



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:



Old Timer Paul V. SIGGERS, Ph.D. Minnesota, 1939, retires after 27 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He has made noteworthy contributions in the field of forest diseases, particularly on the brown spot needle blight of longleaf pine and the fusiform canker of slash and loblolly pine. Previously he had served two years in World War I and four years as plant pathologist for the United Fruit Company in Costa Rica. We hope that Siggers will enjoy his new freedom and soon come to Minnesota to renew acquaintances.

We are a little late with this announcement—but Dr. John VAUGHN, at Michigan State College, is now devoting 50 percent of his time to cereal pathology for the experiment station. And he likes it, despite his early love of potato diseases!

Larry MILLER is now acting in charge of the Tidewater Field Station at Holland, Virginia. What a change from fundamental research on leaf spots of peanuts to that of milk production!

ANOTHER GIRL: Laurie Margaret TELLER, born October 30, at Detroit, Michigan. AND STILL ANOTHER: December 8, Sara Ann GOODMAN, at Pearl River, N. Y.

Dr. J. G. "Dutch" HARRAR is leaving Mexico after nine years to assume new responsibilities as Deputy Director for Agriculture in the expanded Division of Natural Sciences and Agriculture of the Rockefeller Foundation, with headquarters in New York City. With Harrar's transfer, Dr. E. J. Wellhausen becomes local Director of the Agricultural Program in Mexico.

Dr. B. B. Mundkur retires on January 2 as Deputy Plant Protection Adviser to The Government of India and thereafter will be Professor of Botany at the University of Poona, Poona 7.

It looks as if there might be a branch office of Aurora in Guatemala, as Old Timer Rolland Lorenz writes on a letterhead on which appears "La Aurora," Guatemala. The real address is Instituto Agropecuario Nacional, Guatemala City. The telephone number is 9626 if anybody wants to call. Rolland has hopes of bringing his young son up to the north woods of Minnesota for some fishing next summer.

Dr. H. S. Rao, who minored in plant pathology at Minnesota four years ago, is now engaged in tree breeding and general botanical work at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, India. He writes, "I particularly recall the Tuesday evenings in Plant Path. seminar room crowded with an international group of graduate students and members of the faculty, brilliant and incisive, thrashing topics ranging in time and space, yet with all harmonious."

The gold medal and Outstanding Achievement award of the University of Minnesota which was conferred on Dr. R. J. Noble in absentia at the June commencement was presented personally to him this fall in an impressive ceremony by the U.S. Consul General in Sydney, Australia. Everybody here applauds!

Dr. Larry TYNER writes from the Dominion Lab. of Plant Pathology at Edmonton, Canada, that life is interesting and that he is working hard on the Sperguson method for control of loose smut of barley.

A whole issue of the West Virginia Mountaineer is devoted to the new mansion housing Old Timer Dr. J. G. LEACH's Department of Plant Pathology and Bacteriology. Cast out all envy and jealousy on the score of equipment before reading!

From the Sunday Herald Leader of Lexington, Kentucky, for September 2 we were happy to learn that Dr. E. M. JOHNSON left the hospital "after winning a four-year fight with tuberculosis." In the picture, with coat over his shoulder and Gladstone bag in hand, he looked healthy and happy.

New Old-Timer Jacques PONCHET sent regards in December to "every Old Timer at the Seminar". His address: Station Centrale de Pathologie Vegetale, Versailles, France.

One-time forester Ellis F. DARLEY is now working on wilting of date palms. Also slipped through the California censors on December 14 the admission that they "had a little freezing weather last week."

"Memo to Ye Olde Timers," 12/15, from "BB" VANCE, of Dayton, Ohio: "Greetings to all and sundry, and the best of all things for the coming year!" Says he is teaching for University of Dayton and Wittenberg College, doing supervisory work for public schools, and plugging away at revision of high school science textbooks.

Those who travel in warm climates during the Minnesota winter usually send pictures of orange trees and flowers to make us unhappy. Those who travel in Argentina usually--no, ALWAYS--write about beefsteaks! Thus on November 27, "The old timers Rodenhiser, Holton, Vallega, Cenóz, Hirschhorn remember today as always the big chief and little chief and all tottering towerites... much baby beef... at La Cabaña we wish you could be with us tonight. No dwarf bunt, no rust problems...no troubles in the world...no..."

Dr. S. Z. HASANAIN sends word from Abbotabad, Pakistan, that he has not received Aurora for several months and intimates that he misses it. Despite the fact that Christmas is not celebrated as such in Pakistan, Dr. Hasanain says that they celebrated on behalf of those who do celebrate Christmas and in that way wish Aurora and all of its subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Paramaribo, Surinam, recent OT Frank del PRADO says that he misses the nice cold weather of the North Star State. We hope that the North Star shines in the same way on Surinam as on Minnesota and that it emanates some of the same bracing ozone which is so characteristic a feature of our-----climate!

Dr. M. K. HINGORANI, Pusa Institute, New Delhi 12, sends regards and good wishes individually to those whom he knows personally and collectively to those whom he would like to know.

New Year greetings also have come from S. F. HASSAN, who has an address at 231 Hyderabad Colony, Clayton Road, Karachi 5, Pakistan, but who has been unable to get a house. In addition to his duties as Quarantine Mycologist, Hassan is responsible to his department for supplies ranging from stationery to jeeps.

"Red" DAMRON reports "new house, new car, new job, new town." although still on land appraisal, he is now with the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul. "Miss the gang on the third floor."

In sending regards from Turrialba to our new bride, Angelita Schroeder, Bill LOEGERING added that he had gone to a Costa Rican so-called "poor people's wedding" on December 8. "The bride was my cook and a good one--the man sure is lucky."

Dick PON, now at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md., reports housing difficulties since he arrived. He solved them by building a house, into which they moved in December.

