

OLD TIMERS COLYUM



At 3:42 p.m. on September 12 there returned to us again, after a two-months study in Mexico, the original editor of this Colyum, E. C. H. Emanuel de Stakman, now known as Le Jefe Grande (Pron. Luh Heavy Grandee). Old Timers will hear from him, we hope, in the next issue!

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Newest Old Timer is Dr. Milton F. KERNKAMP, smut specialist, expert in the examination of slides, Captain in the Reserve Officers Training Corp, and golfer of merit. He left Minnesota late in August by car, for a winter's teaching at Auburn, Alabama. At Washington, D. C., while enroute, he was chosen Sweet-Sorghum queen by the U. S. D. A. and as a result changed his destination to Meridian, Mississippi, where he will be stationed permanently. So it's goodbye KERNY and at the same time welcome to the Old Timers Club!

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Gordon C. CURRAN, for many years a faithful Old Timer, sends a change of address from Nashville, Tennessee, to 1835 North Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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Indirectly we have just learned that Dr. C. R. "Charlie" HURSH, one-time inmate of the Blue Room, 4th Floor Back, is papa to a boy. No other facts available--the boy may be a big boy or he may be a little boy. C. R. works on forest influence at the U. S. D. A. Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, North Carolina.

At the same station also is Old Timer Ralph NELSON, who, at the time our informant was in North Carolina, was officiating as Acting Director pro tem. When news is good news, why no news? Keep your public informed, Ralphie and Charlie.

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October usually is moving month. But August was a month of migrations for Old Timers this year. Dr. J. G. HARRAR left Virginia for Washington State, and Dr E. K. VAUGHAN left New Jersey for Virginia.

"Dutch" HARRAR, who has been at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, since leaving Minnesota in June, 1935, now becomes head of plant pathology at State College, Pullman, Washington.

Replacing him at V. P. I. is E. K. VAUGHAN, Agent since September, 1937, in the Division of Vegetable Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. D. A., at the New Jersey Experiment Station, New Brunswick. Vaughan's new work is in the Biology Department at Blacksburg and consists of teaching and research in botany and plant pathology. Here's success and satisfaction to them both!

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A change was made also by Delphinium-Disease Thomas LASKARIS. Formerly at the New York Botanical Garden, Laskaris since September 1 has been at the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, Princeton, New Jersey, working with bacteria.

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Bernard SHEMA, at the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin, sends his "best regards to all." He says he has "spent considerable time within the past month working with the electron microscope, taking pictures of bacteria, etc....".

He is now seeing things he has never seen before! But Wisconsin is so far from Minnesota that SHEMA doesn't think he can visit us until December.

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K. W. KREITLOW, so we are told, took the "fatal plunge" into matrimony on September 7. All other information is lacking. Who is the lady, etc. etc.? We would like to know, Kreitlow.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Berglund (Dorothy Ann JOHNSON), at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, on September 4, a son, Stephen Lansing, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

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Another mama who was formerly of the Plant Path. Office staff came in to see us recently. In fact, papa and mamma and the baby boy all came--Dr. Fred DAVIES, Helen PEARSON Davies, and four-months-old Philip Llewellyn Davies.

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These members of the F₂ we have learned, are not to be slighted, as for instance when Dr. H. A. RODENHISER was in St. Paul this summer and Miss Dodsall inquired first about his dog, second about his son. "RODY" is now deserting the smuts for the rusts, and is taking over the leadership in rust research for the Bureau of Plant Industry.

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Dr. and Mrs. Milton H. PETTY, who have spent the past year at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana, have been vacationing for several weeks in Minneapolis. It seems that extension work impresses the Louisiana farmers only in French, and Mrs. Petty holds a Master's degree in French, but we don't know whether she tries to impress the farmers or not. We suspect the Minnesota farmers would be impressed, even without English!

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Dr. "Ebi" LAMBERT, member of the secret Q. C. F. 4th-Floor-Front fraternity, also vacationed in this famous vacation land. He is just as energetic, enthusiastic, and cheerful as ever! If you need an idea, get in touch with him.

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A. Dale CHAPMAN, the Chicago chemical tycoon, stopped in briefly early in August but did not get above the first floor suite of the forest pathologists. He reported that "LINDY", the other part of the firm, was well and busy.

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From the Pacific in July came Chester A. WISMER, Corporal in our first line of defense and savor of sugarcane. He likes Hawaii and he likes the army, but he holds that we who are on the outside are obligated to do our part in preparedness also. While absent from us, WISMER acquired, among other things, an upper-lip adornment.

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That was no stranger wandering in the halls the last few nites. That was E. C. S. recently returned from a sojourn in Mexico. Old Timers may contact J. J. C. for reintroductions.

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MINNESOTA PERSONALS

Several "comings" and "goings" have occurred during summer season, all of which helps to bring the personals column to life.

First to leave the ranks since the last issue of "Ye olde Aurora" were John and Dorothy VAUGHN. They have gone to make company for old timer Dr. J. G. LEACH in the "hill country" of West Virginia. John took over duties as State Extension Pathologist there the 1st of August.

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Proof that all good things must eventually end came when Dr. KERNKAMP packed and left the Tottering Tower. When he left Kerny was headed for Auburn, Alabama, where he was to teach botany and plant pathology on an exchange fellowship with the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. An abrupt change in his plans was brought about, however, when he learned he had been chosen for a job as Assistant Pathologist in the Bureau of Plant Industry. He and Mrs. Kernkamp are now in Washington, D. C., but

will soon be located in Meridian, Mississippi.

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Harry LACHMUND, recently returned from the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, finished up an extensive thesis on white pine blister rust, passed exams for his Master's degree, and headed for "sunny" California.

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Ellis DARLEY, in his traditional rushing style, received his "sailing" orders, packed, and left within slightly over 24 hours. He had headed for home-state Colorado, taking the position vacated by Walt THOMAS who recently arrived here. Darley is accompanied by the Mrs. and their young son.

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Although still present, T. H. KING will soon join the "Old Timers", at least for a while, before this document goes to press. He leaves to fill Kernkamp's shoes at Alabama. Also before he leaves he is scheduled to take a prelim.

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Filling Kerny's shoes here in the T. T. (Kernkamp had lots of shoes) is Coyt WILSON. He recently arrived from Alabama and has now been duly conducted through the smut lab. Word reaches us that Mrs. WILSON will soon arrive from the southland to brave the Minnesota winter.

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John MITCHELL has just rejoined us after spending the past year at Louisiana State University.

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We hesitate to say whether our Chief is "back", or whether he merely is here again for an indefinite "visit". Nevertheless he is here and looking quite "pert" after his most recent 6-week sojourn "south of the border".

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Milton PETTY paid us a brief visit. He was present to give departing Kernkamp words of advice on teaching.

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Miss DOSDALL has returned from her North Shore retreat where she has been spending some time and energy cultivating a garden, which we hear is quite beautiful.

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Miss HART vacationed in the north and we mean north. Highlights of the trip to reach the ear of our reporter were white whales in Hudson Bay, herds of caribou and a huge grain elevator at a place called Churchill. The elevator was big 2 or 3 million bushels or so and very impressive in the wilderness. Rumor has it that Minneapolis has several elevators that make the giant of Hudson Bay a mere piker.

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Drs. EIDE and SHARVELLE spent their "vacation" this summer working at their respective homes. Sharvelle is now engaged in remodeling experiments on his house, while Eide rebuilt the garage at his new address on Hillside Ave. Quite a party accompanied both the destruction and resurrection of said garage. Cooperating laborers from the division were well paid for their assistance, much to the disgust of the local union.

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Dr. TERVET spent a week or so fishing (?) in Wisconsin, and on a trip into Iowa.

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Wedding bells have really rocked our halls this summer. First it was the silent Earle HANSON who surprised us and married Miss Maryan McIntosh. The wedding took place in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 3.

Dudley PRESTON is also a married man now. He and the former Evelyn McManigal were married in Chicago September 6. Quite a change has since come over Dud. He now comes to work early in the morning and goes home early in the evening instead of vice versa!

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BOOKSHELF

The Chef's Special for today: "Mushroom Growing in the United States" by E. B. Lambert, U. S. D. A. Farmers' Bulletin 1875, June.

Among the new material just received are Tuthill and DECKER on leaf roll losses in potatoes in Amer. Potato Jour. for May, CHEREWICK on Rhizoctonia of sweet clover in July Phytopath., and J. L. ALLISON et al. on alfalfa resistance in the August Phytopath.

See also results of Minnesota smut work in Phytopath. TERVET on susceptibility of oats to smut, LING on rye smut infection, MARTIN AND KERNKAMP on grass smuts. DOSDALL reports in Minn. Hort. on Botrytis crown rot of iris; CHRISTENSEN(JJ) and ROSE are helpful concerning wheat and barley scab in Ext. Folder 97; and SHARVELLE brings up to date Ext. Folder 71 on apple fire blight.

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J. J. C. no longer paces up and down the hall. Could it be that he has shed his load of responsibility with the return of E. C. S.

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LITERATURE SEMINARS

We (meaning the writer or war correspondent) were unable to attend all of the seminars this summer, and so will have to fall back on statistics to fill our column.

Literature seminar met every Thursday in July and August except July 3 and 24. Total attendance during that period and September 4 and 11 was 167 or 18.55 persons per seminar. High attendance was 27 on July 17, two days before Stark left and low was on August 28 with an unlucky 13.

Guests, including old timers, who attended seminars during the summer were G. D. Green, F. R. Davies, T. P. Dykstra, Paul V. Siggers, and Dr. and Mrs. M. Petty. Laura Mae Hamilton was present on 3 evenings and J. J. Christensen, acting head, attended six of the nine meetings. We feel compelled to remark that this was not a high score for the acting head.

A study of comparative geography developed in this series of seminars as various travellers and new members talked of the lands they had seen or their home state. The list includes R. C. Lorenz, Central and South America (illustrated with Kodochrome slides); G. D. Green, Mississippi; Coyt Wilson, Alabama; W. D. Thomas, Colorado; J. W. Hendrix, North Carolina; and M. A. Petty, Louisiana. We should also include random plugs for the state of Washington by Dud Preston. Dudley's hitherto strongly defended thesis that everything in Washington is better than can be found elsewhere has been weakened by the fact that he finally found something about Minnesota that pleased him. He married her!

Other important speakers heard were Dr. T. P. Dykstra who spoke about potato diseases and other problems of potato production. Paul V. Siggers who told us about little leaf disease of slash pine, and F. D. Rossevelt (via radio) who announced that the hunting and fishing season was open on the Atlantic and Pacific.

On September 11, after a short argument about the advisability of breaking precedents, J. J. C. was allowed to review a paper on the effect of fertilizers on cotton wilt.

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Woe is me! Preston, the night hawk, has gotten himself into the bad habit of going home at 10:30 p.m. every nite. Advice: Don't let that new wife dictate terms at this early stage in the game.

E. Hanson is almost back to normal after having been married for a whole month.

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VISITORS

F. A. COFFMAN, T. R. STANTON, A. C. DILLMAN, J. A. STEVENSON, E. B. LAMBERT, H. A. RODENHISER, J. Allen CLARK, T. P. DYKSTRA, D. C. SMITH, G. A. WIEBE--Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C.; L. A. SCHAAL, Bureau of Plant Industry, Greeley, Colorado; W. L. POPHAM, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Washington, D. C.; H. H. FLOR, (USDA), North Dakota State College, Fargo, N. D.; G. F. WEBER,

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.; M. A. PETTY (and wife), Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La.; G. Y. YOUNG, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Joe RUPERT, University of Michigan, East Lansing, Mich.; Bob ZABEL, New York School of Forestry, Syracuse, New York; L. H. FLINT, Louisiana State University, Louisiana; C. A. WISMER, on leave from military service in Hawaii; A. H. Reginald BULLER, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba; L. M. AMES, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plains, Mass.; L. M. JOSEPHSON, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

Miss Dossdall entertained and conducted a demonstration trip of her Rock Gardens at her summer home in Grand Marais for the members of the Eastern Section of the Cook County Garden Club. She also talked to the combined Garden Clubs on the "Growing of Rock Garden Plants". More recently she has been devoting much of her time to inquiries on edible and poisonous mushrooms.

Tervet, Eide, Hendrix and Borlaug gave talks at the Annual Farmers Field Day of the Northwest Substation at Morris on July 14 and 15.

Eric Sharvelle attended the Raspberry Tour sponsored by the Head of the Lake's Fruit Growers Association in Duluth on July 18.

Eide and Thomas attended the Aitkin Potato Day the first of September.

Tervet was "chief potentate" at the National Golf Meeting on September 17, Superintendents Association.

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As the new building nears completion Sharvelle who is in charge of the expenditure of funds looks more and more haggard. Is it the magnitude of the responsibility or the lack of funds that is adding gray hair to an already thinning stand?

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SPORT SPURTS

The moths have been removed from the athletic equipment, along with several inches of summer dust and various sultry epithets that were in vogue last season. Research is being relegated to the back corners of the mind and the Tottering Tower Prognosticators (plain liars) are now in full swing.

It appears that the University of Minnesota has already won the national football championship without having moved a muscle; or so say the scribes. Perhaps this observation is a wee bit premature. The writer would like to go out on a limb by forecasting that Minnesota will no longer be undefeated in football after the University of Washington game on Sept. 27. On page 8 of Aurora, Vol. XVII, No. 1 it was predicted that Minnesota would not be victors in more than three quarters of their football games this fall. This prediction still stands; anyone wishing to contest the writer's attitude can lay their money on the line.

Rumor hath it that the Plant Path. bowling team will kegle with Mexican oranges this season, graciously supplied by the wandering head boy. The bowling squad has several veterans back from the cellar dwelling team of last year. The foundation of a successful season will be built around that stellar set of gutter hawks, Carl (Lay-down-until-the-feeling-goes-away) Eide and Andrew (I-was-robbed) Dornie. We are still hoping to get the Chief and Chris lined up for a go at this sport. Around these parts it is felt that Chris would be the victor of such a match. Stak might address (talk to) the ball more fluently, but Chris can disseminate the ball (bull) just as far and much more delicately.

THEY THEMSELVES SAY DEPARTMENT:-

Ed Andrews sez he has been golfing in the low 90's. He probably ran out of numbers.

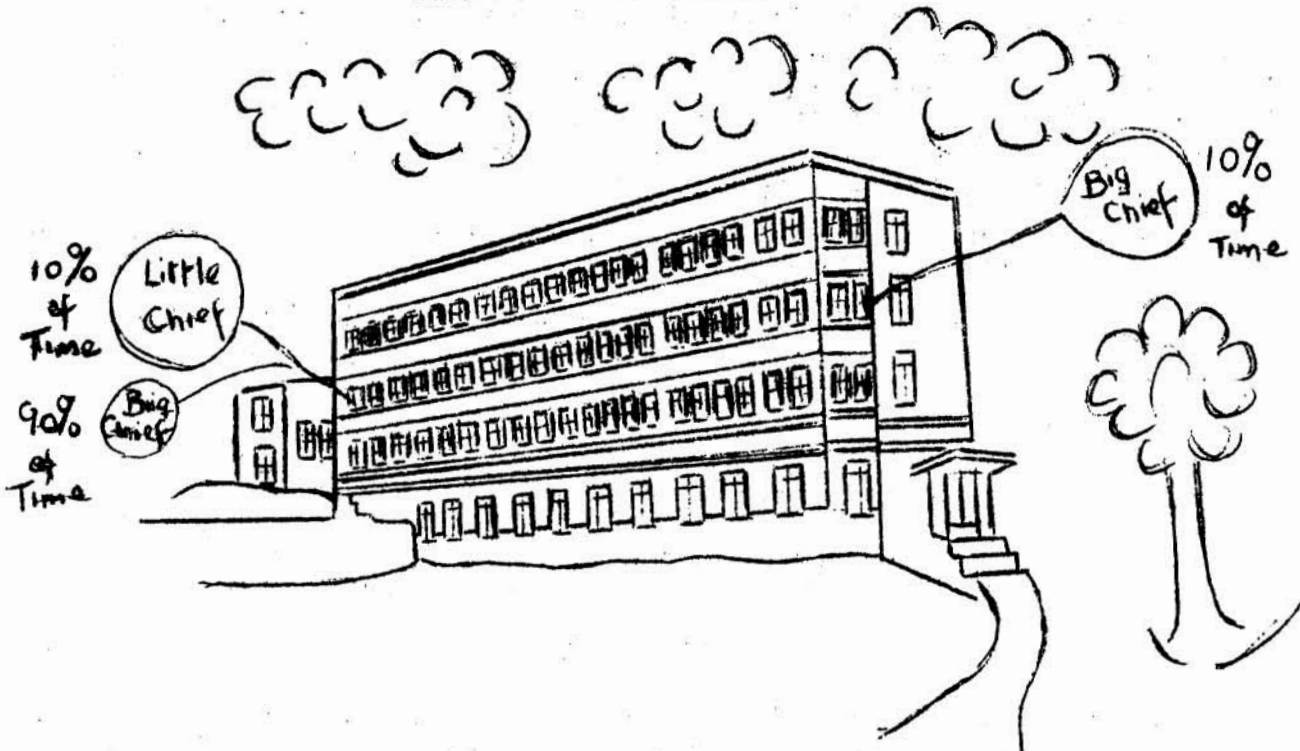
Scrapper Martin insists that he bowled 172; sounds more like his golf score.

Preston admits bowling right around the 200 mark, although no one has seen him do so.

Downie, Young, Hendrix, and Borlaug insist that they are making phenomenal scores at golf. However, a glance at their score cards makes one feel that they were adding up the national debt or something.

According to reports on the status of the new building we are waiting for the snow to fly so that equipment and belongings can be moved in sleds.

A New Star in the Heavens or
Another White Elephant?



Several accounts have been published in past issues of Aurora concerning a new and imposing edifice officially designated as Phytobrickhaus concretus var: erectus designed to take over the manifold duties and responsibilities of the Old Tottering Tower. The growth and early existence of this new species has been attended by the usual trials and tribulations of early childhood, but at last, inspite of labor troubles, shortage of materials, and changing ideas on the part of its future inmates, it now stands as illustrated, complete in every detail except for occupants.

Indecision and uncertainty clouds the future of this new home for Tottering Towerites as official sanction to commence the "Big Trek" as yet has not been forthcoming, and it would appear as if the Tottering Tower is reluctant to part company with its present occupants to be relegated to the lesser role of housing other occupants. Nevertheless it is highly probable that when the snow flies and after classes are well under way the powers that be will initiate the evacuation of P. tremuloides and order a blitzkrieg occupation of P. concretus var: erectus.