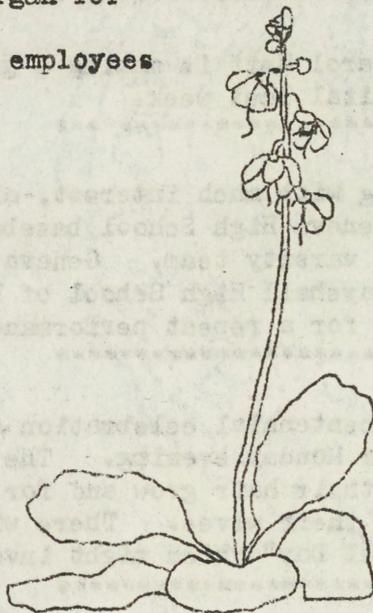


# STATION NEWS



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## SOCIAL SECURITY

What recent legislation on social security means for State, county, and municipal employees will be explained at a countywide meeting to be held in Jordan Hall Friday, June 7th, at 8:00 p. m. Local and State social security officials will be on hand to make the explanation and answer questions. Doctor Heinicke will welcome the group.

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## RESEARCH SEMINAR

Doctor Arnaud J. Loustalot, plant physiologist, and Doctor A. T. M. Lee, agricultural economists, both from the USDA Office of Experiment Stations, will be at the Station Monday and Tuesday of next week for the annual conference on federal-supported projects. They will also meet with the entire research staff of the Station at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 11th, in the Staff Room in Jordan Hall.

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## TO MAKE PLANS

Word has been received from Dan Dalrymple that the Directors of the New York State Horticultural Society will meet here on Thursday, June 13th, to discuss plans for the summer meeting of the Society, to be held at the Station sometime in August.

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mr. Horace P. Landchester of the Office of International Relations, USDA, visited the Station yesterday. Mr. Landchester is responsible for arranging the itinerary of foreign entomologists visiting the U. S. under Department of Agriculture programs.

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## AND SPEAKING OF VISITORS

Three Yugoslav students in the Department of Plant Pathology at Ithaca visited the Station last Friday. One of the highlights of their day was meeting Sam Kayn and talking about the old country. Yesterday, Branislav Pavicevic, who suggests that he be called simply "Brana", arrived at the Station for a three-week stay. He comes from the Institute for Fruit Culture at Cacak, Yugoslavia, and is interested in rootstocks and tree fruit culture.

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## INSPECTION TRIPS

This past week Station people also did some traveling to see work in their special fields of interest in other areas. George Slate spent some time at Beltsville, Md., looking over the strawberry breeding projects and variety tests of the USDA. Bob Gilmer and Karl Brase were at Winchester, Va., and Kearneysville, W. Va., to observe virus troubles of apples and cherries in those parts.

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Directional and identification signs have been set up on some of the outlying farms for the benefit of expected visitors. Canning Crops, Rootstocks, and Darrow farms particularly have been posted, and additional signs will be set up for the buildings and nearby projects in connection with special events later this summer. The art work is by Joe Pettrone.

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#### SATURDAY VISITORS

The St. Agnes Science Club of Rochester is planning a tour of the Station next Saturday morning. Then on Saturday, June 22nd, the Trenton, N. J., YWCA is coming by the busload for a look at us and the rose gardens in Newark.

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#### RECUPERATING

We are glad to note that Carol Heit is making a good recovery at home from surgery in the Geneva General Hospital last week.

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#### CHAMPIONS?

The Heits are also watching with much interest, along with a lot of other Genevans, the progress of the Geneva High School baseball team, where Billy plays 1st, 3rd, or left field for the varsity team. Geneva moved into the sectional semi-finals by defeating John Marshall High School of Rochester. GHS was sectional champion last year and hopes for a repeat performance in 1957.

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#### SESQUI-CENTENNIAL, INC.

Plans for Geneva's sesqui-centennial celebration August 18 to 24 were unfolded at a meeting in the Youth Center Monday evening. The occasion will afford an opportunity for the girls to let their hair grow and for the boys to go without shaving with no complaints from their wives. There will be other diversions, including probably an "Agricultural Day" which might involve the Station.

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#### STATE FAIR

Paris Trail has constructed a scale model of the Station's space at the State Fair, and some progress has been made in working out details of this year's display. One feature is to be a joint exhibit on the meaning of the label on lawn-seeding mixtures, with the Station, the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the Education Committee of the State Seed Association cooperating. The 75th anniversary will be recognized as the central theme of the Station exhibit, with emphasis on how Station research relates directly to the consumer. State Fair dates are August 30 to September 7th.

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#### COLORFUL PROSPECTS

The trueness-to-type flower seed tests always present a colorful scene, but this year's display promises to be particularly attractive and interesting. In checking with Claude Heit we find that 20 different kinds of flowers will be included in this season's trials, with 450 comparisons. Each row in the test is the product of a single packet of seed. The 1957 tests will include not only a wider variety of flowers than usual but many rather unusual kinds. For example, there will be dwarf dahlias, candytuft, salvia, cockscomb, annual phlox, and many others.

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#### "KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE"

This is the title of a study made recently at the University of Wisconsin aimed at learning Wisconsin farmers' basic knowledge of soils. One of the chief findings is that some of the most important, simple, and widely used concepts about soils are least well understood by farmers. For example, only 1 farmer out of 4 understood that a low pH indicates high acidity, about 1 in 3 knew that phosphorus can get tied up in an acid soil so that it is unavailable to plants, and 1 in 3 understood that anhydrous ammonia is a high-nitrogen fertilizer, all facts that Station scientists are likely to take for granted as general knowledge. In other words, try to find the level of understanding of the audience in your field of research, especially with respect to terms that are in everyday usage in talking with your associates.

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#### AN IMPORTANT DECISION

This is the title of a booklet that each member of the State Retirement System now employed at the Station will receive through the Departmental offices, along with a form card called DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE and a covering letter from Controller A. H. Peterson marked URGENT. Please read all material carefully. The benefits of Federal Social Security are now available in addition to those of the State Retirement System if the individual decides to take advantage of the generous provisions of the law. Your intention to accept or reject the coverage must be indicated by signing the "declaration card" (also referred to as the Application in the booklet). Representatives of the State Social Security agency will be present at the meeting in Jordan Hall on Friday, June 7, at 8 p.m., to give further information and to answer questions you may have. The Declaration card should be signed by each member of the Retirement System as soon as possible. Please return to the Director's office on or before June 12 so that the applications may be transmitted to the Business Office at Ithaca and then to Albany within the required time.