

Notice from the office of the State Comptroller advises that enrollment in the 55-year Plan of the New York State Employees Retirement System is now open to all members, including persons over 55. This opportunity expires December 31st. Information about the benefits of the 55-year plan may be obtained from Miss Helthy.

PROFESSOR MUNN PLEASED

Claude Heit has heard from the Munns about the card that was circulated at the Station Club dinner for signatures of Professor Munn's former associates by way of remembrance and good wishes. Mrs. Munn writes that it gave Mancel a real lift in spirits. The Munns' address is 916 East Dwart Road, Arcadia, Calif.

FROM THE BELGIAN CONGO

Doctor A. L. Molle of the Belgian National Institute for Scientific Studies on Agriculture in the Belgian Congo was a recent visitor to the Station. He is head of the Department of Fertilizer Experimentation for the Institute which employs some 300 graduate personnel and operates 26 branch stations. Cotton and palm oil are the chief crops of the country, with coffee assuming increasing importance, most of it coming to the U. S.

NIGHT WATCHMAN ON DUTY

The Station now has a full time night watchman. He is Mr. Howard E. Winter, a former resident of Geneva.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Doctor Ernest R. Schulz, formerly chief chemist for the Patent Cereals Company, has been named Research Associate in the Department of Food Science in connection with the Quartermaster Corps contract, beginning October 1st....Bart Fiori began work October 15th as a research assistant in the Department of Entomology in connection with a new spray oil project. A graduate of Farmingdale and the University of Georgia, Bart worked here during the summers of '51, '52, and '53, and has completed a tour of duty with the Army. He's unmarried, girls, but we hear via the grapevine that there is a wedding scheduled for later in the year....Pasquale R. Sferra, a research fellow at Rutgers University, has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Entomology Department, effective tomorrow, Nov. 1st. He took undergraduate work as a pre-medic at Washington University where he received the BS degree in 1952. He has received the MS degree from Rutgers and has completed work for the Ph. D. degree from that University. He is married and has three children. The Sferras plan to make their home for the present in the Hand residence.

ABOUT STATION FOLKS

Following their fruit tree virus conference at the Prosser, Wash., Irrigation Experiment Station last week, Doctor Heinicke and Professor Brase were guests of Doctor and Mrs. K. G. Swenson of the Entomology Department at the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis. Knute was formerly a member of the Entomology Department here....Karl also visited with Julius Heinis who at one time worked with Doctor Gilmer and is now with the Oregon State Department of Agriculture at Salem....The Editor, while on vacation in Indiana, had a brief visit with Miss Mary Woodbridge formerly with the Seed Lab and now residing at the Methodist Home in Warren, Ind. Miss Woodbridge has an impressive collection of foliage plants in her room. She wished to be remembered to all of her friends at the Station....Week-end visitors to the home of Doctor and Mrs. Carl Pederson were Doctor and Mrs. Andy Rice and twin girls of Madison, Wis., and Andy's parents, Doctor and Mrs. John Rice of Lewisburg, Pa. Andy was formerly associated with Doctor Pederson here and is now in the Food Science Department, University of Wisconsin. His father collaborated with Doctor Breed during the summer months several years ago....Austin Wagenknecht, on leave at the University of Illinois, writing about some publication matters, states that he and the family are enjoying their stay in Urbana immensely....Shirley McGuigan and Bob Hefferon were married last Saturday. Mrs. Hefferon plans to continue with the Plant Introduction project and of course Bob will continue to give Wilson Hey a helping hand.

HARVEST WIND-UP

The Vegetable Crops Department is completing the harvest of its 1956 crops with the delivery to processing plants of beets, broccoli, squash, and carrots.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

The program is out for the 18th annual New York State Insecticide and Fungicide Conference and the 9th annual Pesticide Application Equipment Conference in Ithaca November 13, 14, and 15. These conferences have grown over the years to be an outstanding event for professional workers in these fields in the northeastern U. S. and for representatives of related industries throughout the country. Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Seed Investigations are represented on the program.

DOCTOR HAND HEARD FROM

A communication from Doctor Hand conveys the information that he is finding his work with UNICEF most interesting and that it looks as though he may be going to Central America next month, with a trip to Rome in the offing after the first of the year.