

The Station News

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THE ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS TREE : Next Saturday at 7:00 o'clock in the auditorium of Jordan Hall, the youngsters at the Station will stage a play under the title of "The Enchanted Christmas Tree". In keeping with the spell of enchantment created by this production, Santa is expected to make his perennial call on the children of the Staff, and there will be the other usual features of a Christmas party. Mrs. J. J. Willaman is in general charge and is being assisted by Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Breed. Those participating in the play are reminded that there will be a rehearsal at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

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THE BOTANY OF MADAGASCAR : Chas. F. Swingle of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, who spent some time on botanical explorations of the Island of Madagascar, gave a most interesting account of the geography of the Island and of its plant life before the Staff Monday afternoon. Dr. Swingle's chief concern in exploring the Island for the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture was to find certain rubber plants believed to be native to the Island and which it is hoped might be established in the arid Southwest where climatic conditions are much the same as in their native habitat. Some promising specimens were found, but it will require extensive testing in the field before it can be determined definitely whether the project has practical possibilities. In the evening, Dr. Swingle addressed the University Club on travel in Madagascar.

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MEETS JIM LAWSON : Among Dr. Glasgow's many interesting experiences on his recent trip abroad was an entirely unexpected encounter with Jim Lawson, who spends his summers making material for the Station museum. Dr. Glasgow was having breakfast in his hotel in Edinburgh, when Mr. Lawson walked into the dining room. It seems that following a brief period of study at Cambridge, Mr. Lawson decided to take up work at the University at Edinburgh, and later will spend some time on the Continent.

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PLANS FOR FRUIT SHOW : Plans for the exhibits and program for the Seventy-fifth annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society in Rochester next month are beginning to take on definite shape. Final instructions have been given the contractor for the construction work needed around the joint exhibit of the College and Station. This exhibit will occupy the three sides of a hollow square of approximately 100 feet on each side, with a large table display of apples by the Horticultural Division. Nearby will be a table exhibit of apples from districts which compete with western New York, including Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Canada, New England, the Hudson River Valley, etc. Members of the Staff assigned topics on the formal programs include Dr. Hedrick, Mr. Farrott, Mr. Daniel, and Mr. Wellington. All of those participating in the Station exhibits are requested to reserve the evening of January 7, which has been set tentatively as the date for a conference at Ithaca between the Cornell and Geneva staffs on details of the joint exhibit.

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ABOUT SIGNS : The attention of those who need sign work done for the Horticultural Society exhibit is directed to the fact that a blanket requisition on Mr. Schumann has been filed with Mr. Bowen. Work should be taken to Mr. Schumann as soon as possible, and a request made for an estimate which should be handed to Mr. Bowen for his information.

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DR. HEDRICK IS HONORED : Dr. Hedrick has just been notified that he has been awarded the Wilder medal for eminent service to horticulture. This award is made by the American Pomological Society which administers a trust established by Marshall P. Wilder, noted Massachusetts horticulturist, at the time of his death in 1886. The Wilder awards also include medals for new fruits of outstanding merit, several of which have been awarded to this Station in the past for new creations.

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FROM NORTH : Mrs. Henning is entertaining Miss Hanny Lund of Fargo, N. Dakota, who
DAKOTA : is visiting Geneva for several days.
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HORT. SCIENCE: The program of the meeting of the American Society for Horticultural
SOCIETY : Science, of which Mr. Tukey is Secretary-Treasurer, is about the
-----: first of the programs for the series of meetings of scientific soci-
eties to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, this month, to make its appearance. Aside from
Mr. Tukey's official part in the program, the only other contribution from the
Station will be a paper on "The Improvement of Frunus tomentosa", by Mr. Slate.
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MR. BRASE : Karl Brase left Monday evening for Chicago where he will confer with
IN : Mr. Tukey on the progress of the nursery stock investigations. Mr.
CHICAGO : Brase expects to spend the holidays in the big city, returning to
-----: Geneva about January 1.
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THE LURE OF : Winter residents at the Station have watched with interest the build-
THE SEASHORE: ing of a "boardwalk" just west of the Director's residence since the
-----: Director's return from the restful scenes of Atlantic City. Not to
be outdone by Dr. Van Slyke, with the latter's accounts of bathing beauties and the
sunny beach at Waikiki, the Director will have at hand during the winter snows a
replica of the noted promenade at the East's famous seaside resort.
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SO SAY WE ALL: The following extract is from an editorial in the New York TIMES
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the entire editorial, for it expresses a rather unusual viewpoint for a metropolitan
newspaper. The last paragraph is especially apt, we believe:

"Finning medals on these master farmers is heartily
approved by all who read of it. Another year the
list of citations may be lengthened to include those
without whose aid the master farmers would not have
won their medals---the master farmers' wives.

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CAKE AS IS CAKE: We have had occasion from time to time to comment in these columns
-----: on certain confections disposed of in vast quantities to Station
folks, but never in the past have we had an opportunity to commend so highly the
quality and attractiveness of the wares as in the case of the fruit cakes which were
delivered yesterday in ample time for the holidays. But, perhaps, if cookies could
be packed in as tempting a package, they would taste equally as good.
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A WORD OF : As we put the cover on the typewriter and start for the wilds of
THANKS : Indiana, we are moved to express a word of appreciation to our good
-----: friend Leslie Hawthorn, who has so graciously consented to fulfill
our obligations to our subscribers and keep the NEWS going during the next two weeks.
Also, this gives us an opportunity to say Merry Christmas and the best of New Years
to all of those who have read this far.
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