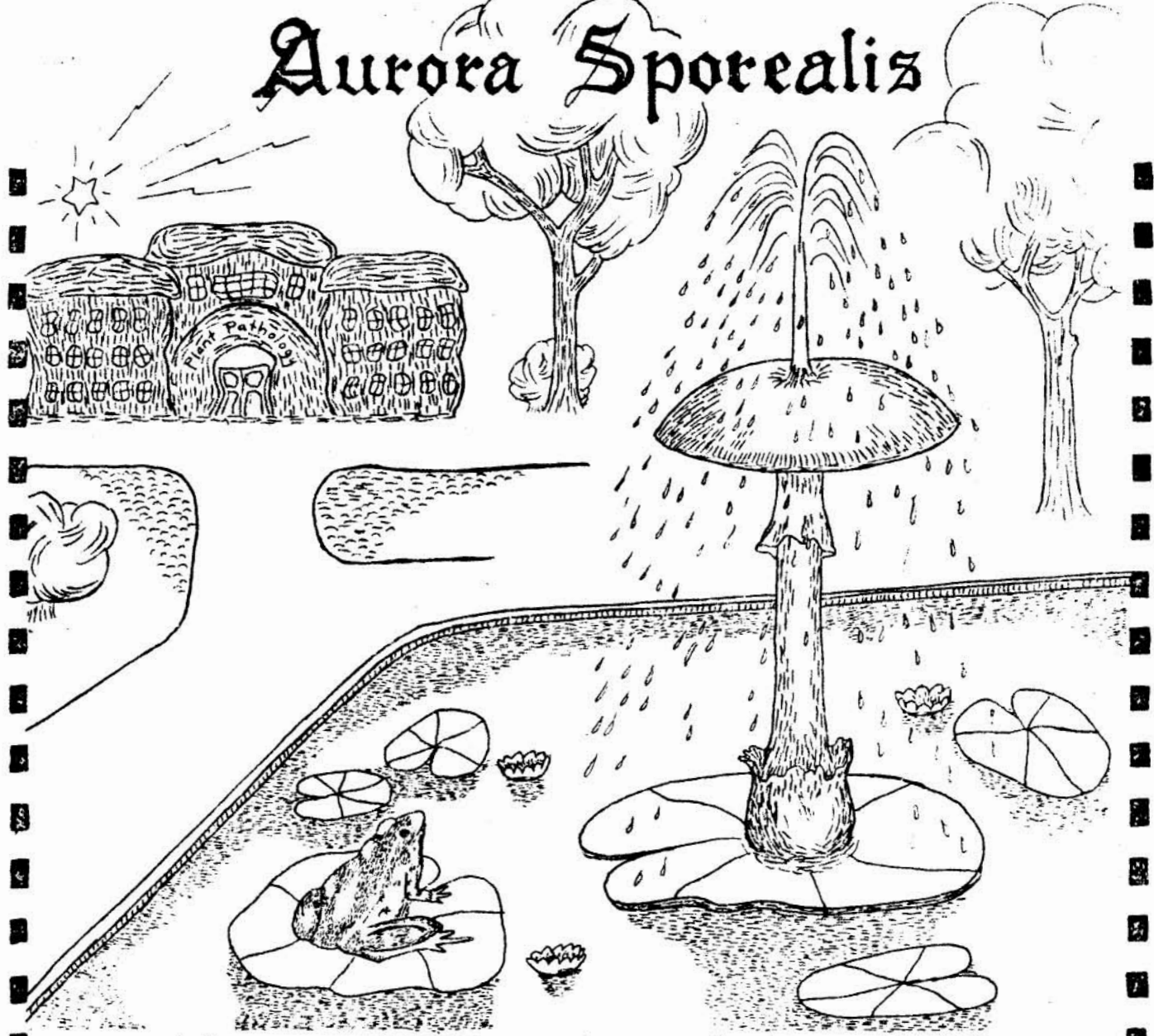


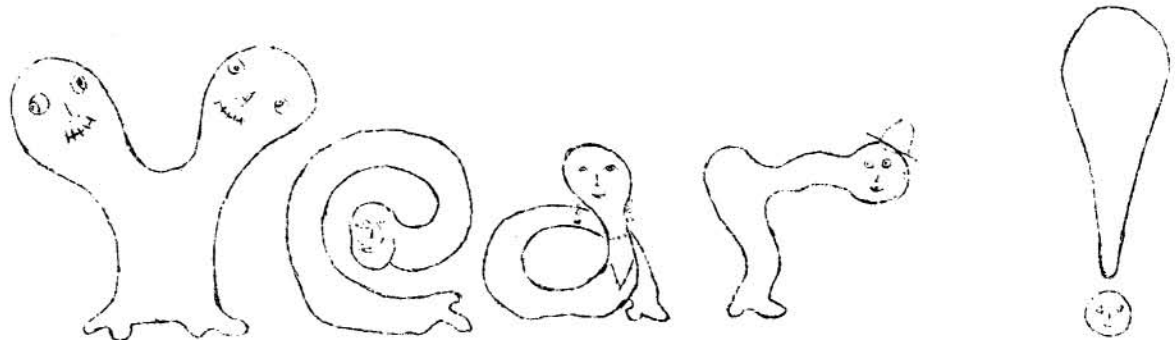
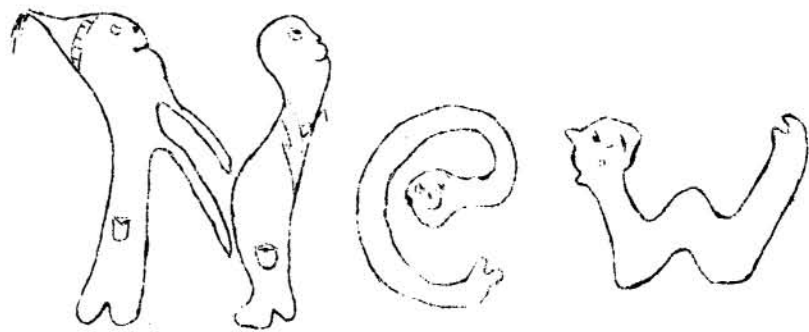
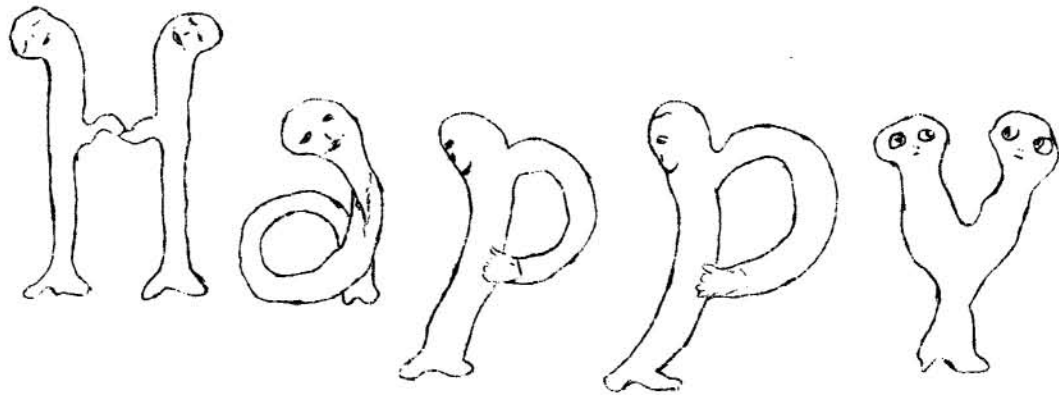
Aurora Sporealis



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 rundry,
Let the spout squirt and never lose power.





OLD TIMERS' COLYUM

This time YE ED is going to sneak into print in spite of fire, flood, or the omnipotence of the ED-IN-CHIEF. Did you ever bring literature to Lit. Sem. several times in succession without a chance to review it? There was something like that in connection with the O. T. COLYUM last time. But we learn to suffer in silence. Just because we refuse to be silent this time, however, some one else must suffer. Silence may be golden, but it is a gift, not an acquisition. And YE ED has not opened his Christmas presents yet!

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Several have recently become Old Timers: WESTERN, SYED, MISS BECKER, and M. W. CORMACK. How fast they mutate! We can only hope that each mutation is progressive.

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WESTERN is at Aberystwyth, Wales, giving lectures about U. S. A. and working on his thesis in the intervals between reminiscences and anecdotes regarding what Gemmell calls the Benighted States. Western states that he has not observed heterosis in Ustilago spp. on oats but suspects halitosis in Tilletia foetens.

SYED (Vaheeduddin, to be precise) circumnavigated U. S. A. by land on his way to San Francisco, then took to the water, stopped in Japan to visit several institutions, and his last report was from China where he saw Dr. Pan and Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Hayes in Nanking, talked at an evening smoker, and, maybe, smoked a big black cigar. Probably not. Tell us in your own words, Syed, written as you write in Hyderabad.

DR. BECKER, the freshman¹ among Old Timers, visited Geneva and Ithaca, N. Y., Washington, D. C., and several other places on her way to renew acquaintances with The Bremen, boat and city, and the Vaterland. Meager reports indicate that she was initiated into the O. T. Organization in Washington and, despite that, caught the boat. Or and Oder?

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In late November there forgathered one evening in Washington a collation of O. Timers, carefully chaperoned by Drs. Deacon Coons and H. H. McKinney. The ecclesiastical connotation was evidenced by light refreshments, the civil connotation by the civility of several non-melodious collators who nevertheless obligingly furnished the libretto of Tyrolean Songs to a billowy blonde warbler possessed of blastematous cranium, vociferous larynx, and nepenthe that led to sweet oblivion of words, time, place, and troubles, but conduced to tuneful vocalization. Thus does the spirit of cooperation gently insinuate itself into the Sciences and Arts.

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Under one roof, or two, in Washington just before December kicked November out, there gathered the following Old Timers, alphabetically listed²: HENRY (Hank) BARKER, PHIL (The Meathouse) BRIERLEY, CHARLEY (Prune Ranch) HURSH, HOWARD (Johnnie) JOHNSON, E. B. (Ebie) LAMBERT, RALPH (Strike em out) LINDGREN, RALPH (Nellie) NELSON, HERMAN (Cal Coolidge) RODENHISER, LAWRENCE (Mantilla) SCHAAL, JOHN (Names em) STEVENSON, FREEMAN (Ency. Brit.) WEISS, and YE ED.

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DR. KURT HUBERT sends greetings to the Tottering Turm and all the Bekannten therein and thereout. The Dr. is engaged in extension work in Pflanzenschutz in Provinz Sachsen (Province Saxony to us). His headquarters are in Halle a/S., famed in song, story, and for Kühn. Hubert's daughter, Ursula, already is a sunny and sturdy little Fräulein, as is apparent from a photograph. She should soon give her Vater advice on his duties in control of fruit and vegetable diseases and pests, seed treatment, Feldmäusebekämpfung, and polishing asparagus to keep it from rusting.

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HARRY UKKELBERG is still at Ford Farms, Ways Station, Georgia, working on the dairy aspects of goldenrod, on tung oil trees, perilla, safflower, etc. What a

¹ Cormack has become an O. T. since this was written. He is already back in Edmonton, where he will be given the III degree by O. Ts. Henry, Broadfoot, and Sanford.

² The parentheses are ours; please return them if you don't like them.

euphonious group of posies to work on or put to work! Ukkelberg's home address is 123 W. Gwinnett St., Savannah, Ga. (bachelor quarters). He promises to pin a giant goldenrod on any O. T. whose peregrinations take him that way. How about a little tung oil; some people in seminars need it!

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According to a letter from DR. WATERHOUSE, DR. JOHN G. CHURCHWARD still is researching and etc. right merrily and effectively at Sydney University.

CEREAL INVESTIGATOR

Gains Doctorate in Agriculture

The degree of Doctor of Science in Agriculture has been awarded to Mr. H. J. Hynes, M.Sc., B.Sc., Agr., by the Senate of Sydney University.

The thesis submitted for the degree, which embraces 10 years' investigations by Dr. Hynes during his activities as senior assistant biologist, Department of Agriculture, is regarded as a brilliant contribution to the knowledge of root rot diseases of wheat and other cereals.

This is the third time since the Faculty of Agriculture was established 26 years ago that the doctorate has been granted.

P H O T O

Dr. Hynes entered the Faculty of Agriculture as a scientific trainee of the Department of Agriculture, and graduated with honours in 1923. Shortly afterwards he was awarded the Walter and Eliza Hall Agricultural Research Fellowship. During the second year of tenure of the Fellowship Dr. Hynes studied at the University of Minnesota, where he gained the degree of M. Sc. in 1925 for a thesis dealing with rust in wheat. He then resumed his duties with the department, and in 1927 was promoted to the position of senior assistant biologist.

Dr. Hynes was secretary and editor of the official organ of the Sydney University Agricultural Graduates' Association known as "Suaga" for five years. He was actively associated with the formation of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, and was appointed editor of the journal of the institute.

From a Sydney paper.

BRAVO, DOCTOR!

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Nothing has been heard from CLYDE ALLISON Ph.D. since the last report that he was getting thoroly acquainted with tobacco in various sections of Tennessee. Can it be that tobacco got too well acquainted with various sections of him?

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DR. J. G. (Dutch) HARRAR is still teaching and investigating at V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va. Unfortunately, Mrs. Harrar recently underwent a serious operation but is recuperating satisfactorily.

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