matter the "air",
isn't all it is cracked up to be. Well, it will be up to the Chief to make the
apologies from now on. Cheerio.