



Wherein are recorded the recollections, the ruminations and the respirations of those who have drunk from the foaming fount of the Department of Plant Pathology of the University of Minnesota and who now spout forth in diverse ways

Let the fount foam and never run dry  
 Let the spout squirt and never lose power

## Learners

All of the Old Timers have heard many speeches, in the hortative mood, on the indispensability of facts in thinking and in the development of concepts. These speeches mostly missed fire; at least, when tracers were sent out for some of the ideas, they appeared not even to have hit the target, to say nothing about the bull's eye. Evidence was that most of the ideas became so enmeshed in the hortative mood that they died a borning. The present remarks therefore are made in the simplest of all moods, the indicative.

Good biographies are revealing as studies in the evolution of greatness.

Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln is revealing in many respects. One thing that stands out, however, is that all through his life Abraham Lincoln was a learner. There were those who loved Lincoln, and there were those who despised him. However that may be, he was a learner. As an unschooled boy he read all of the books he could get, he asked all the questions he could ask, and he made all the observations he could make. He continued to learn until the end of his life. And he reflected long and earnestly about what he learned.

And he didn't do all of his learning and reflecting in daytime!

Then he tried to tell others simply and clearly what he thought. When he was a practicing lawyer he studied mathematics in the hope that it would promote conciseness and preciseness in his legal and political statements and arguments. Even Lincoln had an instinct that mathematics might become the language of the more exact fields of intellectual endeavor.

These facts are known to most Americans from school-boy histories; and yet it is worth while to consider the significance of the fact that some people are always learners. Some intellects seem to be capable of indefinite growth, while others have strikingly limited growth and begin to stagnate before they have really got a good start. Opportunities for learning are multitudinous; perhaps they are too multitudinous; perhaps there is a confusion of impressions and ideas resulting from a too complex environment. Nevertheless no person ever becomes more than a mediocre scientist unless he is a life-long learner and unless he learns to be a discriminating learner in an environment that is too complex for anybody except a persistent and discriminating learner, and unless he learns how to make his learning function and then makes it function.

## OLD TIMERS COLYUM

Dr. Robert J. NOBLE, Under Secretary and Director of the New South Wales Department of Agriculture, sent a booklet containing reproductions of famous paintings of Sydney, Australia. The Sydney harbor is justly reputed one of the most beautiful in the world. The city itself is modern and extraordinarily attractive. It has good wide streets and an air of spaciousness. Melbourne, on the other hand, a strong rival, has many very narrow streets. A standard remark for Sydneyites is that the streets in Melbourne are so narrow that people on opposite sides can shake hands with each other. The Melbournites retort that they can readily understand why Sydney made the streets so wide, for "who in Sydney would want to shake hands with anybody else in Sydney?" Apparently the Australians have the same kind of

sense of humor as the Americans. As concerns shaking hands, reports of American soldiers indicate that they would like to shake hands with everybody in Australia.

Greetings from Dr. WATERHOUSE remind Old Timers now in Phytobrickhaus erectus that he was one of the first representatives from foreign countries to sojourn in Phytobrickhaus tremuloides. Waterhouse was on his way back from the last war--which unfortunately did not prove to be the last war; following his visit, several other Australians, encouraged by Waterhouse, came to Minnesota. When this war is all over, we hope many more will come.

In December, word came through from two of our Old Timers in China. C.S.WANG, of Honan University, Sung-hsien, says that conditions for carrying the mails have improved somewhat, although they are cutt off from periodicals. He would appreciate receiving information on recent developments. Wang is teaching and working on stripe rust and on Sesame wilt, a newly discovered destructive disease in China. He sends regards to thc"whole group".

T. C. LOH, former owner of the famous soccer shoes that hung in the Canyon until we moved, wrote on September 29 from the Kwangsi Experiment Station at Shatang, Liuchow, that he has become accustomed to the disturbances to which they have been subjected for the past five years and is working on a Fusarium attacking Aleurites fordii, on a year-round mushroom-growing project, and on the selection of one out of 135 tobacco varieties that is resistant to Bacterium solanacearum. He writes, "Please tell Jimmy (Walter), George (Hafstad), and Sharvelle that I am still alive and kicking."

K. G. MacINDOE, the intrepid leopard hunter, after having served with the British Supply Commission, spent more than a year with the SHADA Corporation in Haiti studying Cryptostegia as a rubber-producing plant and has recently returned to Liberia to resume duty as director of research for the Firestone Plantations Company. Maybe we will soon have plenty of automobile tires--at least we hope so, for we are all tired of holding our breath when we run on our present tires. Mrs. MacIndoe and Mac Jr. are remaining in Miami, Florida, for the present. The address of Mac Sr. is c/o A. P. O. 605, Postmaster, Miami, Fla., and airmail letters thus addressed (6 cents postage) will reach him in Liberia.

On December 15, Jack WESTERN wrote from Manchester, England, "I have been trying to see an American Army football game but so far the beggars won't play near me!" From the program of the annual meeting of the British Mycological Society we learn that WESTERN has been a member of the Council and also Secretary of the Plant Pathology Committee. Another message from Sec'y Jack said, "Wish I could pop in and see you all again. I will some day."

Sydney DICKINSON, at Cambridge, wrote in November that he wanted to pay his respects to AURORA "which is always such a bright spot in these difficult times." He and his family are well but weary!

Larry TYNER, of Edmonton, professes to be "pleased to receive the AURORA through the year and learn of old friends through it's pages." He brags of Edmonton weather this fall and draws invidious comparisons with the climate of Minnesota. But this, of course, was as the climate of Minnesota USED TO BE! You should see it today (January 14) -- balmier than Alabama, soft air, sparkling sunlight, clean streets and sidewalks, and a temperature in the 40's! .....Larry and his family spent their holidays on the west coast, one week of which our Old Timer spent working in a sawmill and picking raspberries!

In October, Dr. Freeman WEISS contributed the following, which failed to make the last issue of AURORA:

"This correspondent hopes you will record the fact that Dr. E. C. Stakman addressed the opening meeting for the fall of 1943 of the Plant Pathology Seminar at this Station (Beltsville, Maryland) on October 5. His subject was 'Recent Results in Research on Cereal Rusts'.

"The occasion was noteworthy in two respects: (1) The principal address was one of the outstanding seminar presentations that this organization has ever heard; it was probably only exceeded in respect to interest, informational value, and scholarly presentation by one given previously by the same speaker on the genetics and variability of *Ustilago zeae*... (2) The Potomac Division of the American Phytopathological Society was formally instituted. With about 100 members in prospect resident in Washington, D. C., and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs, and with favorable geographic relations for meeting even in these days of rationed travel, interest is high in making this a professional organization of real value, both local and national."

Our best wishes for the infant Potomac Division! May it wax sturdy and wise, and carry on the traditions of the mother Society.

Another infant is Charlotte Ann, born October 16 to Dr. and Mrs. Renier BONDE, of Orono, Maine. Announcement was sent to AURORA by Old Timer Donald FOLSOM, who might send us some news about himself. Congratulations to the Bondes!

Bridegroom Savel SILVERBERG, now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, carried his bride over the threshold of Phytobrickhaus on December 17. We didn't all have an opportunity to see the Bride, but, according to eyewitnesses, "Sam is a lucky boy!"

Gladys SALINE Wright, war widow, is now employed on the Russian dandelion project on the campus. To be more specific, the office is located in Dean Freeman's old quarters in the Tottering Tower. Actually, therefore, Mrs. Wright is not an Old Timer but a native who has rejoined the group for a time.

An unusual Minnesota reunion was held at the Columbus meetings of the American Phytopathological Society, December 4-6. The present and past chairmen of the Seminar Committee made strenuous but unavailing efforts to find a place where the bunch could be fed at one time. Finally they thumbed their noses at all of the restaurateurs and hoteliers in Columbus, procured a room in the hotel where the meetings were held, and held open house from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Appropriate refreshments were daintily served by the committee chairman and chairmen emeriti, following which each Old Timer, in sequence and sometimes in unison, gave a report of himself and sometimes of others. The reports were varied in nature and in length. Dr. J. G. Harrar served as toastmaster, despite the fact that toast was not among the comestibles. The following put in an appearance, and some of them stayed until the very end, and a few even longer:

Valleau	Leach	Anderson	LeClerg	Borlaug	Kreitlow
Harrar	Rodenhiser	Beach	Allison (C.C.)		
Johnson (E.M.)	Greaney	Atkinson	Newhall	Saboe	
Christensen	Sharvelle	Moore	Gottlieb	Loegering	
Davidson		Vaughan	Stakman		

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An OLD TIMER who has moved around during the past two years more than Jefe Stakman himself is Rosemary MILTICH Curran, who moved recently into the State of Matrimony. Husband is Frederick Henry Curran, Staff Sgt. of Co. C, 312th Med. Bn., now near Nashville, Tenn. Our congratulations to him, and good wishes to her!

Dr. E. L. LECLERG responded nobly to the request for list of publications and other personnel data. He also sent regards to the group.

Dr. I. L. FORBES did likewise, plus a picture of his pate! We are still trying to find out WHEN he was appointed Assistant or Associate DIRECTOR of the Louisiana station. The photo undoubtedly was to show that a high forehead is good for something.

It was good to see Dr. Earle W. ANDERSON, of Pullman, Washington, at Minnesota again, on his return from the Columbus meetings. He edified the Seminar with a 5-Star talk.

Dr. George W. FISCHER, another Washingtonian who spent some time here a few years ago, and who, we are pleased to note, got a "tech" of AURORA-itis, also spent a day with us in December.

Nothing but improvement could be noted in these gentlemen who have been absent from Minnesota so long and so much! Is it the smoothing hand of the Washington climate? (This concession to the weather of Washington would never be made in the presence of Old-Timer Apple-Praiser PRESTON).

"This is to wish you and yours, including the official family and group of students, a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy NEW YEAR. While the group may have changed since I was there, I know it has the same high qualities of lively intelligence, likability, and friendliness." Thus spoke H. G. LACHMUND for himself and Mrs. Lachmund. Let's consider it a message to all Old Timers! H. G. is with the Order Department of Bethlehem Steel's shipbuilding division in San Francisco, where he expects to remain for the duration. Mrs. Lachmund also is working.

Dorothy deZEEUW is now one of those gals who had to go home to mamma because the Army borrowed her husband. Her new address is 911 West Ottawa, Lansing 15, Michigan.

An infant project is afoot! We would like to have photographs or snapshots of the children of Old Timers, preferably at a tender age! The nucleus of the gallery includes Dana Blaisdell Vaughn on her first birthday, Cynthia Sharvelle at 3, and just recently Penelope Graham at 10.5 months, looking as optimistic as Vera and as resolute as Tommy. Dig through your family albums and spare us a picture for posterity! This means Olaf AAMODT's sweet little girls, J. J. Christensen's big boys, and the family of P. D. PETERSON, whose contribution may have to be sent by freight! (We will pay, we will pay!)

Mrs. Alma Leister, who tended Miss Hart for a number of years, sends "Happy Yuletide" from Hill City, Minnesota, where she has begun her second year of teaching.

Jerry and Lyle JACKSON, of 538 Castalia Avenue, Athens, Georgia, sent pictures of themselves, their house, and local college scenes. Says Lyle, "Greetings to all of my friends, as well as members of the Society of spore chasers and admirers of the mushroom society, known as the AURORA SPOREALIS. In case none of the members remember me or believe that I was once a member of this society of effervescent smut and rust experts, just tell them to look up the record." He adds he is "still on the hunt for the cause of the little leaf disease of southern pines."

It is with sorrow and regret that we announce the sudden death on November 18 of Old Timer HOWARD PARSON, at Shreveport, Louisiana. Born and educated in Michigan, Howard was barberry eradicator, superintendent of schools, and rust epidemiologist. In 1928 he was granted the M. S. degree from Minnesota, with a thesis on physiologic specialization in Puccinia coronata avenae. From 1929 until the time of his death he was employed as plant pathologist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture's pecan field laboratory, with headquarters in recent years at Shreveport. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Howard was one of the best, who always did his best.

SERVICEMEN

Newest recruit for the services is Savel SILVERBERG who is now in boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Three more Old Timers are on duty outside the United States. Lieut. Harry Young has been sent across the Atlantic and according to his father, Dr. H.C. Young Sr., he has arrived safely in England, is in good health and enjoying his work. Lieut. Thomas LASKARIS and Ensign Arden SHERF are getting a good look at the broad Pacific.

Corporal David ADAMS, who is in an hospital detachment in North Africa, writes some interesting things about the agriculture there and says it is just the place for aspiring plant pathologists. Pvt. Don deZEEUW'S botanical training stood him in good stead recently when an argument turned to the differences between fruits and vegetables. Don is still at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Lieut Herb JOHNSON is on maneuvers in Tennessee.

We finally heard from Lieut. (j.g.) John (Stoop) MARTLAND, who says that he is still very much alive and kicking as hard as ever aboard the U. S. S. Ranger. He uses the mails to argue football with Stak. Conrad OLSON S 1/c has had his shore station changed to the U. S. Coast Guard Life Boat Station at Ft. Tilden, N. Y. His latest letter describes riding out a storm that had the old salts thinking they were going to meet their Maker. We will stick to land and take simple things like twisters and earthquakes.

Mr. Guy Vaughn, father of Lieut. John VAUGHN, writes to say that John is yet unheard from since the recapitulation of Italy. John had been in a prison camp east of Rome and is now presumably somewhere in Germany.

BOOKSHELF

Did you read the November PHYTOPATH? See GREANEY\* on small grain seed treatment. BONDE\* on Corynebacterium sepedonicum, KREITLOW on temperature Poa pratensis, and Ustilago striaeformi In Plant Disease Reporter, Oct. 22, see LEACH\* on tomato tip blight control, TYLER on potato ring rot survey; Nov. 15 EZEKIEL on trees, VAUGHAN on tobacco, TERVET + PERSON ON POTATOES.

LOCAL lights: THATCHER, Cellular changes in..rust resistance, Canad. J. Res. 21, p.151; CHILTON, U. zaeae, abnormality in chlamydospore germination, Sept. Phytopath; TERVET, molds injurious to soybean seed, Minn. Home and Farm Sci and TERVET\*, viability..internal microflora of frost damaged soybeans, Oil and Soap 20, p.265; and in Dec. PHYTOPATH. Abstracts by Gottlieb (tomato wilt), Hanson and Christensen (black point), Hart, Mitchell, Gottlieb (boron and flax diseases), Moore and Chris (Seed treatment injury to flax), Sharvelle (Scab of Wealthy apples), Stakman, Levine, and Loegering (oat rust races.)



## SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

The Eagle has flu. Now before you rear way back to blast the grammar, let us haste to explain that Plant Path's best field man is harboring that uncomfoting virus infection. His symptoms are a sign that the "bug" is still prevalent. "Matt" Moore concurs as does Tervet. In fact, Matt believes you never do entirely recover!

Tis cold again and seems much more like good old Minnesota --which, it's rumored is only fit for Swedes and other fur-bearing animals. One of the direct results of the colder weather is a change in the physical condition "of one C. T. Tsiang's animated perambulator." He is now an ardent proponent of the caution "When parking on a hill, cramp your wheels, etc." The incline was to aid a weak battery in starting the car and, strangely enough, gravity is still working though he doesn't believe it; (quote) Someone 'leaned' against the car. (unquote). P. S. The lamp post still stands even though it doesn't work and rates poorly on "physical condition".

The picture of instructors in the Ag. School has to be retaken. Could be because they have discovered Coyt Wilson has left for the state where the sleet that falls is mixed with stars, or more probably he ruined the first one.

Wilson left for the Southland on December 16 with considerable uncomplimentary anticipation. Social goodbyes were said in Thatcher Hall on the evening of December 12, when the Andrews were "at home", in honor of the Wilsons. Serious goodbyes were later preached in the traditional manner in the Seminar Room.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Ian Tervet reports little or no late blight on potatoes in storage. He took a swing through the north country just before Christmas with Ray Hinds of the State Potato office.

At the time of this going to press, Ed Andrews is filling Rose's shoes with a propaganda tour of the southern region in the hope of convincing small-grain dealers and elevator men that it pays to treat seed. From what Ed says, all he is doing is to operate the slide projector; but, knowing the "Senator from Milwaukee," it is a safe bet that he is putting out a good line at the same time. According to Ed those seed dealers can ask some potent questions. "It's interesting to hear the questions they ask, but this business of staying in hotels night after night isn't so hot", he says. Amen!

## REGULAR SEMINAR

November 2 - The subject of predisposition was taken up where we left it the week before (see last Aurora). Dr. Stakman illustrated the principles involved with diagrams and mathematical formulac. Jack Mitchell Ph.2/c gave a short and interesting account of work he was doing on sulfa drugs at the Great Lakes Station and then Frank Stevenson started the regular order of business with a talk on ring rot.

November 9 - Stevenson finished and R. S. Davidson reviewed the Smith-Fisher controversy on bacterial diseases of plants.

November 16 - Davidson on soft rots.

November 23 - A discussion of how to improve the training of research men in agriculture was followed by a paper on late blight by Walt Thomas.

November 30 - Thomas finished late blight.

December 7 - E. P. DuCharme discussed fusarial wilt of melon; last meeting of the quarter.

#### LITERATURE SEMINAR

November 4 - Dr. E. G. Sharvelle showed us lantern slides of luscious apples, bathing beauties, and hula girls. Also a few slides of fruit diseases. Dr. Sharvelle spoke modestly of his splendid work on fruit disease control during the past summer. Dr. Melander reviewed articles on the Proceedings of the Minnesota Horticultural Society for 1884 and 1885 in which the causes of fireblight were explained. The papers revealed the acute powers of observation possessed by the old-time fruit growers, although they missed one factor -- the bacteria.

November 11 - No Seminar - Holiday (Except for Federal people!)

November 18 - Dr. Stakman was asked to report on his rust trip in southern United States. He said he wanted to talk 5 minutes, so he talked and sat down in just a little less than 5 minutes. An argument arose about the identity of some sort of china berry tree which he brought from Texas for our edification. The question was not settled until next day.

Henry Darling, who had spent all afternoon edifying his Ph.D. final committee, held forth at length and revealed that he had been holding out on the committee. Its a rare candidate who has any information in his system after his final.

November 25 - No Seminar - Thanksgiving - (Except for Federal people!)

December 2 - Stak started to read a letter from T. C. Loh and got as far as Loh's telling about a bacterial disease on which he was working. Here a discussion arose about the proper generic name for the bacterium in question and plant pathogenic bacteria in general. Sometimes the discussion showed signs of becoming an argument, and lasted for an hour and a half. Stak almost missed his train to Columbus.

F. J. Reynolds, from Florida, who is taking graduate work in physiology and horticulture, spoke on the culture and taxonomy of oranges, illustrated with specimens.

December 9 - Dr. E. J. Anderson, new chief of the Department of Plant Pathology at Washington State College, described agriculture and climate in different parts of the Hawaiian Islands, and explained some of the disease problems of the Islands.

December 16 - New ideas and information acquired at the Columbus meetings were shared with the unfortunates who stayed at home and saved their money.

December 23 - Dr. Sharvelle passed cigars to celebrate his becoming a citizen of the republic. Stak asked questions about government and decided none of the rest of us deserved to be citizens. Sharvelle said some of the candidates had to be coached before they could sign their names, but he passed the test without difficulty.



The cast of characters which moves about the "Stage" here in Plant Path. is per usual, in a state of flux. The end of the year saw Wilson make his exit, fortunately not for the army. He returned to one of those states situated to the south of Minnesota where it is rumored to be always sunny. The producer hasn't found anyone who would make a suitable understudy for the part Wilson played; no one seems to have that betting ability.

The shortage of actors has made it necessary for such prominent members as E.C.S. and the newly elected Pres. of Phytopath., J. J. C., to do their smidgen of hack work in the prep. lab. Eide says he would recommend them both highly, although he would admit he would rather see a chorus of girls laboring at the sink. Stevenson and Tsiang are usually deeply engrossed in studying their "scripts" when it comes turn to work their shifts.

The "old timers" of the present cast recently presented an almost life-sized portrait of the "Producer Emeritus" Freeman to the seminar room. It is complete even to the Missouri meerschaum in action.

Jack Mitchell, now acting as a Phm 2/c for Uncle Sam, recently became a proud father, the reason, William John, born December 30th.

During the recent strike of the University Service Employees, C. M. Christensen was apprehended at the Cleveland Avenue entrance by a group of strikers and was informed that there was no reason for his entering the campus as there wasn't any one working. C. M. C. replied that since he was just a teacher and they never worked anyway, he might be permitted entrance. His statement was accepted.

On the day before Christmas it was not quiet in the office of Phyto. erectus. Voices were raised in song, led by Frank Stevenson and Floraine Toutenhof, and coffee and tea were poured down parched throats. Photographer Loegering recorded the festivities and everybody wished everybody a Very Merry Christmas, E. C. S. flourishing the cake knife, Eagle wishing silently his tea were stronger, and Tess McNeely pouring coffee hither and yon!

## VISITORS

Earl Anderson and George Fisher - Washington Experiment Station - Pullman  
John E. Mitchell - Phm. 2/c - Camp McIntire - Great Lakes - Illinois  
Mrs. Llewellyn Ballard (Wyllian Dunning) Oregon Experiment Station  
 - Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Savel Silverberg - U. S. Naval Training  
 Station - Great Lakes - Illinois

Dean Arny and James Dickson - University of  
 Wisconsin - Madison.

George W. Peltier - Nebraska Experiment Station  
 Lincoln.

M. N. Afansier - Montana Experiment Station - Bozeman

B. H. Gargsby - Michigan Experiment Station - East Lansing

A. E. Gross - Experiment Station - Klamath Falls - Oregon

L. K. Wright - Bur. Ent. and Plant Quar. - Washington - D. C.

W. G. McGregor - Dominion Experiment Station - Ottawa - Canada

## ATHLEET'S COLLUM

The fall quarter bowling for 1943 is now history. Plant Path battled and clawed its way up to a second-place tie with Horticulture as Loegering missed his spare in the tenth frame of the last game. The team is "pointing with pride" to its all time record of winning twenty games out of thirty three. Our new captain, Du Charme, predicts a first place for the winter quarter of 1944 -- now that Wilson

is in Alabama. Darley, Thomas, and Frank Stevenson have established high handicaps as newcomers on the team but not high enough to take the high handicap honors from Sharvelle.

The ladies finished third in their bowling league after having been in second place most of the season. Miss Hamilton reports that Miss Hart continues to bowl in excellent form, but her comments regarding her own scores failed to get by the censor. The writer has suggested a match between the two teams but so far the boys are holding out for a higher handicap.

Dave Gottlieb manages to continue his handball and a few of the more youthful and vigorous members of the department are found on the skating rink from time to time. The "signs and symptoms" reporter is missing a lot of romance material over there on the rink.

The weather man forgot to send us our allotment of snow for December and January and the Military has taken over our gym and swimming tank. Oh well! us Foureffers do not show up to advantage in those activities anyhow. Be seeing you at ball practice next Spring.

#### SCATTERED HERE, THERE, AND ALMOST EVERYWHERE, CHRISTMAS OF 1943

found erstwhile members of the Tottering Tower each in his own way striving for the kind of world we want. As evidence that the spirit of Christmas still prevails, we at home received the following greetings, which, in turn, we send on to the rest of you: from Jack Western in England, Wes Martin in Mexico, the Cormacks and Tyners in Edmonton; the Cherewicks and Sackstons in Winnipeg, the Walters in New Jersey, the Davies in Pennsylvania, K. D. Butler in New York, the Aamodts, Weiss' and John Vaughns in the environs of Washington, D. C., the Grahams in South Carolina, the Utkelbergs and Lyle Jacksons in Georgia, the Voorhees in Florida, the P. D. Petersons and LeClergs in Louisiana, John Presley and big Andy in California, the Earl Andersons and Max Schuster in Washington state, the Hafstads in Missouri, the B. B. Vances and the Saboes in Ohio, the Hansingsin Kansas, the Bambergers in Montana, the J. Lewis Allison and Frank Kauferts in Wisconsin, and on the campus from F. L. Green, Irene Hanson, Gladys Anderson, and the Division of Agricultural Education; also from

Lieut. Axel Anderson  
Sgt. William Brown  
Major W. E. Christopher  
Yeoman 3/c Faith Gugler  
Capt. Milton Kernkamp  
Lieut. D. E. Munnecke  
Ensign George Nyland  
Lieut. (j.g.) John Rowell  
Yeoman 2/c Hazel Strege  
Lieut. C. A. Wismer  
Lieut. Harry Young

whose whereabouts for the nonce

are military secrets. Thank you for the greetings, and we wish the best of luck to each of you during 1944!