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WELFARE ASSOCIATION Re-elects Officers

Forty-five members of the Administrative council of the Welfare Association met for lunch of January 31, heard the annual report of the treasurer, and elected officers and directors for the coming year. The officers, who were re-elected unanimously for a second term are as follows:

- President: Frank H. Spencer (ARA)
- 1st Vice-Pres. Ralph F. Koebel (SOL)
- 2nd Vice-Pres. Joseph B. Ragan (PERS)
- 3rd Vice-Pres. Joseph W. McKericher (PISAE)
- Secretary: Meldanette Metcalf (BDI)
- Treasurer: Ennis A. Almond (B&F)

Directors elected for three-year terms were, Eunice Heywood (EXT) and Robert MacClinchie (REA) (terms to expire in 1952). Other directors of the association previously elected and continuing are, Verna C. Mohagen (SCS); John P. Haughey (PMA); and Henry A. Donovan (AIC).

A Statement of Income and Expenses for the year, 1948, presented by Ennis A. Almond, Treasurer showed the total income to have been \$917,057.54.

The Cafeteria operation showed a profit of \$15,548.90, half of which was paid to the United States Treasury in lieu of rent. After deducting expenses of Welfare Activities for Agriculture employees there was a net loss for the year of \$337.88.

In 1947, the total income was about \$6,000.00 greater than last year. Total cost of wages was more than \$2,000.00 higher in 1948 although the personnel was reduced. Operating and maintenance expenses were cut in 1948 by about \$4,000. In 1947 the net loss reported was \$8,690.79 so that the reduction of this loss to \$337.88 for the 1948 year, represents a real financial achievement.

Emergency loans to 123 employees were made in 1948 with a total of \$8,336.36 being loaned. This represents an increase of fifteen loans and about \$1,000 in funds loaned, over 1947.

The increase of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ an hour granted to hourly employees of the Welfare Association in December is estimated to cost an additional \$22,000 in 1949.

Raising the cost of coffee by 1¢ per cup will produce additional revenue to meet only \$5,000 to \$6,000 of this increased cost. It is hoped that the difference can be made up by organizational change and operating economies, thus avoiding further increases in prices.

SECRETARY CHARLES F. BRANNAN heads Red Cross Drive for Government Unit.

President Truman, in a recent letter to the heads of all Executive Departments and agencies, commends the American Red Cross as a valiant defender of democracy in a shattered world. He requested all agencies to co-operate in the 1949 Fund Campaign. The letter announced the appointment of the Honorable Charles F. Brannan, the Secretary of Agriculture, as Chairman of the Government Unit.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY STATISTICS for 1948

Can you find yourself among the statistics quoted below from the annual report of employee activities for 1948?

Recreation Classes	Groups	Persons
Social Dancing	10	183
Square Dancing	3	39
Tennis Class	1	10
Golf Classes	10	106
Leathercraft	2	15
Contract Bridge	4	143
Weaving Class	2	16
Ceramics	2	25
Woodworking	1	12

Red Cross Volunteers

Hostesses - 59 parties	684 attendances
<u>Production Work</u>	
Knitting	116 Garments 3,793 hrs.
Sewing	30 Garments 78 hrs.
Other work	195 hrs.
	<u>146 Garments 4,066 hrs.</u>

Other Services

Picnic Kits loaned out	25 times
Santa Suits loaned	17 times
Portable P. A. System	87 times

O.F.A.R. initials will stand also for "Organized Fellowship And Recreation" to the one hundred and twenty-two members of the new "OFAR Club". Alma Akins won a prize for suggesting the name adopted by the group at their first annual meeting on Jan. 31st. Officers of the club elected for 1949 are:

- President: Harold L. Koeller
- Vice-Pres: Mrs. Louise E. Butt
- Secretary: Miss Winifred M. Kleinman
- Treasurer: Miss Nellie Lee

The executive committee also includes:

- Henry E. Allison, Jr.
- Robert C. Bausch
- Mrs. Catherine C. Pierce.

DON'T FORGET the 1949 Red Cross Fund Campaign.

TALENT SHOW - A twenty-five dollar cash prize is being offered to the winner of a talent show being sponsored by the Agriculture Choristers on March 11th. Persons well qualified to judge musical ability, will judge the auditions and the show.

One of Washington's favorite disc jockeys, Jerry Strong, will be the master of ceremonies.

Preliminary auditions for the show will be held Feb. 16th. Call Ext. 5611 or 6229 for further information and registrations.

"NEW LOOK" (but don't look now.)

If you are a tenant of the South Building you'll be pleased to hear that the landlord is going to turn his painters loose on its nearly ten miles of corridors and see if they can brighten up all the corners near where you are.

'Tis rumored that the silver lining boys will start on the sixth floor and gradually work down past your door, covering up all the scars and scratches that were put there before you moved in. Sometime next summer you'll see them backing out one of the ground floor doors and the walls will all be clean - unless ...

- Somebody sticks tape or stickers on them again to hold unauthorized signs or posters.

- unless folks again extinguish cigarettes against them.

- unless somebody with less than immaculate shoes, hands, or head parks their assorted extremities against clean walls.

- unless chauffeurs of hand trucks get too far from the center of the road.

The PBA boys will apply the "New Look" and it's up to us to keep it from deteriorating too fast. It takes a lot of paint to cover ten miles of corridors.

GROUND HOG SHADOW - Charles J. Samenow was crowned honorary REA Ground Hog Shadow at the First Annual Groundhog Day Frolic, sponsored by the REA Athletic Association Saturday, Jan. 29th, at the Wardman Park Hotel.

Charles P. Miller was chosen winner in a contest in which REAers nominated their fellow employees in the time honored "25 words or less" tradition, and was awarded a \$45 electric roaster for his effort. The groundhog shadow received a telechron electric clock. Gordon Messmer was awarded a similar clock for selling the largest number of tickets to the affair. Nearly 400 persons were there.

BRIEFS

Agriculture Choristers will sing at a Lincoln's Birthday program at the Lincoln Museum on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13th.

AERA council elected John W. Scott to succeed Joseph B. Ragan as Treasurer of the council's funds at the monthly meeting held on Feb. 3rd.

PMA Employees Recreation Association already has 750 paid up members for 1949. The 1948 membership reached over 900 before the close of last year.

RIDES WANTED

Mrs. Shefferman, x4576, Kaywood Gardens, Md.

Mrs. Patterson, x6165, 25th St. & Queens Chapel Rd., Mt. Rainier, Md.

Nora Woodward, x4433, 4408 Livingston Rd SE

Mrs. Friedman, x4433, 16th & Sheridan Sts NW

Mrs. Alderman, 2803 Woodley Rd. NW

Lois Olson, x5163, 30th & Legation Sts NW

Mrs. S. Hill, x2575, 917 N. Irving St. Clarendon, Va.

Mrs. Albright, x5423, 23 W. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, Va.

Joan Ryan, x5269, 3108 Upshur St., Mt. Rainier, Md.

Eunice Evans, x3775, fr. District Line NE (Kaywood Gardens)

Ray Ioanes, x2892, 107 Poplar Dr., Falls Church, Va. (in Va. Forest Sec.)

Mrs. Hale, x2896, 5239 N. Carlin, Sp. Rd. Beulah Robertson, x2183, sil. Sp., Md.

Franklin & Colesville Rd.

Mrs. Irma Bowman, x2533, 1116 21st St. NE

Mrs. Willa Green, x6313, 1116 21st St. NE

RIDEPS WANTED

R. L. Schafer, x3264, 711 N. Wayne St. Arlington, Va. (Lee Gardens)

H. F. Valdivia, x2911, (Indianhead, Md.) 8:00-8:15 Indianhead Rd. & Nichols Ave. at Portland St.

BRIEFS (con't)

Farm Credit Club has a current membership of 327. Henry W. Bradford is the President. The club is having a valentine dance at the Washington Hotel on Friday, Feb. 11th.

ARC Employee Association at Beltsville had 710 members in 1948 and already has 526 signed up for 1949. Paul E. Hubanks is the 1949 President, Thomas McLaughlin, Vice-Pres; Dorothy Knauer, Sec'y; Melvin S. Donaldson, Treasurer; and H. G. Barott, Editor. The club will hold another square dance on Feb. 18th at the Log Lodge.

SCS Employees Recreation Association has 18 new members which brings their total to 145 according to their secretary, George A. Keller.

FCIC Sunshine Club has 112 members (of a possible 115). The club sends flowers or other remembrances for sickness, births, marriages, etc., among its members; and holds two social events a year besides. Dues are being raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a year. Jack Morrison is the club president.

OPERA - Office of Personnel Employees signed up 39 members in January for their 1949 year. There is a rumor of an OPERA party brewing for Feb. 21st - maybe Joe Findlay, President or Melva Mills, Secretary, should know the latest on it.

USDA Dance club has plans for a low cost Valentine party at the Bellevue Hotel 15 E St. NW on Wed. Feb. 16th according to Jack Anderson, club president.
