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THE MAY Staff meeting will be held at the usual hour and place on Monday next. Following the plan of the last meeting, four members of the Staff will talk on their special lines of work. Mr. Sweeney will discuss the necessity for inspection and Mr. Streeter, Mr. Harlan, and Mr. Parrott will discuss various phases of the nicotine problem. This is not an anti-cigarette crusade, as these men will discuss primarily the practicability of growing a high-nicotine tobacco in New York State for use as an insecticide.

Commissioner Berne A. Pyrke of the Department of Farms and Markets, in spite of tremendous demands made on his time just at this season of the year, has generously agreed to address the Staff Monday evening. The subject of Commissioner Pyrke's address has not been announced, but on whatever subject he may choose to speak the Staff may be assured of something very worth while. In this State the Department of Farms and Markets, the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, and the State Experiment Station here at Geneva are coordinate agencies established by the State in the interest of agriculture, and a clearer understanding of the functions of the other two agencies and of their relation to our own activities can be gained in no better way than by having on our programs able representatives of these institutions. The Committee on Staff Business is to be congratulated on securing Commissioner Pyrke at this time.

About the supper. The Committee promise a menu that will satisfy and ask that those who cannot attend notify Mr. Wheeler to that effect not later than Saturday noon. Unless you are heard from to the contrary, then, your presence at the supper will be taken for granted. The cost this time will be pro-rated among those present.

PRELIMINARY plans call for a Station picnic about June 19. While details are still to be worked out, it is rather definitely decided to hold the annual outdoor celebration by the Station pond.

DEAN MANN arrived in this country last week for a short stay. He plans to sail again on July 7 with his family for another extended tour abroad.

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THE STATION has been the goal of many visitors during the past week. A large class of boys and girls from St. Stephen's made a tour of the buildings and grounds on Thursday, under the guidance of Mr. Sweeney. On Friday, Professors Bussell and Myers of the College at Ithaca brought their students in plant breeding to the Station for a survey of the fruit and vegetable work under way here. Then, yesterday, the visiting Odd Fellows to the number of some 50 car loads drove thru the grounds and looked us over.

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UNDER Mr. Mohr's energetic supervision the Station grounds are taking on a decidedly well-kept appearance. The straightening up of the driveways and walks and the setting out of flower beds about the buildings are steps in the right direction.

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AMID the cheers of his fellow workers, Dr. Carpenter drove down Castle Street the other afternoon in his new Jewett, thus adding still further to the relief of the Station hikers.

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APROPOS of cars, and "Doc" Carpenter may well head this bit of history, the following is taken from a Syracuse paper of recent date:

A check-up of automobile drivers on the Seneca Falls-Auburn road Monday night resulted in the arrest of four autoists for driving without an operator's license. The arrests were Enilo Catto, Auburn; Domenick Tamcausillo, Seneca Falls; R. J. Anderson of Geneva; and Elmer Schuler of Lyons. The \$5 fines imposed upon Catto, Tamcausillo, and Anderson were suspended, while Elmer Schuler was fined \$10.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS to the Staff to take effect July 1 were announced by Dr. Thatcher at the Staff meeting as follows: To the new position of plant pathologist provided for in the bill for canning crops investigations, Dr. L. K. Jones now at the University of Wisconsin; to the position of associate in research in vegetable production, Prof. C. B. Sayre of the Illinois Experiment Station; and to be in charge of the entomological investigations relating to canning crops, our own Dr. Glasgow by transfer. To take over Dr. Glasgow's activities with tree fruits and to study particularly the vagaries of the codling moth in New York, Dr. R. H. Smith, now with the University of California, will take up his duties as associate in research in entomology about July 1.