

It is with keen regret that we announce the death of Dr. Herbert H. Whetzel, on November 30, 1944, at the age of 67. Cornell University and the American Phytopathological Society have lost one of their great men, but Dr. Whetzel will always be a living force in the science of plant pathology through the imprint of the work that he has done and the inspiration he has given to others.

Service Men

Adams. Dave is still in Italy with his hospital unit, tending the sick, when he is not seeing the sights and ruins.

Christopher. The major is now roaming the haunts of Rudyard Kipling in India. He has seen the sacred cow and bargained with the vendors. His time is to be occupied with the duties of Medical Officer, Bacteriologist, Sanitation Officer, Veterinarian, and most anything else for which a good man is needed.

Johnson. If Herb's second-hand, well-patched air mattress, that usually goes flat before morning, holds up, and if the tent of his own design keeps out the rain, he plans on having a cozy time of it, wherever he is overseas.

Kernkamp. Still policing in Italy, Kerny finds the general run of things quite uniform and unexciting. Their Thanksgiving dinner, says he, was highlighted with chestnuts. Quite a delicacy.

King. Tommy over in Luxembourg has had his fill of wine and has actually waded around in basements flooded with wine. And it is free! He says, "We were the first unit of the Third Army to enter Germany."

Mitchell. Jack has completed his various courses of training and is now stationed in New York waiting for a boat (ship).

Munnecke. Don, formerly of Mitchell Field, New York, paid the Department a surprise visit over the Christmas holidays. He was then being transferred to Georgia with a change in duties. He was not quite sure what he would be doing.

Schneider. The birch and evergreen forests of Brittany are quite beautiful but not like the Big Woods, writes Schneider. He has seen numerous old chateaux and castles, as well as war ruins, at places like St. Lo in the course of his travels throughout France.

Strege. Hazel complains of lack of excitement; like capturing single-handed a whole company of the foe, or of being referred to as the "One Woman Navy." She is not very certain what she will be doing after February, when her Public Relations Office will go out of business.

Thomas. Walt is still at the Navy Communications school, located at Harvard, learning all those mysterious things related to navy unknowables. He expects to be shipping out before many moons have passed.

Wisner. Chet has had another look at the Eiffel Tower recently, and he says that there is some wine available where he is and spirits are high!

Wright. Ted is still in India. He knows a little more hindustani now,

PHYTOPATH. MEETINGS

The American Phytopathological meetings, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 9-11, afforded an excellent opportunity for another Old Timers pow-wow. Thirty former occupants of the old Tottering Tower and one guest assembled for a Monday-noon luncheon, in place of the usual Minnesota dinner. S. J. P. Chilton, in his old capacity as Seminar chairman, officiated in a masterful manner. Each member present was introduced with due ceremony and reciprocated -- with everything from J. J.'s gracious bow to J. G. Harrar's short discourse on the Chief's behavior while his "guest" in Mexico.

Among those present were Lieut. Axel Andersen and Lieut. (j.g.) Arden Sherf, who were fortunate enough to be able to get away from their duties with Uncle Sam long enough to attend the meetings. A silent toast was proposed by the Chief to all the Old Timers now in uniform, with the hope that they would soon be able to rejoin our ranks. All those present signed the regular Seminar ledger. Perusal of the signatures reveals the following:

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| 1. L. M. Tyler | 18. F. R. Davies |
| 2. R. S. Kirby | 19. J. J. Christensen |
| 3. H. Hart | 20. A. L. Anderson |
| 4. E. C. Stakman | 21. J. G. Harrar |
| 5. P. Decker | 22. J. L. Seal |
| 6. J. Rodriguez | 23. P. D. Peterson |
| 7. W. N. Ezekiel | 24. H. H. Thornberry |
| 8. E. D. Hansing | M. F. Gribbins |
| 9. H. Darling | (guest of Thornberry |
| 10. R. Stutzman | and Tyler) |
| 11. A. F. Sherf | 25. D. Gottlieb |
| 12. W. S. Beach | 26. E. Hirschhorn |
| 13. K. W. Kreitlow | 27. J. L. Allison |
| 14. E. F. Darley | 28. Don Fletcher |
| 15. C. Wilson | 29. J. G. Leach |
| 16. R. S. Davidson | 30. S. J. P. Chilton |
| 17. C. C. Allison | |

AT THE MEETINGS, ALSO, OCCURRED THE DETHRONEMENT OF J. J. CHRISTENSEN, WHO WAS REPLACED AS PRESIDENT BY DR. H. B. HUMPHREY, TWO OTHER OLD TIMERS WERE ELECTED TO ASSIST IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY-- DR. J. H. CRAIGIE AS VICE-PRESIDENT, AND DR. E. M. JOHNSON AS SECRETARY.

OLD TIMERS

Norman BORLAUG is again back in Mexico after having made a flying trip to the United States for family reasons. Latest reports are that he has plunged into his work in Mexico with characteristic vigor and enthusiasm. He has joined the Rockefeller Foundation agricultural improvement group and we expect a Spanish letter and some Spanish cigars. We hope they are better down there than they are here; if not, we expect Harrar, Borlaug, and others to do something about it.

A considerable part of one Thursday evening seminar recently was devoted to a scientific discussion of Huey BORDERS' letter telling about horticultural and pathological problems near Homestead, Florida. Theories regarding nomenclature of subtropical plants were numerous among the Seminar group, and many of them were not confirmed by subsequent investigation.

As mentioned in the Bookshelf, Dr. Alan GEMMELL, collaborating with Dr. G. Pontecorvo, has published an article in a recent number of Nature on population genetics of Penicillium notatum and other moulds. GEMMELL is becoming

