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HELLO, WASHINGTON

Three months or more, for some six months or more, have passed since we returned to our Capitol City. Whether we winged down over the Potomac or entered the city by car or train, most of us had the feeling that our Odyssey was complete. We were home again! We were happy to be back, to meet old friends, to make new ones.

To those of us who were here before, Washington seemed strangely the same. Its lovely parks, its broad streets and avenues, its circles, its gleaming white Government buildings, all were as before. We were not surprised at its bustling, cosmopolitan air. Yet we looked with awe at the huge, sprawling Pentagon building across the Potomac from the Lincoln Memorial.

We surprised ourselves by slipping easily into doing the things we did before KC. We dined at our once favorite eating places. We looked again at a choice picture in the art gallery. We saw a movie at our favorite theater. We hunted out, and were often surprised to rediscover almost the same familiar nook in a museum or the Congressional library. On a Saturday we lost ourselves among the teeming thousands on F Street. We mingled in this moving panorama of people from all parts of the country, even the world.

We were rediscovering Washington but many of our FCA folks are discovering Washington for the first time. What do they think? Asked the question: What do you like best about Washington? Reminiscent of our previous office quarters a number of people answered just "fresh air." Some supplemented their replies with "no smoke" and "seeing daylight in the daytime." "The many beautiful sights you can see for nothing;" "meet interesting people;" "the lovely little parks in the downtown section;" and "the many historical things close by;" are representative replies. These all add up to make Washington an attractive place to live most of them are agreed.

Others said they didn't like the "lines in eating places," and from our home seekers there was one lament typical of many: "There seem to be enough apartments here to house the world. Why can't there be just one for me?"

Editorial Staff

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After a vacation of a number of months the "Grapevine" is again in publication. Today's issue was made possible by a number of FCAer's who pinch-hit for the Editor who was transferred recently to FHA.

Issues of the Grapevine will be distributed on alternate Thursdays. Until further notice contact committeemen will accept news for the Grapevine. Be sure to get your news to them early so that they can have their copy in to Clarice Andrews, by 12 noon on Mondays preceding the date of publication.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST

The Community Chest Campaign for 1946 ended on November 19 with FCA far short of its quota. No division made its quota although Emergency Crop and Feed Loan, Economic Credit and Research, Cooperative Research and Service, and Information and Extension Divisions all came close. Only four divisions: Economic Credit and Research, Intermediate Credit, Mortgage Corporation, and RACC reported 100% participation.

A vote of thanks goes to Walter Hein and his keymen, to Agnes Nemanich and Tom Fritchard, for editing and illustrating the "Key" and to Graphic Section for publishing the "Key".

FCA EMPLOYEES STILL SEEK HOMES IN WASHINGTON

Farm Credit Administration finished the move of its employees from Kansas City to Washington on September 1. The move started on April 1, but a considerable number of our members have not yet secured satisfactory housing accommodations. Some of the single men and women and the married couples without children are still living in rooming houses and hotels, waiting patiently and smilingly for the happy day when apartments again become available, and some 30 couples with 1, 2, and 3 children ranging in age from 2 weeks to 18 years urgently need to rent apartments or houses because they cannot afford to buy homes. (Continued on page 5)

Strictly Personal

Wedding bells have been ringing around FCA and Lorraine Morava and Gene Wright are better known these days as Mr. and Mrs. ... That name Mrs. Gertrude Hunsaker you've been seeing belongs to the former Gertrude Grove who was the recent bride of Harold Hunsaker who was formerly with FCA. ... And Mrs. Harold Morris is the gal we welcomed back from the WAVES not so long ago as Louella Cogswell. ... Best wishes to you all. ... It's good to see John Kennedy back again after a long illness. ... Grace McGuire is learning the difficult art of walking on crutches, while she still has a heavy cast on her leg--the result of a recent misstep which caused a badly fractured ankle. ... Elbert Smith is recuperating at his home in KC from an operation. ... Eliotte Want is recuperating from an emergency appendectomy at Doctor's Hospital. ... Rosella Reiff is confined to Georgetown Hospital (Continued on page 3)

CLUB ROOM NOTES

Members will find the club room on the 11th floor of the Arlington Hotel Building a pleasant place to eat their lunches at noon or to relax during rest periods. Here you will find the latest issues of such magazines as Life, Look, Time, News Week, New Yorker, Harper's Bazaar, and Mademoiselle.

The club room also contains a circulating library of nearly 600 books, both fiction and nonfiction, including all the latest best sellers and some 50 phonograph record albums. These books may be borrowed by members for 2 cents a working day, no charge being made for Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays. The library is open for the circulation of books and records from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. daily. The library committee is now working on a plan to make books available to members in the South Building.

Books recently added to the library include:

The Hucksters by Wakeman
This Side of Innocence by Caldwell
The Salem Frigate by Jennings
Britannia Mews by Sharp
Rhubarb by H. A. Smith
The Dark Wood by Weston
All the King's Men by Warren
The Foxes of Harrow by Yerby
We Happy Few by Howe
Spoonhandle by Moore
Bell Timson by Steen
Case of Backward Male by Gardner
Color Blind by Halscy
Women on Her Way by Baldwin
The Hollow by Christie
The White Dress by Eberhart

Yes, we also have Betty MacDonald's "The Egg and I," the No. 1 non-fiction best seller; likewise William Allen White's "Autobiography," Liebman's "Peace of Mind," Ingersoll's "Top Secret," and

Sugrues' "Starling of the White House."

Members may now order books and magazine subscriptions at a discount from the club librarian any day during the noon hour. Place your Christmas orders now for prompt delivery. - P.L.R.

FCA Employees Still Seek Homes - Cont'd.

shortage has forced some husbands to leave their families behind in Kansas City, while others have had to park their children with relatives all the way from Georgia to Montana. So if you know of an apartment or house to rent in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia, kindly call Paul L. Rapp on extension 188 in the Arlington Hotel Building. - P.L.R.

Irvin S. Cobb once remarked that if he just had to go crazy, he'd prefer to have it happen in Washington. There nobody would notice it. - Reprinted from the St. Louis Farm Credit Club "Mirror".

Strictly Personal - Continued

with a serious illness...Transferees to FHA from Audit Section were honored with a lovely buffet supper in the club room on an evening prior to their departure....Personnel said "Best Wishes" to their departing members with a dinner at Naylor's....Then there was the lovely dinner party given by the WAGS at the Iron Gate Inn honoring Hester Waters, who left FCA recently to take up duties in Bureau of Animal Industry....Word comes from Cecilia O'Donnell that she recently had dinner with a number of FCAers in KC when she stopped over there on her way to Denver to take up duties with FHA.

The first of this month various central office employees changed the middle initial of their business address, from FCA to FHA. This simple alteration covered a multitude of changes - the shifting of the servicing of the emergency crop and feed loan offices from Farm Credit Administration to Farmers Home Administration, and the loss from FCA of such familiar faces as A. W. Walker, Bill Durluo, Bob Mills, Jack Lytle, Gardner Walker, Paul Lindsey, Jim Halligan, Eloise Moss, Bob Eberhart, Lamar Evans, Les Futrell, Bob Yorkdale, and Margaret Olson, all of whom have been with FCA for years and years, to be exact since the time FCA was organized and then some. A. W. Walker, for one, claims service since September 1, 1931. Other dittos with less stress on length of service include Mary Malone, Jack Frost, Cecilia O'Donnell, Bill Holman, Harry Schlick, Mary Margaret Donnelly, Eleanor Brady, Bee Zeltner, and Helene Mueller. They still belong to the USDA family, but FHA is their new guardian. The best of everything to you all, guys and gals! - M.W.R.

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Good judgment comes from a lot of experience - and a lot of experience comes from poor judgment. - from "The News" Los Angeles Veterans Administration.

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RED CROSS NOTES

The Red Cross needs bright colored knitting yarn to supplement the drab colors that are supplied for sweaters and afghans for Walter Reed and Naval General Hospitals. Will you help by bringing in any bright yarns you have (preferably 4-ply) and leaving them with Shirley Ellefson in Room 101 Arlington Hotel (General Files) or contribute money in any amount for purchasing the yarn?

Henry Bell is his correct name, but to his family and friends he is "Pat". When I asked our genial dispenser of soft drinks, ice cream, etc., "why" he said his Irish grandfather wanted him named "Pat", but his parents insisted on "Henry" - so, he is Pat to this day.

When World War II broke out, Pat was no novice in the service of Uncle Sam. Having enlisted at the age of 17, he had served three years with the U. S. Engineers in the District of Columbia. Incidentally, Pat is a native son. June 1941 found him again in uniform and, after basic training, he joined the 12th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Division. Whoever was in charge of Pat's unit must have believed the song which says, "You hike and hike and hike," for Pat says they started as a motorized unit and later were de-motorized.

Three days after landing in Normandy on D-Day, his unit had lost 60% of its men and all except one officer. And that is when Corporal Bell became a radio operator in charge of communications. It was in the performance of his duty in that assignment that, on August 10, 1944, a piece of a German hand grenade hit him in the eyes. After spending three months in field hospitals he was brought to the States, first to Valley Forge, and then to Avon, Connecticut.

Pat has a wife and a daughter, Patricia, born in July 1944. If you have not met Pat, stop by and see him. His ready smile will win your heart and your day will be a little brighter when you have met and talked with a man of real courage. - J.D.C.

HAVE YOU JOINED
YOUR CREDIT UNION?

By a recent revision in the bylaws, all employees of Farm Credit Administration in Washington are now eligible for membership in the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union. The field of membership therefore includes employees of the former Liaison Office and the Cooperative Research and Service Division as well as those who moved from Kansas City to Washington.

The Credit Union provides a dual service to its members as a place to save and a place to borrow. You save by buying shares at \$5.00 each, payable at the rate of 50 cents or 1 dollar every pay day. Interest is paid on these shares annually depending upon the amount of money earned during the year by the Credit Union. Earnings represent the interest charged members on their loans at the rate of 1 percent a month ($\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 percent on automobiles), plus the returns from investments, in the shares of Federal Savings and Loan Associations and bonds of the U. S. Treasury, minus the operating expenses.

Members may borrow for any providential purpose such as consolidation of debts, payment on house, vacation, tuition, medical care, taxes, insurance, automobiles, furniture, clothing, coal, Xmas gifts, etc. Loan applications may be obtained from Mrs. Ruby McWhirt, assistant treasurer in room 705 of the Arlington Hotel Building (ext. AH-199) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30, and on pay day and the day after from 9:30 to 4:30. As the credit committee meets every Thursday, members are urged to file their applications with Mrs. McWhirt by Wednesday noon.

SAVE THE E-BOND
WAY WITH UNCLE SAM

For that house, farm, summer place, a college education for your children, save the E-bond way. It's astonishing how small, regular savings in E bonds will grow into big important money in a short length of time. For example, if you invest \$7.50 in E bonds every pay day, the savings and interest accumulated in 10 years will amount to \$2,163.

You can authorize deductions from your biweekly pay check in the following amounts: \$6.25, \$7.50, \$9.33, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.75, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$37.50, \$45.00, or \$50.00. Call Miss Bernice Meurs on AH-188 for a bond allotment table and an authorization card---and keep buying bonds for keeps.

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"You owe the world a smile, but there are times when it is a hard debt to pay."

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CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Typists and Stenographers are busy this week taking civil service examinations. Applications are still being accepted for the examinations, so send yours in today if you have not already done so.

Other examinations that have been announced are:

Engineer, P-2 to P-5
Junior Professional Assistant
Student Dietitian
Male Laborer (General)
Laborer (Custodial)

For information about the examinations see the circulars on the bulletin board.

Spotlight

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Farm Credit Men's Duck Pin League bowls on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m., at the Arlington Bowling Alleys on Columbia Pike, Va. League standings to date are:

Team Standings

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
South Building	13	8	9,780
Administrative	12	9	10,292
Miscellaneous #4	12	9	9,810
Field Accounting	11	10	9,274
Reports	10	11	10,109
Research & Service	5	16	8,913

Records

High Ind. Game	High Team Game
Prewitt - 146	Administrative - 564
High Ind. Set	High Team Set
Prewitt - 353	Administrative - 1,578

Averages

Prewitt	107-19	Barber	101-18
McWhirt	102-16	Hein	100-10
Thomson	102-3	L. Johnson	100-7

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Farm Credit Women's Ten Pin League bowls on Thursday nights at 7:30 at the Arcadia Alleys, 3134 14th St., N. W. The league is composed of six well-matched teams and competition is keen. League standings as of Nov. 14 are:

Team Standings

	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Miss Muffets	19	11	18,672
Queens	17	13	18,745
Humpty Dumptics	16	14	18,368
Black Sheep	15	15	17,504
Bo Peeps	13	17	17,374
Jills	10	20	17,168

Records

High Ind. Game	High Team Game
Brady - 216	Queens - 729
High Ind. Set	High Team Set
Brady - 557	Black Sheep - 2,134

Averages

Ross	143	Brady	137
Dyhrberg	139	Morris	137

GROUP HEALTH ASSOCIATION

All employees of the Farm Credit Administration are eligible to join Group Health Association on an individual basis. The monthly dues covering complete medical, surgical, and hospital services for adults are \$2.50. For further information concerning family membership and benefits call Paul Rapp on Extension 188.

STAMPS

The club still has a supply of stamps available in Room 909.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Watch the bulletin boards for announcements of coming events in the city or other items of general interest. The bulletin boards are in the first floor lobby of the Arlington Building and on the fifth floor of the South Building.