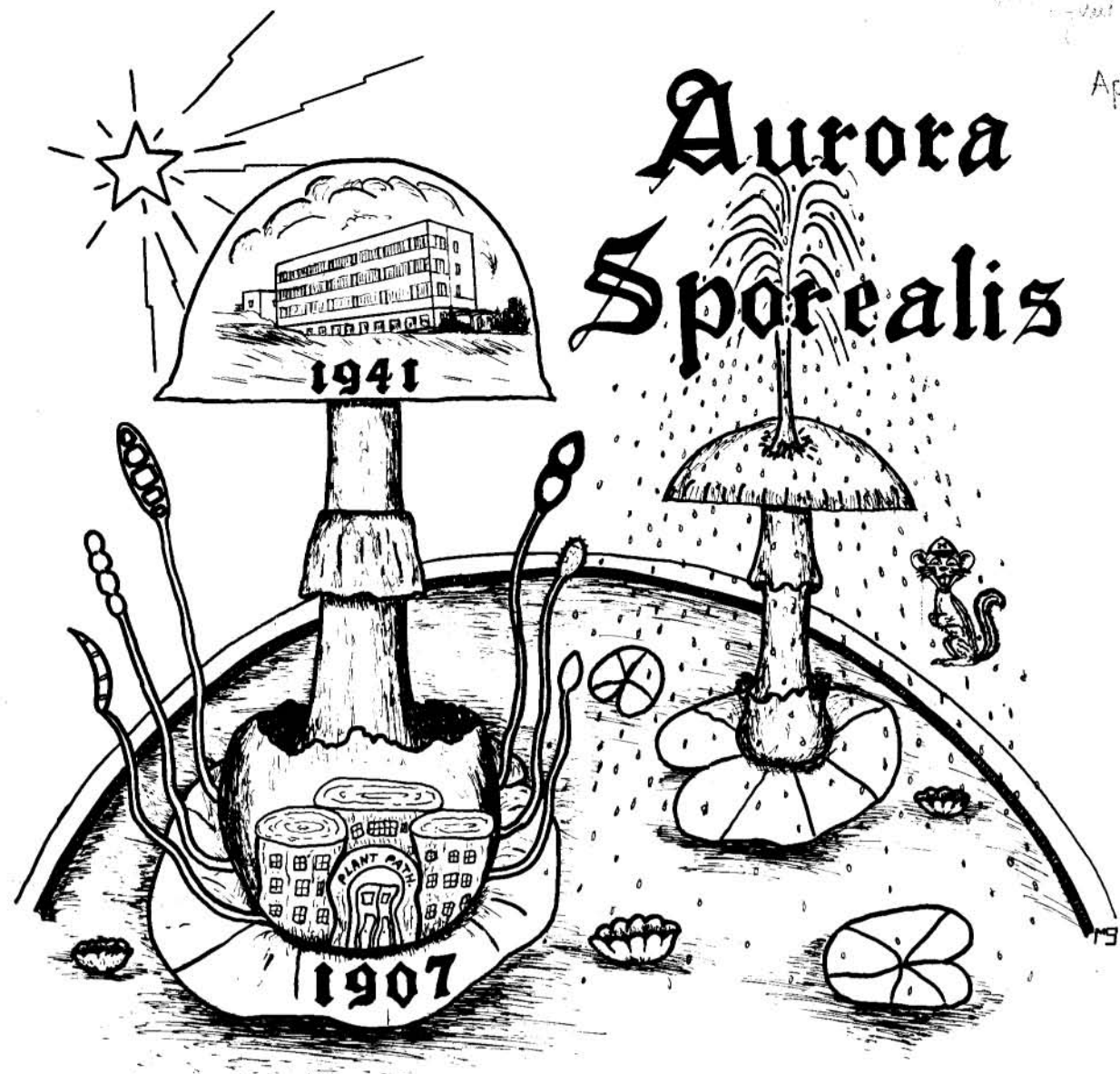


Plant Path 50 File

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Aurora Sporealis

Wherein are recorded the recollections, the ruminations and the raspitations 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 divers ways

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

OLD TIMERS

To most recent Old Timers Aurora's former staff-artist Malcolm Shurtleff, goes credit for the modern version of the cover sheet. Have you noticed?

Spring affected A. P. MISRA to the extent of sending regards to his pals Orellana, Robles, Angelita Melendez, Ortega, Cenoz, Rodriguez (Ecuador), and others with whom he has no occasion to correspond but whom he remembers well in the Plant Path building at Minnesota. As mycologist he implements the rust control program to see that wheat and barley are NOT sown from April to September. Address: Gadodia Hostel, Anand Pervat, Delhi, India!

M. L. GATTANI, of New Delhi, India, who studied French and German simultaneously while at Minnesota, has not forgotten us and would like to return, but possibly not for more German and French!

CONGRATULATIONS go to Prof. Dr. S. J. Wellensiek, of Wageningen, Netherlands, for his recent appointment as member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Science.

Early in May, among the wheat plants in northern Mexico, was held a Minnesota Old Timers reunion by Norman Borlaug, Benjamin Ortega, Leonel Robles, L. C. Felix, Carlos Barbosa, Don Fletcher, and Martin Tveit. At 100 in the shade, the talk was of Minnesota snowstorms in May! Yakkity yak!

From Ing. FELIX, at Monterrey, Mexico: "How is that Thursday night Seminar coming along? --always different and yet somehow the same--full of humor, information, philosophy, announcements, etc., but never an idle moment. Wish I could be there some day again!" --Wish you could too!

Angelita MELENDEZ, of the Mexican group, waxed enthusiastic about anthracnose of the bean! What a waste! The bean has no waist--that's why they call them the string bean or pole bean. Why should one wax lyrical about the bean, then? Or is that why it is called the wax bean? Anyway, Angelita is little angel and not to be associated with a vegetable!

Jose and Guillermina RODRIGUEZ, of Chapingo, Mexico, have not forgotten Minnesota, and hope to educate their five-year old daughter here someday!

Our most recent ambassador to Latin America--probably without portfolio but certainly with a Government-owned brief case--H. A. RODENHISER, brought greetings from Old Timers and even presents from Elise Hirschhorn! The latter included, in ornamental form, the tree-parasite *Cyttaria darwinii*, discovered in Tierra del Fuego in 1833.

Old Timers at Michigan State in June made a wonderful impression on visitors! Never a dull moment during the north-central divisional meetings of the APS, so the Minnesota delegates report! Old Timer H. H. THORNBERRY was elected vice-president and W. Q. Loegering Councillor for two years. M. F. Kernkamp still has a year to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Jean M. ASHTON, who was a mycologist in the Tottering Tower as Jean MacInnes, invites us to see her laboratory at Westmoreland Hills, Md., where she teaches biology. Does she know her picture can be seen in Dr. J. J. Christensen's office?

Dr. JJC himself appears in picture, adorned with Hawaiian lei (what is the plural of lei?) and surrounded happily by Old Timers Harry Murakishi, Earl J. Anderson, and Walt Hendrix. After arrival in Japan, JJC wrote: "I've been here a month and I assure you it has been a very happy one. What a grand country to be in--one big garden. I like the people very much, admire their customs, appreciate their kindness." Little Chief is due back in July--in time to be Big Chief again.

Another picture faces us from the December Current Biography, where ECS (here we have him with the Old Timers for some reason) is sketched, along with the late Secretary of State Stettinius, football coach Bennie Oosterbaan, movie star Ronald Reagan, Kolarov the premier of Bulgaria, hotel executive Hilton, Indonesian Mohammed Hatta, ballerina Margot Fonteyn, and physicist V. K. Zworykin.

And the following a picture in his father's eyes: for, according to Thomas LASKARIS, of 318 N. Central Avenue, Glendale 3, California, "A son Thomas Gregory was born to us on December 29--a wonderful child if I have to say it myself."

Word pictures will be painted by Eric SHARVELLE, of Purdue University, if he embarks upon his anticipated career of popular writing, which he thinks he may be able to use as "a crutch...in the trials and tribulations that always attend a busy professional position." And he not yet a grandpappy!

Enough of this scenic stuff. Now to facts but not figures. Not even figures when we report that Doc Melander returned from a nursery-inspection tour in April with hellos from Clyde ALISON, at Ohio. **** Another Ohioan, Dick DAVIDSON, sent regards by Johnny Rowell from the Radiobiology Symposium held at Oberlin in June.

One of the early secretaries, Betty BUSHNELL, is now Mrs. Hobart Rogers, 4849 Procto Oakland 12, California.

George HAFSTAD, mentioned in the last issue as a Wisconsinite, issues an invitation to visit him in his home at 2418 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, which is a suburb of Madison.

For Italy, David GOTTLIEB left Illinois on May 14. After his address at Milan he hopes to see some Old Timers in Europe and attend the VII International Botanical Congress. He asks if ECS will be there too, "for we may better be able to have a chance to get together there than we seem to have in the states."

Chet WISNER, with the Sugar Planters station in Hawaii, threatens to submit his thesis by July 1--that's three days from now.

At the meeting of the APS Southern Division in Mississippi in February, Jimmy LYLE was elected Secretary-Treasurer.....At the Potomac Division meeting in March, Cam LEFEBVRE was made Councilor.

On May 12, in St. Paul, was born Pierre Remi DUCHARME.
Papa, in Argentina, was informed by cable.

The new cereal disease man in Oklahoma, Harry YOUNG, Jr., says he likes it there. Apparently he is happy about the whole thing, for he sent a big check to the Seminar!

Happy are the R. S. MULVINS, too, to move this July into a house near the Truck Experiment Station at Norfolk, Virginia.

We are pleased to report that the former Major W. N. CHRISTOPHER, of Station Hospital at Fort Dix, New Jersey, is no Lieutenant Colonel.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Thorvaldur JOHNSON, of the Winnipeg Rust Laboratory, on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr. Issac WAHL is teaching human anatomy, physics, and botany at Mikveh-Israel Agricultural College, Tel-Aviv, Israel, and longs to get back into research. The leg which was broken while Wahl was enroute home apparently has mended.

We close on a sad note:

"Time....is ravaging one slightly....the weight is up a little....the thatch is not quite so dense as heretofore..."

"But what of it. Life is full of interest." --from Old Timer Robert J. NOBLE, in Sydney, Australia.

Remember

the Red River of the North? Forming the border between Minnesota and North Dakota, it flows north into Canada and empties into Lake Winnipeg.

During April and May our thoughts were with our old timers at Winnipeg, as day by day the Red River was reported higher and higher. Heavy winter snow and late spring snows and rains resulted in the worst flood since 1861, when the crest at Winnipeg reached 32 feet above datum. On April 4, the flood began in North Dakota and the critical period at Winnipeg extended from May 6 to May 30. Old Timers, Johnson, Hanna Greaney, and Cherewick were all flooded out of their homes. About May 10 Dr. Sackston took Dr. Hanna and Dr. Johnson to the lab for the last time by canoe--the entire University campus was under water. After being dashed into the hedges several times by the strength of the current, the canoe party finally reached the plant pathology building, opened the door, and rode their canoe right to the stairs, leading to the first floor. While Johnson was rescuing records and races of stem rust, his wife phoned frantically that the water was coming closer and closer to their front door--finally she told him to bring rubber boots because the house was surrounded by water. At this he decided he had better let the races go and see about his own belongings. When he arrived home he had to negotiate the last several blocks in boots, with water to his hips. As quickly as possible, they carried everything moveable to the attic, put the furniture in boxes, and left by boat.

On May 30, Johnson reported that the waters were receding and they could walk dry shod to their house. In the meantime, the water had been pumped from the basement and their furniture moved out. His 2000 tulips and 85 choice iris, whose blooms he had been anticipating all winter long looked sad, although the Siberian iris were growing right out of the water and the branches of the shrubs which were out of the water were leaving out. The Johnsons expected it to be about six weeks before they could move back into their house. Johnson also reported: "Today (May 30) we pumped out the basement of the lab and began to clean up the greenhouses. The water was over the benches, and many of the partitions on top of the benches had floated away."

During the flood all men worked in the dykes, and the women in coffee canteens. Sackston evacuated his family and used his house for headquarters for six men, who, with himself, were working on the dykes. Dr. Cherewick had just moved into a brand new house. We have not heard the fate of his 60,000 gladiolus.

During June and July we have had GOOD driving weather here and sincerely hope that nature is doing its best to better the cruelties of the spring.

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LOCALS

We noted with some interest that Yale University, a well known eastern institution of higher learning, in its June 1950 commencement, awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science to a man from Minnesota named E. C. Stakman, for learned and skillful application of science to the primary needs of mankind.

Also honored in recent months were Dr. Helen Hart, named the "Soroptomist of the Month" for May 1950 by the Soroptomists, an international service club; and Dr. Carl Eide, who was made treasurer-elect for 1951 of the Minnesota chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi.

Department of academic milestones:

- Passed masters exams-- John Gibler, Martin Tveit, Yu-Tien Hsia
- Passed prelims - Dave French, Mal Shurtleff
- Passed final - Phil Hamm

Friends and well wishers of the Embryo Plant Pathologists Marching and Chowder Club will be pleased to learn that this promising young organization is actively continuing its operations with trips this season to Nerstrand Woods and Silby State Park.

The chairman of the University Committee of the Minnesota State Legislature, Senator Mullin, visited the Division on June 30 in the course of a tour of the St. Paul Campus.

Dean E. M. Freeman heard from many well-wishers on February 12, the occasion of his 75th birthday!

Elected to membership in Sigma Xi in June are:

- Ernest P. DuCharme
- P. R. Mehta

Elected to associate membership:

- R. S. Mullin
- Shih-I Lu
- Martin T. Tveit
- John W. Gibler
- Yu-tien Hsia

One of our recent letters:



Umatilla, 2/24/50

Minnesota State University

Dear Sirs:

If it is possible will you send me some information on fungi. This includes all the molds, rusts, smuts, and mushrooms. I would like to know all about them, not only their economic importances, but their general characteristics as well. I would certainly appreciate it very much.

--- So and So ---

P.S. If you can not help me, maybe you could tell me where I could gain such knowledge.

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THURSDAY EVENINGS AT EIGHT

Whenever Yankee Shurtleff declares, "The seminar will come to order", J.J. Chris's prompt rejoinder is, "I move we adjourn". The motion is invariably passed with but a single dissenting vote—but great is the influence of that one vote. Almost as traditional, at least in Shurtleff's reign as chairman, is the now well-known epithet, uttered at the zenith of such and similar examples of tomfoolery, namely, "Wisguys"...and who can gainsay it?

With Big Chief I in Central and South "Ameriker" (as Shurtleff puts it), Italy, or at the innumerable meetings of the Triple A.S.; and Big Chief II in Japan, dispensing prescriptions for the control of plant diseases, the Seminar sparkled with considerably less brilliance. Apparent to all it was that galvanic personalities, not content, make a Minnesota Seminar.

Proposed as a new cover for AURORA, an improved and modernized design was unveiled by the artist, Malcolm Shurtleff. The design was enthusiastically received, and adopted at once. Then came announcements which followed this and subsequent seminars.

King, for one, pontifically laid down the laws on greenhouse management, muttering dire threats for any violations thereof; Kerny exacted fifty-cent pieces as the privilege for affiliation with the north central division of American Phytopathological Society; Acting Chief (Big Chief III) Eide issued a semi-annual call for petri dishes, and Miss Swaebly alerted everyone to the gravity of the coffee situation: coffee prices are up, volunteer coffee brewers are few in number, funds are limited, and everyone wants to have his swill of the decoction several times daily.

Matt Moore has been searching for a metal syringe, who has it?...A new course is to be taught by the Bacteriology Department, namely, Soil Microbiology...The E.P.P. M.C.C.^a announced field trips for Nerstrand Woods and for Sibley State Park—a sure harbinger of spring...Tviet, policing the Prep Lab, threatens to indict all messy media-makers...A stag party for all male grad students in science, sponsored by Gamma Alpha, was announced—meeting in the Women's Lounge of Coffman Union (Ed. note. We checked; it was Coffman Union). To continue with announcements, in a recent campus survey, 850 cars were parked where space is assigned to 500. This is not easy to do. Because of such a parking space shortage, some pathologists plan to request enough space in their field plots for parking their cars. However, in checking in the field, the writer could only find Eagle's Nash.

Seminar, if not gifted, at least accepts gifts. Dr. duPlessis contributed a book, in Dutch, entitled "Wingerdsiektes in Suid-Africa", written by himself. Miss Evenson sent a couple, one of which was "What Kinda Cactus Izzat?", and Mr. Fenske, in behalf of the Rotarian Club, presented Bailey's, "Cyclopedia of Horticulture", because Stak once made a speech to that group. The Seminar also accepted, among others, two books which the library committee found stuffed in Bill Loegering's wastebasket, where they had been discarded. Even Bill was astonished to know he had made such a contribution. To what depths will the L. Committee go to find books?? While food for thought is acceptable, food for food's sake was equally acceptable.

DuCharme, knowing our appetite, supplied refreshments, even though in Argentina, and Harry Young of Oklahoma also provided a feast. Harry Murakishi of Hawaii sent cigars, in celebration of his brand-new baby boy. Appropriately enough, the cigars were labelled, "El Producto".

For the Christmas Holidays, Larry Miller sent holly...and peanuts, bushels of them. Immediately many and varied experiments were proposed. Arguments ensued

on the best methods of roasting. Some were soaked in salt water, autoclaved, then dried in an oven. Others lots were dehulled, roasted dry, and salted. In several seminars thereafter, papers were reviewed 'midst the din of cracking, crunching and chewing; once in a while reviewers stopped to dislodge the pesky embryos that became anchored in various peccesses of the oral cavity. Since coffee funds were low, it was voted that 25% of the peanuts on hand be consigned to Miss Swaebly to roast, salt, pack, and sell--proceeds to be used to buy more coffee. The motion was amended that "elanders roast them for Miss S. The chairman was heard to mutter, "Wiseguy

Passers-of-exams, be they M.S., prelims, or finals, must explain how it was done or what the reactions were upon passing. Cohen thought he passed because several of the examiners fell asleep, Lu thought the exam (M.S.) was "very educational" Goodman divulged the trick of asking the examiner to repeat a difficult question enough times so that the question was answered in the asking, and Matt Moore modestly affirmed that, "Well, it's all a matter of dogged perseverance on the part of Stak Matt's advice to neophytes was, "Learn what you want to know and to hell with the kind of questions they are going to ask". Those who subscribed most heartily to Matt's counsel were found to have already passed their prelims; neophytes were dubious.

Among several demonstrations was one by Don Stewart on the effect of uranium on spore germination of wheat stem rust and of wood-rotting fungi. Considerable sectoring of wood-rotting fungi occurred on this medium. Another demonstration had the seminarians really in the dark. Ehrlich switched off the lights and the relative luminescence of several isolates of *Omphalia flavida* were observed, an eerie sight indeed.

Besides reports of meetings by the A.P.S. (at New York, Miss Van Burg was puzzled at the omission of the E) and the Triple A.S., others were rehashed. Stakman reported one on work by Giddings where strains of the sugar beet virus behaved like p. races of anything else, and of a second in a meeting of educators on how to teach and what for...Tveit described his pilgrimage through the Boyce Thompson Institute. Reports on surveys also claimed attention, even an occasional rust survey. Once the rust Expert Himself rhapsodized on the "easternity" of race 38, the "westernity" of 56, the "capriciousness" of 17, and the declaration of independence by 59 from barberries of the East, and innumerable additional items which the writer hopes to remember the second time around.

Many new comers and old timers were present and participated in Seminar, i.e. besides "elanders and Stakman. Among them was Julio Bird's father-in-law from Puerto Rico, here to witness an expected blessed event. While waiting he spent his time in coffee hours, in bull sessions on the 4th floor, and in Seminars. So, a new tradition is in the making: expectant fathers, or relatives, don't pace the floor of a maternity ward; relax on the 4th floor of Plant Pathology and everything will come out all right.

Papers scrutinized in seminar covered a wide range of topics. Some of outstanding interest included a symposium on growth held in New York, and another on allergy where the sensitivity of patients to HASH and FAP (2 allergenic groups) was tested. Here it was disclosed that the allergenists were unwittingly testing patients for sensitivity to fungus protein when at the same time protein-containing compounds were added which protected the patients and prevented the possibility of identifying the protein tested for. That is what Mary Ann Swaebly said.

Butler reviewed a paper describing flagellation of pseudomonas as seen with the electron microscope. A poser arose in the division of lophotrichous flagellated bacteria: which end gets the flagella? "The sensible thing to do", says Eide with a grin, "is shed the old and grow a new one from each". N.B., lophotrichous flagellated bacteria.

Makila explained the synthesis of Phleum pratense (timothy with 42 chromosomes) from Phleum nodorum (14 chromosomes) by, "putting 7 and 7 together a couple of times and getting timothy". A neat trick if one understands Makilian mathematics.

To remind all that there are rusts other than Puccinia, Clyde Martin Christensen (only starred member listed in the Seminar Book) dissected a paper on Cronartium fusiforme--not without witticisms and sparkling comments. Other reviews followed.

Dialogues varied from safflowers to soybeans, from manganese-deficient sandy soils to radioactive materials as plant stimulants, from azalea blight to potato blight, from corn root worms to crazy top of corn, from actidione to 2,4-D, from evolution in the tropics to ring rot in Alaska, from teaching pathology to publishing in Phytopathology, and from verbal presentations to visual presentations, even movies.

Yes, movies in Seminar, 3 recently. Marshall Evans exhibited a film on the canning of Green Giant peas and Niblet corn. How to calculate maturity of corn in heat units was shown; 45000 of them being required to effect maturation, and the use of an ingenious gadget was filmed where the relative tenderness of peas could be determined by a Tenderometer.

A premier showing of a film on stem rust and barberies by Dr. L.K. Wright, of the USDA Division of P.D. Control and the projection of another on white pine blister rust control by Dr. Martin and his traveling troupe of the Bureau of E. and P.Q. highlighted several seminar hours.

Ten different speakers on at least as many occasions voiced their observations and even their careers recently before the Brotherhood of Aspiring PhDs. Locally, K. S. Bedi of India praised a book by Butler and Jones, then scolded severely Dr. Stakman for not having written a text in plant pathology. All the while Dr. Stakman puffed serenely at his charred Dunhill pipe quite unabashed.

At other meetings, Dr. Burnham sketched the progress made on corn genetics, Dr. Hamm of the Midwestern Research Institute answered many questions about the Russian dandelion, and Dr. Tuchscherer, allergy resident of the Milwaukee County Hospital charmingly presented the clinical phase of her work on molds and other allergens.

Reiner Bonde of Maine, Spence Mullin of Virginia, Phil Salisbury of British Columbia, Rollo Lorenz of Guatemala, "Dutch" Harrar in Mexico, and E. C. Stakman of Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, England, Italy and various other countries, stayed long enough to deliver addresses on Thursday evenings.

Lorenz marveled at Guatemala, "land of eternal spring", 5000 feet above the top of the Atlantic, the land which exports about a million bags of coffee a year. Even Guatemalan Marco Flores was impressed. Elsewhere in that hemisphere, Harrar and Stakman depicted the life of 20 million Mexicans and of 10 million Colombians, and the value of the Rockefeller Foundation for their agricultural fortunes. Apparently coffee is the outstanding export of Colombia and shade is an important problem in coffee-growing. The work of Orjuela and Mesa was cited and Doc ended with the thought that the "most awesome thing (in Colombia) is the Andes".

As a delegate to UNESCO, Doc complained of having to work very hard enroute as well as at Florence, Italy, where the conference was held. Besides expressing his satisfaction in trying to help the world through education and science, Doc narrated the saga of Italy: her people and her fortune. Asked who the other U.S. delegates were, Doc remembered only a few distinctly, among them Myrna Loy.

Mullin of the Truck Experiment Station at Norfolk, here to become Dr. Spence, said that sweet potatoes seem to rot less stored wet at high temperatures, than dry at low temperatures and suggested further that good wine could be made from s. potatoes, and why did not the seminar investigate this. Wine is fine but liquor is quicker, so they say.

There is yet much more to tell: those who have been here remember how much, but here is enough on which to reminisce on the Good Old Days, when things were even better...or were they?

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The New Year started with a "bang" when Dr. Harrar arrived for a short visit on the 2 Jan. 1950. Dr. Harrar also introduced to the Seminar Lorenzo Medina Martine of Saltello, here for a Minor in plant pathology.

On Jan. 3 Rolland Lorenz - Director of the Guatemala Experiment Station paid us a visit and elaborated on the technique of fishing thru the ice.

Jan. 4 saw the arrival for graduate study, of two old timers, Barney Peterson (Canada - Rust Lab.), Don Stewart (Blister Rust- Minn.) and one new timer Richard Nelson from Minn.

Jan. 9 saw old timers Rody Rodenhiser (U.S.D.A. - Wash. D.C.) and George Fischer (Wash. State) treading the halls of the "foaming fount". Dean McMillan of Sidney, Australia also visited and brought us news of old timers in Australia.

Old Timer Spencer Mullen of Virginia arrived Feb. 2 and took his final oral Feb. 3.

Dr. Norman of Camp Dietrick, Maryland, also visited the dept. for a few days.

Feb. 9 saw Dr. Stakman leaving for Mexico and Central America in an effort to obtain more critical data on the "average" size of Sub-tropical oranges

Feb. 27 the Seminar held a special tea for Dr. J.J.C. and presented him with a briefcase for carrying candy and chewing gum around Japan. Four car loads of "well wishers" saw him off at the Mpls. airport.

M. F. Kernkamp also used the airplane to attend the Tri State Soybean Conference held at Columbia, Missouri on March 1 & 2.

Dr. Stakman returned from Mexico March 4 bearing greetings from many old time

Dr. Kernkamp also attended the U.S.D.A. Soybean Conference held at Urbana, Ill. March 15 & 16.

Dr. William Davies, grassland agriculturist from Stratford-on-Avon-, England visited in the dept. March 23.

Don Stewart passed his preliminary oral March 29 and prepared to return to Blister Rust Control at Duluth, Minn.

May 7 found Dr. Stakman again boarding a plane to catch the Queen Mary, for attendance at the UNESCO meeting in Florence, Italy.

May 13, Home Ec. Day, brought back one old timer, Florence Swanson Sampson, with her college-age daughter.

On May 16th C. M. Christensen left for Chicago for the Annual Meetings of the Cereal Chemists.

Mal Shurtleff, who got a new Studebaker June 8, successfully passed his Masters' Exam and prelim June 9, was "tead" June 12 and married our former secretary Margaret Johnson on June 14th. You can see that he is still a busy man!!!

June 18 saw the departure of Martin Tveit to return to his home in Norway. "We miss the old Norweigan".

June 20 a small but powerful contingent of Minn. plant pathologists left to attend the N.C. Phytopathologists summer meetings at East Lansing, Michigan. Kernkamp, Loegring, Kommedahl, Butler, Fridlund, Mackala, and Ibrahim made the trip.

Stanley Buckman of Buckman Laboratories of Memphis, Tenn. was a visitor in the dept. June 27.

It's rumored Dr. LeClerg was in the "Tottering tower" June 30. (This reporter certainly regrets not seeing his old roommate).

Old timer Phil Hamm arrived and successfully passed his Final oral exam on June 29th.

Gladys Saline Wright and daughter Linda of Wenatchee, Wash., visited St. Paul in early July. Mama talked while Linda just rolled her great big eyes!

"Potato Man" Eide couldn't stand the land of lakes any longer so he took a four day trip thru the red river valley potato area. It's suspected that he just wanted to gaze at the beauties of North Dakota!

Our other world traveler Dr. J.J.C. finally returned to the "foaming fount" carrying evidence that he is now an Hon. Member of the Japanese Phytopathological Society. The pathology halls now have the familiar ring!

Big Andy and PeeWee Wallace arrived July 11 for a short visit. Hope Wallace didn't bring "quick decline" into Minnesota.

(Not included are Tuesday Seminars, last-minute news of the Winnipeg flood survivors, local Bookshelf offerings, various items about Old Timers, and goodness knows what else! But it is too busy a time of year, really, to get out a big newspaper like this when all the columnists are in the field or somewhere!)

