

"This is a country in which anything can happen and frequently does." This moldy chestnut has been pulled out of the old-joke bag by generations of travelers in foreign countries. It never could happen here. But it has. And what are we going to do about it? Many have been told what to do any many are wondering what they will be told to do. The best to do is to do the best we can at what we are told to do. Temporarily, freedom of choice is gone, completely for younger men and partly for older ones. There are many important things to do. And science must do some of them. If the progress of science is interrupted, great values will be lost. It took certain countries at least 15 years to get back into scientific stride after the first world war, and they paid heavily for their enforced neglect of science during the war years. Even plant pathologists can contribute to the prosecution of the war, both directly and indirectly. Some of them are with the armed forces; the careers for which they prepared are interrupted; the future is uncertain. Those of us at home can only work harder than ever before and say "Good Luck and Happy Ending - Soon" to those who are in the armed forces.

In Service

1. Huey I. BORDERS, of Tifton, Georgia, was called into service some time ago but we have no particulars concerning his whereabouts.
2. Private Lawrence HENSON, Flt. A 357 S.S., Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, was inducted into the army on March 2. Olt-Timer E.M. JOHNSON, of Kentucky, informs us that HENSON and Miss Rhea Beard of the University staff, were married on February 24. Our best wishes to them both.
3. Remember that KERNKAMP used to show his muscle after returning from Ft. Snelling every summer? He is now 1st Lieutenant in Company E, 12th Infantry, at Camp Garden, August, Georgia.
4. Thomas H. KING, another reserve officer, since Feb. 14 has been 1st Lieutenant, A.F.R.T.C., Company A, 3d R. Battalion, at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He drives tanks and trucks from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M., and will proceed to Pine Camp, N.Y., on March 28.
5. H. H. THORNBERRY also was called as a reserve officer and is now at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois.
6. John VAUGHN has been at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the field artillery training center for officers since January 8.

Imminent, also, is the induction of the Barberton-Ohio twins, Herbert G. JOHNSON and Conrad OLSON. They are rounding up their work with Yoder Brothers and hope fervently to be able to remain together when they enter the service. More in the next issue.

The new tables for the seminar room arrived and the attributes of various furniture polishes were discussed. Coasters to put under coffee glasses were purchased to save the finish.

OLD TIMERS COLYUM

Dr I. A. WATSON, of down-under Land, continues his work with flax and cereals with Dr. WATERHOUSE, but what may have been personal news in his letter was scissored by the censor.

Dr. Stephen MACINDOE, of "Kendal," Middlecove, Sydney, writes, "I am assistant cereal specialist for the State with much travelling and organizing. At present I am reviewing the Plant Breeding before turning to other aspects with which we will have to deal. Minnesota was a splendid experience and I want the best of everything for you all."

Recently we received a new address for Dr. John CHURCHWARD; it is Soekamandi, Java. He has been in Java for some time but not at this station. Wish we knew how he was faring right now. Our very best wishes for him, anyway!

Our letters to Old Timers in China, mailed in November and December, have been returned with the notation "Service Suspended."

Larry TYNER, of Edmonton, Canada, breaks a long silence with news of himself and Canada. We were impressed by one statement particularly: "I've quit the pipe, myself, and am almost weaned of cigarettes." Should twins be separated, and blood brothers be torn asunder?

Thru Tyner came news of the ANDERSONS in Hawaii. Mrs. Anderson wrote on Dec. 4 that "they had no fear of any trouble..." and we repeat this, not to discredit her prediction, but because it probably represented the general feeling at that time. The ANDERSONS replied directly not so long ago, moreover, that their attachment to Hawaii remained unshaken.

Norman BORLAUG, whom we present to you for the first time as an Old Timer, finds his work at Wilmington, Delaware, "interesting and enjoyable." But he also finds the future uncertain, although he was recently given an A-1, then an A-3 rating in the draft. He has always had an A-1 rating in the Tottering Tower, without benefit of military examiners.

John T. PRESLEY has been transferred by the U. S. D. A. from Arizona to Pecos, Texas, for work on guayule. "Right now," says Pres on March 16, "we are arranging for experimental plantings across the southern end of New Mexico and Texas. Other men are working California and Arizona." Work hard, young man, for in the meantime we walk.

Howard E. PARSONS--we thought he had forgotten us--of the U.S. Pecan Field Laboratory, Shreveport, La., sends "Congratulations to you all on your new edition of Phytobrickhaus and best regards to all the moldy gang." It's been so long since we've seen Howard he may have fattened up. It hardly seems possible, however. Who ever heard of a Lombardy poplar getting plump?

L. A. SCHAAL at Greeley, Colorado, actually confesses that "it has been a long and very cold winter here." What IS the world coming to? (Shock No. 1 was TYNER without his pipe; No. 2 is Colorado cold to Coloradans) SCHAAL plans to be in Minnesota in May.

Dr. "Dutch" HARRAR, of Pullman, Washington, sends regards.

And Jimmie WALTER, of the Dutch Elm Disease Lab at Morristown, New Jersey, also has come to life! It is GOOD to hear from these Old Timers. WALTER is thinking during these times of this and that, and of the why and wherefor, as are many scientists. Among other things, he says, "The issue of Aurora Sporealis describing the migration to the new building was thoroughly enjoyable. I look forward to the time when I may visit you...From the account in Aurora I feel certain that the atmosphere of the Tottering Tower has been carried along, to the good of the sanitary air of the new building." He also writes, "I have had no word from LOH for 15 months and am wondering if he has been able to keep body and soul together. It has been only a month since a note written in November by Johnny CHURCHWARD reached me." Does this take you back to the canyon, when WALTER, up at the front desk by the window, had his eye glued to the microscope looking for stem and leaf rust spores, and when LOH was there in person instead of just his soccer shoes hanging on the wall, and when CHURCHWARD could be seen following Churchward's pipe around?"

L. W. R. JACKSON, who devotes his life to little-leaf disease of pines, even admits climatic flaws at Athens, Georgia: "We have 12 months field season down here, too cold and wet in the winter and too hot in the summer."

Thomas LASKARIS remains at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research at least until the end of March; thereafter, who knows?

Dorothy BLAISDELL and John VAUGHN had a year as Mr. and Mrs., when John had to leave her for Uncle Sam. After just having got nicely settled in Morgantown, Dorothy did not enjoy storing the new furniture, the new dishes, and such--nor did she enjoy parting with her new husband. Before she makes plans as a bachelor girl again, she is waiting to learn where JOHN will be sent

Morgantown blown glassware graces the board set by the new Mrs. WRIGHT at Fairhope, Alabama. When Ted's breakfast "aig" is just a mite too firm (Let the fork flirt and the yolk squirt), he can look at the beautiful blue glass, think of Dorothy and John, and remember the good old days in the Tottering Tower. Many Old Timers, however, have remained to praise SALINE'S cooking--E.L. LeClerg among the most recent--and the doors are wide open to receive you! If you go down, you can see the sun disappear over Mobile Bay, you can have grits for breakfast, pick camellias for your hair, chase wild hogs before lunch, admire the long gray beard on General Jackson's oak, and you can listen to Ted talk. He talks more like a native than the natives themselves--but actually he is a native too. The Wright family--all 3--lived in Fairhope when Ted was 4! In January, Gladys and Ted went to Florida for the potato meet at Homestead and incidentally got in a little racing at Hialeah.

Disease-Doctors VERRALL and SIGGERS, doctors of dead wood and live wood respectively, are being shunted upward floor by floor in the modern Federal building in New Orleans in which they share office and laboratory space. The shunting comes about thru increased requirements for space by military units. The pathologists are nearly at the top now, but parachutes would take them into an attractive public square just across the street, where residence might not be so bad during the warmer seasons...Sightseers in New Orleans nowadays see not only the Cabildo and the cathedral in the Old French Quarter but the very balcony behind which some of our Old Timers have resided. (See Visitors' colyum)...Dr. SIGGERS plays the harmonica; Clemencia Siggers sings and concocts delicious Spanish dishes....Art VERRALL talks about the youngest member of his family, a daughter born last May.

From the Minneapolis Star-Journal of March 23: "Dr. Paul D. Peterson, former University of Minnesota student and teacher, has been appointed director of agricultural research for the Freeport Sulphur company to head the company's development of new agricultural uses of sulphur, Langbourne M. Williams, Jr., president, announced today." Dr. PETERSON now headquarters at New Orleans, La.

