

Tennessee Valley Authority, and in the Tennessee Academy of Science. He dreamed of these organizations as contributing greatly to the well-being of southern people and especially rural folks. Through farmers' institutes, conventions, and other group meetings, he helped carry the idea of better agriculture and better living to farmers. Through his teaching of young men majoring in agriculture, he attempted to pass on the vision of the goal that agriculture might reach. Farmers and students alike learned to love this teacher.

When Dr. Morgan discovered in 1949 that he had an incurable disease, he gradually withdrew from his many activities, sold his library, and retired to the farm of his son, Dr. H. A. Morgan, Jr., at Belfast, Tennessee. Here the life that had been so active, so aggressive, and so full of accomplishment for agriculture went on for a time but at a slower pace. There were low rounded hills covered with blue grass and grazed by cattle. Ample fields of corn and wheat were nearby. A lovely home on a shaded hill overlooked the countryside. Everything testified to the better living and the better farming that Dr. Morgan had worked for. Spring had brought its miracles and summer followed with a bounteous harvest of wheat. Corn was "laid by" and a good yield seemed assured. Tobacco was tall and must soon be topped and later suckered. On the farm, much of the necessary work for producing the crops had been completed. The harvest yet remained.

Here, the master farmer, Harcourt A. Morgan, passed through the pasture gate and went, on August 25, 1950, to a better farm with the wisest and most skilled Overseer. Because he lived there were more lambs to sport in the fields, the wheat was sturdier and yielded more grain, corn and other crops were grown more successfully, and people lived happier and healthier lives. Such a man may well be called noble. And we who remain have been blessed by the touch of the hem of his garment.

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Dr. M. D. Peterson, Professor of Chemistry, Vanderbilt University, has been appointed as representative of that institution on the Council of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Dr. Robert T. Lagemann, Professor of Physics in Emory University, has been appointed as Chairman of the Department of Physics in Vanderbilt University, succeeding Dr. Francis G. Slack, who has retired from Vanderbilt. Dr. Slack came to Vanderbilt University in 1928 as associate professor, and became head of the department in 1939. In 1941 Dr. Slack was a member of the famous SAM group at Columbia University, and during this war period he was responsible for the development of the first successful diffusion barrier materials for isotopic separations, and was made director of one of the six research divisions of the laboratories.

In the summer of 1951, the state of Tennessee is represented in Oak Ridge by ten summer participants in the research programs of the laboratories, as follows: University of Tennessee, Knoxville; J. D. Maloney, R. L. Maxwell, Mechanical Engineering; H. F. Johnson, Chemical Engineering. University

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