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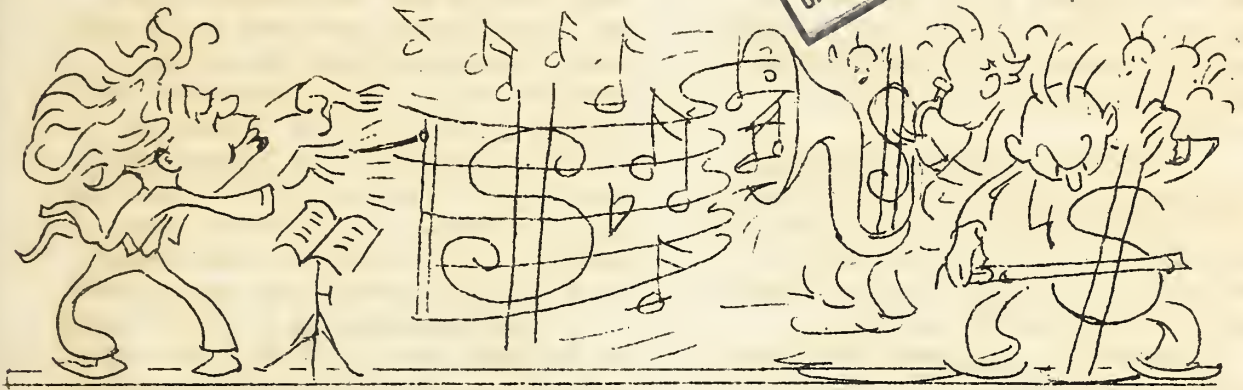
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NATIONAL SYMPHONY DRIVE

The National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Hans Lindler has become a Washington institution during the past 15 years. With each succeeding year its players have grown in the stature of their musical accomplishments. Many of us have enjoyed the Wednesday and Sunday concert series at Constitution Hall as well as the Sunday Sunset Symphonies at the Watergate. The Students' Concerts are excellent contributions to the education and cultural growth of Washington's school children and the Federal Employees' series has been enjoyed by many Federal employees at reduced rates. Many have also taken advantage of the fine forum held, free of charge, each Friday night at 8:30 at the Phillips Memorial Gallery to discuss the

approaching Sunday's concert program. Orchestras are not self-supporting and depend upon gifts of their friends to support them. The National Symphony is conducting a Sustaining Fund Drive now. Their goal is \$150,000 in order to present a greater concert season in 1945-46. Here is your opportunity to help keep the National Symphony alive for the sake of Washington, for the sake of children, that musical enjoyment may be a lifetime gift to them, and for your own sake, that you make music live and serve toward a finer life for all. Your contact officer can tell you who in your bureau has been designated to receive contributions. Call your contact officer now to make your contribution.

UNITED NATIONS FORUM

The United Nations Forum will present the following series of four lectures at Constitution Hall, for the purpose of developing in our community a better understanding of international problems and post-war plans of the United Nations.

March 12 - Plans for International Security (Dumbarton Oaks Conference) Archibald Macleish will preside and Senators Fullbright, Saltonstall, Ladd and Alexander Smith will form the panel.

March 19 - Economic Problems and Peace (Speakers to be announced)

March 26 - Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes John Foster Dulles will be the leader and Mr. Butler of the British Embassy will be the second speaker.

April 2 - International Use of Force will be the subject discussed by Ambassador Bonnet of France and Mr. Berendson, Minister from New Zealand.

Tickets will be available at the Information Desk at the entrance to the Administration Building. Tickets, including tax, are as follows:

Season tickets - \$2.40
 Single admission - \$1.20
 Season box (for 5 persons) \$33.00
BLOOD DONORS

Call ext. 3281 to make an appointment to go to the blood bank

AMERICAN LEGION

All Legionnaires are urged to accept the invitation of the Reverend Francis Yarnall, honorary Chaplain of the Agriculture Post, to attend short services to be held every Friday during Lent at 12 o'clock noon in the Chapel of the Epiphany, 12th and "C" Streets, S. W. Members of the Department and the War Food Administration are also invited. In addition, the Chapel will be open at noon every week day for meditation and prayer.

The following is a "must" date to be kept open - March 13th - the Annual Class Installation of new members of Agriculture Post. More details later. In the meantime, keep the date in mind.

DANCE

Every Friday evening from 9 to 12 you may dance at the National Press Club at 14th and F Sts., N. W. The dances are sponsored by the War Workers' Council and music is furnished by Tiny Lecker's Orchestra. Couples, civilian men, servicemen and hostesses (everyone) is invited. To be a hostess, girls, you must register for the dances at the Volunteer Office at 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W. Tickets are 78¢ single and \$1.30 for couples.

BABY SITTERS

Wave Barracks D has a list of "Baby Sitters" who are on call around the clock. If you want someone to mind the kiddies while you enjoy an evening of fun, call Lt. Black's Office, Cr. 4450

W.I.V.E.S.

An enterprising group of young wives of servicemen decided to help their husbands win the war. They formed an organization called W.I.V.E.S. and are doing a number of things to keep up the morale of their fighting men. They write frequently; publish a newspaper called Mrs. Yank, which contains items of especial interest to the men; keep up the morale of the wives and serve in the war effort by selling bonds, organizing blood donor groups, locating housing facilities for newcomers and creating interest among their members in recreational groups.

W.I.V.E.S. has its headquarters in N.Y.C. They are interested in establishing new branches and this sounds like a fine opportunity for servicemen's wives in Washington to get together for fun and service. If you'd like to belong to W.I.V.E.S. give your contact officer your name and telephone number, both home and office, and if there are enough girls interested, a group can be organized in Washington.

ON THE AIR

Each evening at 7:30, WWDC presents a radio program entitled Talking Pictures. The program consists of an interview which is recorded and the transcription is given to the participant along with a picture. If you'd like to be on the air this is your opportunity. Just write to WWDC.

D. C. REHABILITATION SERVICE

On February 7, Mr. David Amato, Chief of the District Rehabilitation Service spoke to contact officers on the services offered by his office to residents of Washington. Mr. Amato told us that when the Service was organized in 1929, their only function was training of the handicapped; however, since 1943, their function has been enlarged so they now render any service necessary to place the handicapped person in remunerative employment. This includes the following:

1. Counseling
2. Medical diagnosis and prognosis
3. Medical and surgical treatment
4. Training (Educational and Vocational)
5. Maintenance while in training
6. Placement
7. Follow-up

Items (3) and (5) are available free only when financial need of the individual has been determined. All other services are free of charge. Services are not rendered separately but only as a part of an over-all rehabilitation program for an individual.

Any person who is 16 years of age or over, is living in Washington and in need of rehabilitation service may take advantage of this program. Mrs. Furke, Ex. 6500, ext. 723, may be called for an appointment. Maryland and Virginia have similar services.

A LITTLE MESSAGE

Sometimes when you eat in the Welfare Store you probably notice a number of bottles and papers on the tables and you wish the Store were neater. We felt the same way until we learned the Welfare Assn. just can't locate enough people to clean up after each of the Store's many customers. How simple it would be to keep the tables clean if each of us would remember to turn our bottles in and get our penicils back, wipe up spilled liquids with our napkins and put papers into the trash receptacles. I'm sure we'll enjoy the Store a lot more if we do our part to keep it neat.

STATE SOCIETIES

Some of the approaching State Society dances are listed below. NOW is a good time to get acquainted. At the Millard: 2/22--VIRGINIA, 2/23--KENTUCKY
At the Stillner: 2/22--CALIFORNIA
At the Snorcham: 2/24--NORTH CAROLINA, 3/3--GEORGIA, 3/6--PENNSYLVANIA

All dances are from ten to one and tickets may be secured from officers of the society and at the door.

FLASH! We just received the notice of a turkey dinner and dance to be given by NORTH CAROLINIANS on March 3, at the American Legion Club House, 2437 - 15th St., R. R. Reservations for the dinner must be made and paid for on or before Feb. 26. Call Sara Spanick on ext. 6270 for your reservation. If you can't make the dinner, drop around for the dance anyway

TRANSPORTATION

Each month a report is made to OPA on the number of cars Dept. employees drive to and from work and the number of passengers they carry. Agriculture has had one of the best records among the Government agencies. We are proud of the record and feel that you drivers and riders should also be proud for this contribution to the war effort which your splendid cooperation has made possible.

In the past few months we have dropped back .4 of a point in the number of riders per car. We hope to see this go up again on the Feb. report. If you have room for one more passenger, try not call ext. 3105 and we'll do our best to find you one.

We also appreciate your remembering that our hours for certifying gasoline applications are from 4:15 to 5:15. That's in room 528 Adm. Bldg.

Wants rides

Mrs. Merchant, Manassas, Va.

Ext. 6296

Miss Sheehan, 8200 Western Ave., Silver Springs, Md., ext. 3211

Mrs. Seluzetski, 7F Parkway, Greenbelt, Md., ext. 5957

Mrs. Smedley, Riverdale, Md.,

ext. 5891

Wants Riders

Mr. Snelsta, 3513-13th N. W.

ext. 6152

Wants Potaters

Mr. Kunkel, Bethesda, Md.,

call Miss Loren, ext. 3545