

Amendment Underway On Plant Variety Protection

An amendment of regulations under the Plant Variety Protection Act was proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The proposal would establish the reciprocity limits to be recognized in issuing certificates

of protection to foreign nationals from three countries.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) said equal rights would be recognized in issuing certificates to applicants from the Federal Republic of Germany and the

Netherlands for the genus and species on which applications are accepted in those countries from U.S. nationals.

Certificates issued to persons from the United Kingdom, however, would be limited to 15 years, or less, for certain species and would not include the right to exclude others from offering the protected variety for sale. Rights granted under the PVP Act would hereby be equal to those granted in the United Kingdom.

Rights to U.S. plant breeders are for a maximum of 17 years and include the right to exclude other from offering the protected variety for sale.

The proposal appeared in the Federal Register May 25. Persons wishing to send in comments should submit them, in two copies, to the Hearing clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, on or before June 24. All

comments submitted will be available for public inspection.

Copies of the proposal may also be obtained from the Plant Variety Protection Office, Grain Division, AMS, USDA, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

Pa. Grangers Will Compete Nationally In Sewing Contest

Dresses made by two Pennsylvania women and a 13-year-old Pennsylvania girl will be judged in the finals of the National Grange sewing contest at New York City, June 14.

The contestants, who won top honors in the State Grange competition, are Mrs. James McDannell, Biglerville RD1, Adams county; Mrs. Dale Paulhomus, Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, and Susan Stewart, 13, of Dayton RD2, Armstrong county. They will be competing for the grand prize in the national contest, a one-week trip for two to Jamaica.

Judges in the state contest were Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, extension clothing specialist at Pennsylvania State University, and Mrs. Susan Doyle and Mrs. Virginia Kloss, assistant clothing extension specialists, of Lancaster.

Ninety-five garments were judged in the state contest and 1048 entries from 39 counties were judged in subordinate Grange competitions. The contest was directed by Mrs. Ross Metz, of Allensville, state chairman of womens activities.

Pennfield Honors Retirees

Two Pennfield men from the Sales Division were honored recently at a dinner held at the Treadway Inn in Lancaster. Those honored were: Reynolds H. Minnich of Lancaster and John A. Trostle, Dillsburg. Minnich, a salesman since he began his tenure with Pennfield, is a 27-year veteran of the company.

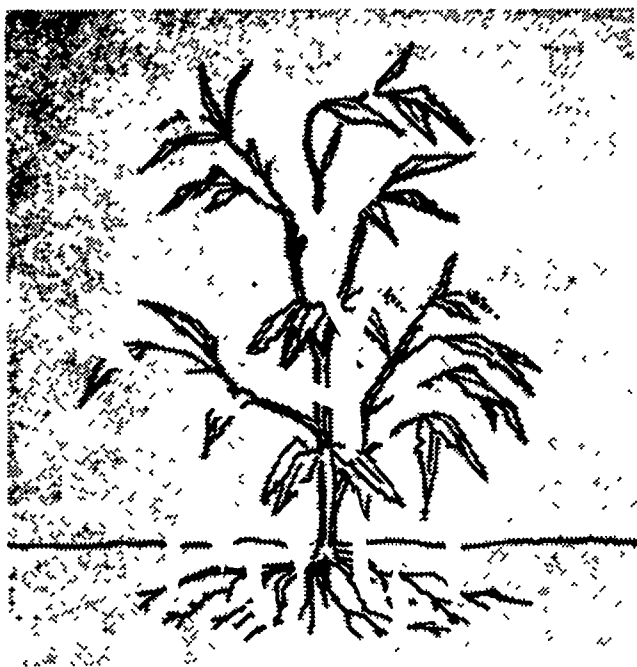
Trostle, also a salesman, has been with Pennfield for 11 years. Fifty employees and friends of Pennfield presented the retirees with gifts and well wishes. Frank Campbell, area dairy and livestock salesman, awarded each man with a retirement gift from Pennfield.

Place House Plants Outdoors in June

House plants, both the foliage and flowering kinds can be placed outside in a sheltered area, say Extension ornamental horticulturists at The Pennsylvania State University. But remember foliage plants such as snake plant or philodendron are best put in a lightly shaded area. Most flowering plants such as geraniums do best in full sunlight. To prevent the soil from drying out too rapidly, plunge the pots into the soil up to their rims. Do not let plants dry out during a drought.

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