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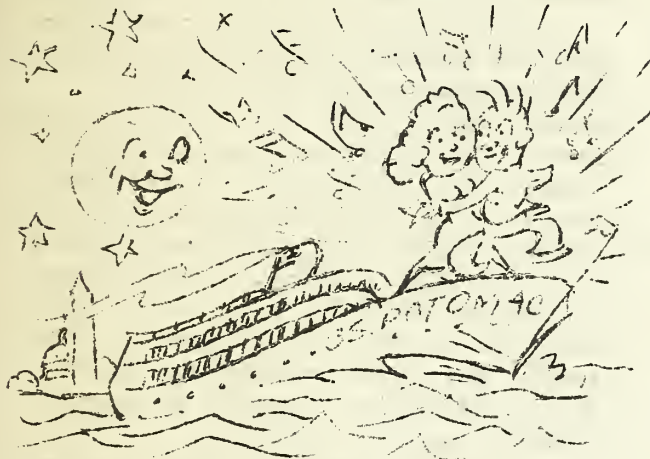
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OVER HERE

Send out the word from over here
To our fighting boys over there;
To rest assured--and never fear
For we'll do our part over here,
Yes, we'll do our part over here.

We'll put the "War Loan" over the top
So bombs on Berlin our boys can drop;
We'll do our part over here,
Yes, we'll do our part over here.

The Nazi's fear the fighting Yanks
We buy the Bonds to furnish tanks;
We'll do our part over here,
Yes, we'll do our part over here.

Factories and mills will be kept
humming
So your supplies can keep on coming;
We'll do our part over here,
Yes, we'll do our part over here.

We praise the courage of the Yanks .
To whom we extend most fervent thanks;
We'll buy Bonds--yes, more and more,
To win the war in "Forty-four."

We'll do our part over here.
While you win the battle over there;
And when the "Bells of Victory" ring
Prayers of thanks to "Him" we'll sing;
And there'll be pride in every heart
If in "Our Victory" we played a part
early in order not to be disappointed
Join us in an evening of fun and get
acquainted with more Ag. people.

DEPARTMENT MOONLIGHT CRUISE

Are you all set for an evening of fun aboard the S. S. Potomac on July 24, at 8:30 p. m.? This cruise affords an excellent opportunity to get your office gang together and have a real party without worrying about entertainment or refreshments. There will be dance music by Jack Cerry and his orchestra and entertainment by the Agriculture Players. Refreshments will be on sale below decks.

The USDA Welfare Association is giving a \$25 War Savings Bond to the holder of the lucky numbered ticket stub.

Your bureau contact officer has the tickets for 60¢ (51¢ plus 9¢ tax). As you know, the boat's capacity is limited and therefore the number of tickets is limited. Purchase yours

ELECTION RESULTS

On June 23, 1944, the run-off election of the employee member of the USDA Board of Review on Efficiency Ratings was held with the result that Mr. Francis J. P. Cleary, receiving 906 votes, was elected employee member, and Miss Estevah E. Webb, receiving 539 votes, was elected alternate member on the Board of Review.

Employees may appeal ratings to the Board of Review within 90 days of receipt of the rating, but are encouraged to first appeal to their bureau Efficiency Rating Committee. This must be done within 15 days after the rating is received. If the decision rendered is not satisfactory to the employee, he may then appeal to the Department Board of Review, within 30 days of receipt of the Efficiency Rating Committee's decision. Appeals to the Board of Review should be filed in duplicate with the Chairman of the Department of Agriculture Board of Review at the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

If you are in the Departmental service you may have an oral hearing if you wish, but if you prefer to present your evidence in writing you may do so. Field employees, however, are not eligible for oral hearings.

Mr. Cleary, and in his absence Miss Webb, will represent employees appealing their efficiency ratings to the Board of Review, the final appeal board for efficiency ratings.

AGRICULTURE PLAYERS

MISSING IN ACTION, presented by the Agriculture Players last Tuesday evening to an audience of bond buyers, was a successful premiere production.

Director John Eaton opened the program with a marionette appearance of Mrs. Roosevelt, which set the comedy keynote for the evening. Capt. Forrest Howry a war hero, made a short talk, asking the people on the home front to buy bonds to furnish the boys on the battle front with ammunition. Then the Elks Follics, a show which has been entertaining the army camps over the country, took over the program. Favorites of this show were four sailors who formed a barbershop quartette.

MISSING IN ACTION began immediately after intermission. Our hats are off to Emily Peters, Drallia Connolly, Del Ralph, Betty Boyles, and Harry Kabat, who all turned in star performances.

The next item on the Agriculture Players call board is the entertainment for the Department's Moonlight Cruise on July 24. If you have not purchased your ticket, price 60¢, pick it up now before the supply is exhausted so you can join in the fun. Our Players promise that their contribution will be strictly cabaret style and well worth ogling from the sidelines.

MANY THANKS

Our thanks go to the Welfare Association for furnishing refreshments for the service men and women who participated in our "Bond A Seat Show."

FARM LABOR NEEDED

The farmers of Maryland and Virginia need your help! The men who formerly have planted and harvested our Country's crops are now in uniform serving in the Armed Forces. You are needed to take their places.

Workers must be recruited now to pick the fruit at Camp Timberville, Va. Four hundred men and women will be needed per week from August 14 to September 2, and 750 men and women will be needed per week from October 2 to 28. From August 14 to September 2, 200 boys and girls 14 years old and over will be needed at Camp Timberville.

Boys 14 years old and over and weighing 120 pounds are needed now for work on Maryland and Virginia farms and camps.

This is essential war work! Sign up now for a healthful victory vacation. Get an application blank from your contact officer, and send it to Mr. J. W. Jones, District Supervisor, Emergency Farm Labor Program, 503 K Street, N.W. For further information, call District 7000, Ext. 377.

SPONSORED BY D. C. RECREATION DEPT.

Special training in scenery design, acting, make-up, singing and dance skits is being offered for Negro war workers, civilians, and men and women in the Service at Garnet-Patterson School, 10th and U Streets, N.W. The Drama Workshop meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m. For further information call Joseph H. Cole at Adams 2050, extension 17.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

On May 21, last, an employee of the Department met a tragic death. He was returning to his home by automobile after attending the wedding of his sister when disaster overtook him. The deceased was a young man only thirty-four years old. Just seven months previously he took out insurance as a member of the Department of Agriculture Beneficial Association. He paid premiums to the total of \$24. On June 23 his beneficiary received a check for \$3000. This employee did not expect to die so soon after taking out this insurance. No one does. This case is only one of many that have occurred in the fifteen years the Department of Agriculture Beneficial Association has been in operation. The Association has paid claims exceeding a million and a quarter dollars. One dollar a month will purchase a certificate of insurance in an amount somewhere between \$1000 and \$200, depending upon age.

The Department of Agriculture Beneficial Association is a mutual, non-profit association of employees. It is operated solely in the interest of the welfare of its members. For further information call extension 4441

WAR BOND SHOW

Have you been to a War Bond Show yet? You undoubtedly know that during the Fifth War Loan Drive performances with professional talent are given at 8 p.m. each evening on the Monument Grounds. No admission is charged and there are no reserved seats.

TOYS NEEDED

There is a new Day Care Center in Hyattsville for children of working mothers. The center has asked for toy contributions as new toys are now scarce. A box for your contributions has been placed by the bulletin board in the Administration Bldg., center Independence Ave. entrance. If your Sally and Johnny have outgrown their toys and they're just taking up good storage space in the attic, please contribute them for other little ones to enjoy.

FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Museum of Washington, Villa Rosa, offers summer workshop and museum clubs June 27, thru September 8, 1944, Tuesdays thru Fridays, hours 11 to 5. A six-week course in creative arts for children begins July 10. This course will include children's theatre, creative dramatics, speech, puppet making, etc. For further information, write or call the Children's Museum, 4215 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Em. 4456.

A complete summer day program for boys and girls of working parents is available at the Georgetown House Play School. In suitable age groups boys and girls from five to twelve are cared for by trained workers from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hiking, dancing, play-acting, sight-seeing, arts and crafts and many more activities are included in the program. For further information, call Miss Margaret Cross, Director, Georgetown House, Mi. 2953.

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Montgomery, 1660 S. Vermont St., Arlington, wants riders. Call Ext. 2287.

Martha Cheely at 15th and Belmont, N. W., wants a ride. Call Ext. 5173.

If you're driving to Atlantic City, July 28, and have room for two passengers, please call Miss Dorsey, Ext. 6239.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GASOLINE APPLICATIONS ARE SIGNED BETWEEN 4:15 AND 5:15 IN ROOM 528.

RETURN YOUR EMPTIES

Empty coca cola and soft drink bottles are not being returned to the cafeterias, lunch rooms, and the store. The Coca Cola Company releases coca cola to the Welfare Association based on the number of empty bottles returned. Therefore, it is requested that all empty bottles in the Department be returned so that employees may continue to purchase cold drinks as they have in the past.

CARRY YOUR OWN

In an effort to help solve the labor shortage in the cafeterias, an employee has suggested that customers be asked to eat from their trays, then deposit the tray of dishes at the conveyor where the cafeteria employees will take them. This suggestion will be given a two weeks' trial in the 5th Wing cafeteria beginning July 3, 1944. Your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

Remember, eat from your tray and then carry your tray of dishes to the designated spot on the conveyor line.