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ATTENTION GOLFERS:



HAVE FUN GROWING YOUR OWN GARDEN

If you'd like to have a garden this year you can secure individually or in groups certain areas through the Gardening Program of the District of Columbia. These areas are scattered in many sections of the city - and in most cases arrangements can be made to get the ground turned at a small cost. You furnish your own gardening tools. For further information, call the Director of the Program, Mr. J. Morton Franklin, Na.6000, Ext. 2837.

Golf enthusiasts in the Dept. will be interested to know that the Federal Golf Association, which is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the District to foster participation in golf and other outdoor activities by Federal employees, is embarking on an active campaign for members.

This organization is interested in: Arranging and conducting tournaments and team matches in golf and other outdoor sports and campaigning for enlargement of golf and other outdoor facilities by increasing present facilities or by constructing additional facilities. Membership in the organization is one dollar--no annual dues are required.

Mr. Dennis Hevener has been named the Golf Commissioner of this organization for the Dept. of Agri. Employees interested in joining this organization may contact Mr. Hevener on Ext. 2916, Room 5702-So.

A tentative public meeting of the Association has been scheduled on May 23 at the Federal Powers Commission, Engineering Bldg., 18th and K Sts., NW, at 7:30 p.m. If interested in attending, please confirm the date with Mr. Hevener.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The Department Blood Donor Program has had an enviable record during the war as a result of the excellent cooperation you have given this project. The Dept. is proud of its one-gallon and two-gallon members, and also of the fine work done by the Bureau Chairmen who helped to make the program a success.

Although the Dept. Flood Donor Program was considered voluntary and personal on the part of employees, much of the success was due to the bureaus' support on the whole project.

The Red Cross has been requesting from Agriculture 22 donations a week to service Mt. Alto and Walter Reed patients. These donations of whole blood are vital to the recovery of our hospitalized service men and women.

In addition the Department has for several years maintained a free blood transfusion service for employees and their immediate families. Donations are given by our employees and the Dept. Welfare Association pays the taxi fare for the donor.

This service "within the Dept." is another enviable activity Dept. employees have to their credit.

If you would like to continue to participate in this worthwhile service, please call the Dept.'s Emergency Room, Ext. 3281 and all necessary arrangements will be made.

EXHIBIT IN PATIO

Nat'l Home Demonstration Week is being observed this week throughout U. S. Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The activities of the week will acquaint more people with the opportunities that the Extension Service offers for the betterment of rural home and community life.

Employees are invited to visit the Home Demonstration Exhibit "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" in the Patio May 6-10. Open 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The broad field of Home Demonstration work is featured pictorially. The timely subjects in food and clothing conservation, housing, home management, parents and family life, education and home industries are illustrated. Don't miss this exhibit.

GOVERNMENT GIRLS ANNIVERSARY

At the Walsh Center Wednesday Night, May first, the members and guests of the Government Girls Club celebrated the third anniversary of the Club. A history of the organization was presented, and the guest speaker was Mr. Henry F. Hubbard, Council of Personnel Administration, who gave the first of a planned series of talks on "Know Your Government." On May 15th there will be a weiner roast. If you're interested in joining this group call Ext. 3105 (a detailed account of the organization is in our previous issue

B&F OUTING

B&F employees are looking forward to their next scheduled bureau activity--a picnic at Palisades Park Saturday, May 25th. B&F are to be commended on the fine activities which are regularly planned for their employees. Perhaps that's why their employees are willing -- even anxious -- to give up one of their Saturdays this month to attend this party. From all indications B&F employees will be adding this picnic to a long list of enjoyable office planned activities.

SPRING SAILBOAT RACES

Did you know the Sailboat Races are going on now? Well, they are and will be -- each Sunday in May. The trial tacks on the marked off course at Heins Point have already been run -- and the event each Sunday will start about 1:30 p.m. Competitive classes include Chesapeake 20's, Stars, Comets, Lightnings, Penguins, and Handicaps.

ANGEL STREET

Alexandria Little Theatre will present "Angel Street" on May 16th and 17th in the George Washington High School Auditorium, Alexandria. We understand that it will be a performance well worth your time. Requests for tickets should be mailed to Little Theatre of Alexandria, 500 Russell Road, Alexandria, Va., Prices are 75¢ \$1.00 and \$1.50.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

If you haven't spent an afternoon or evening at the National Gallery of Art on Sundays and availed yourself of their fine program which includes exhibitions of outstanding art, lectures, pictures (accompanied by a ten-minute talk on one painting) and their evening concerts, you really have a treat in store for you. The concerts of the National Gallery Sinfonietta conducted by Richard Bales with guest soloists are really excellent. They are held on the East Garden Court at 8 p.m. and are very well attended. Why not plan to attend either the May 12th or May 19th concert?

NEED A RIDE SOMEWHERE?

The Washington Auto Travel Bureau can help with about any place you might want to go. They make "share expense" arrangements, too. This Bureau is made for the convenience of passengers and car-owners to all points 300 miles distant and over -- but trips are arranged to New York and Pittsburg. Their address is 1221 New York Ave., N.W., 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sat., telephone Republic 3130.

COMING EVENTS

May 13-15 Mt. Vernon Players - "Cyrano de Bergerac" - 900 Mass. Ave., N.W.
 May 28 Roosevelt Masqueraders - "Dinner at Eight" - Roose-

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Agriculture Players started out their season with a sort of "bang" on Tuesday evening, April 30th, when they presented a One-Act Play Tournament in the Thomas Jefferson Auditorium.

The three plays in order of their presentation were: "Coral Beads" "The Letters," and "A Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden."

The judges awarded laurels in the form of two fine books, "World's Best Plays" and "Six Basic Techniques of Acting" (nothing intended) to Ann Fink for her capable and humorous performance as "Ma Kirby" in "Happy Journey," and "The Complete Acted Play" to Fran Hanshaw for her fine direction of the same play.

Honorable mention also goes to Jane Speaker and Ed Brigham for their performances.

The awards were presented by Ed Freed, the director of Players.

The show was a product of a workshop program being sponsored by Mr. Freed, in which the members of the group take an active and creative part in every detail of putting on a show; writing, acting, directing, dancing, music, lighting, properties, stage settings, make-up, and costuming.

Anyone interested in joining the work-shop is cordially invited to attend the regular Tuesday evening meetings of the group in the auditorium at 5:30.

WANT RIDES

Mrs. Wilma O. Cranford, Ext. 3365
7 Irving Pla., Potomac Hgts., Indian Head, Md.
Miss Earp, Ext. 2336, 1351 Montague St., NW.
Jessie Lee Carey, Ext. 2812, 118 E. Clifford St., Alexandria, Va.
Irene Williams, Ext. 5570, Kaywood Gardens, Apt. 1, 4313 Russell Ave.
Elsie Hanscom, Ext. 2276, 2402 22nd. St., NE, meet at corner of Bladensburg Rd. & Queens Chapel rd.
Elfrida Egbert, Ext. 5072, 3712 Warren St., N. W. near Wisconsin Ave.
Donald Hastie, Ext. 3141, So. West St., West Falls Church, Va.
Miss Maxine Lehman, Ext. 2347, 3411 Wisconsin Ave.; N. W.
G. Russell Cotner, Ext. 2939, 4855 16th St. No., Arlington, Va. (16th and Edison)

WANT ROTATERS

Hamilton Treadway, Ext. 4012, Ashton-Sandy Spring, Olney area.
Mr. W. R. Chapline, Ext. 3648, 3802 Albemarle St., N. W.
George W. Thomas, Ext. 2678, Meridian Pl. bet. 14th & 16th Sts.
Mr. L. T. Gibbon, Ext. 5786, Center-ville, Va. (Fairfax)
Dr. Weinerman, Ext. 2471, Mt. Rainier
Howard Forsythe, Ext. 2780, 16th St. to Silver Spring
Russell Hess, Ext. 5841, 5605 So. 4th St., Arlington, Va., via Lee Blvd. & Lexington.