



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

Dr. Walter S. BEACH, Minnesota B.S. in 1914 and now Professor Emeritus, Penn. State University, was featured in Mushroom News of September. "The mushroom industry is most indebted to Dr. Beach for his early discoveries of the value of formaldehyde in soil treatment to control bubble...." was the beginning of the tribute paid to his work by the mushroom industry of Pennsylvania. Brownston, the childhood home of Dr. Stakman, was the birthplace of Old Timer Beach.

George HAFSTED sent regards from Wisconsin to old old old Old Timers here, wrote that he saw "Bam" BAMBERG in Washington last June, tried to find "Rody", and at Cornell chatted with Leon J. TYLER. Sent historical material on plant path in a booklet called the "British Botanist."

To Oregon from Bangkok returned G. R. HOLRNER for the time from middle May to middle August. Enroute he visited Pete BISBY at Staines, England. This hop-disease specialist is again in Thailand, however, where he will continue as Chief Advisor of the Oregon State College Advisory Staff at Kasetsart University.

Olaf S. AAMODT retired from government service on August 31 to "accept a position for two years with the University of Kentucky as group leader of the ICA University of Kentucky college contract in Indonesia" at Bogor. During the past 6 years, says Olaf, I "have been technical advisor for the ARS to the ICA.... and have visited approximately 40 countries....I don't know whether I am ahead of or behind Stak, but I believe this is the last one before the big fishing trip in Minnesota."

Dr. Kurt HUBERT, who studied at Minnesota in the days of "The Canyon" in the Tottering Tower, wrote from Halle, Germany, that he planned to meet Dr. Stakman at the Congress at Hamburg in September. In 1956 Hubert visited China, where he saw T. C. LOH, his of the famous soccer shoes and now father of five--which would be 10 shoes. Loh is now at Chipei near

Canton, with the Research Institute of Subtropical Plants. To Halle, this summer, went Minnesota OT Dr. Shan Ming CHEN, of the North China Agricultural Research Institute at Peking; and at Halle, according to Hubert, he and Chen had "very nice hours together."

Dr. S. J. WELLENSIEK sent the following address in July: Laboratorium voor Tuinbouwplantenteelt, Postbus 30, Wageningen, Netherlands.

From Mason City, Iowa, to 801 Citizens Bldg., Peoria, Illinois, is the change of address for Gordon C. (Gordy) CURRAN.

Arthur F. VERRALL, Head of the Division of Forest Disease Research at the Southern Experiment Station in New Orleans, reported in July that he had spent a few days with Ralph LINDGREN in Washington, that he occasionally saw Jimmy LYLE and other OTs in his travels--Panama, Hawaii, where he missed WISMER, Guam, etc. (Gad, we certainly are going in for the authentic old timer so far, aren't we? - Now don't anybody take this personally; it doesn't mean you!)

"James Merrill WALLACE '29 Ph.D., his wife... and daughter Jane, now a Freshman at the University of California, plan a trip to Europe soon. Wallace, plant pathologist at the California Citrus Experiment Station, and his family toured Europe in 1954....Wallace.... traveled to Israel in 1955...." -- Gopher Grad, June, 1957. (Where does Minnesota come into these travels?)

In India, Dr. A. P. MISRA is now Professor of Mycology at the Bihar Agricultural College.

"Canadian phytopathologist M. W. CORMACK has been appointed Chief of a new Agricultural Research Laboratory at Sakatoon! --Phytopathology (News), August. (For shame that we should have to get our news in this roundabout way!)

At the University, Leeds, England, Dr. J. H. (Jack) WESTERN wrote in August of soil-borne diseases, oat smuts as material for students, and entertaining the Association of Applied Biologists in September; also of his son Richard, "who is now as tall as I am (that's not saying much!)...." (Apparently your columnist is progressing out of the Old Timer grandfather group into mere fathers.)

A postcard from the Cabana in Buenos Aires sometime last summer read, in part, "Not even corn fed cows can beat this," and we bet the writers were eating MEAT in the generous quantities that only Argentina can furnish.--Signed José VALLEGA, David and Betty COTTLIEB.

A third daughter was born to the R. G. ORELLANAS in Fort Worth, Texas, May 22. Papa left Ceylon on June 3, after completing his FAO assignment. After that, said he in June from the Belgian Congo, "I have been through all types of weather. I almost roasted in Aden, shivered in Kenya, perspired in the Belgian Congo, and hope I won't melt in the French Cameroun, Nigeria, and Ghana. I wonder how the weather will be in Rome in two weeks time?" Where all this migration was going to end he did not say.

Travel, travel, move, move. Doesn't anybody stay home or stay put? On June 7, Ian W. TERVET left Dugway to take a position with Technical Operations Inc., in Burlington, Mass. On August 15 he transferred to Monterey, California, to be director of TOI there.

In Santurce, Puerto Rico, fairly recent Ph.D. Julio BIRD has taken up pipe smoking and finds it a "very nice proposition." WHY, with 5 small Birds in the family, did Julio send a picture of some FISH that he had caught?

Shelley Elizabeth born Sept. 29 at Raleigh, N.C., to Dr. & Mrs. Richard (Dick) NELSON. Says pa, apropos of his work, "You can tell the troops to lay down their arms -- witchweed can attack small grains, so the rust problem will soon be eliminated indirectly."

Well, your reporter can travel too! In Mexico City we saw Old Timer Norman E. BORLAUG, known all over the world for his wheat breeding, and Alfredo CAMPOS, (M.S. Minn. 1950), working under Norm's tutelage. Margaret Borlaug had recently visited archeological sites in Yucatan, daughter Joannie was training a brand-new pup, Dr. B. was coaching a junior baseball team, and Billy had achieved the rank of bat boy. Campos was putting the final touches on a Ph.D. thesis for St. Paul; Mrs. C. and your reporter conversed in a unique brand of English-Spanish; and Junior we thought had more appeal than Marlon Brando. We also saw Ing. José (Pepe) RODRIGUEZ, director of the seed increase program for the Mexican Department of Agriculture, and the former Angelita MELENDEZ (M.S. Minn. 1951), who married OT Harry SCHROEDER (Ph.D. Minn. 1955). Harry had left Mexico for a position with the USDA at College Station Texas, for work on rice diseases; and the family was preparing to join him -- Angelita, daughter Christie, ("the lass with the delicate air,") and little Harry, who is another one of those big-brown-eyed boys that we northerners simply cannot resist! La familia Rodriguez includes the gay Guillermina, who spent her honeymoon in St. Paul, 12-year-old Patsy, who dances everything from the old Charleston to modern rock-n-roll, and Sr. Pepe (M.S. Minn. 1945), who has lost some of his hair but not his sense of humor. There were other Minnesotans in Mexico, although not plant pathologists. Among them was OT Leonel Robles' younger brother, who is purchasing agent for the Rockefeller Oficina de Estudios Especiales. To meet friends, go there: it is a crossroads between Kenya and Pullman, Washington, between New York and Turkey.

Soybean cyst nematode survey has been the summer occupation of O.T. Dr. Wayne ELLETT, of Ohio State University... And from Oregon State College comes this nasty note, "I am shocked to hear that anyone--including a maitre d'hotel or a graduate student--should have any trouble pronouncing the name of our society (reported in Aurora Sporealis 32(4):9). In this day when even a package of prepared baby food is apt to contain on the

