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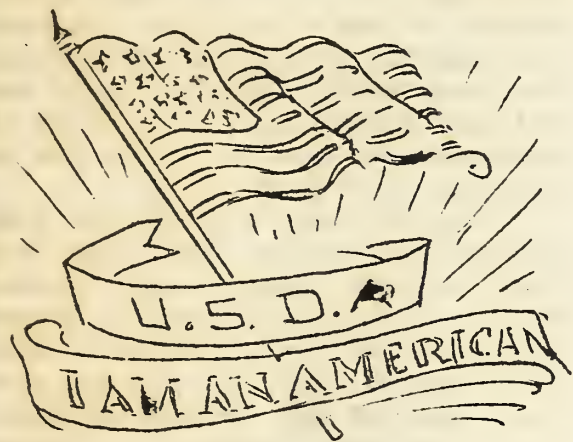
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"I AM AN AMERICAN DAY"

Our Under Secretary, Grover B. Hill, will "emcee" quite an impressive "I Am An American Day" program, the first of its kind ever held by the Department, in the Agriculture Auditorium on Friday, May the 18th, at 4:00 p.m. Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service System, will be the principal speaker. The marine Band will play several selections during the program and in addition will play for 15 minutes before the program - from 3:45 to 4:00. Members of Agriculture Post, American Legion, will present and retire the colors. The Agriculture Choral Guild Mixed Quartette will sing. Another feature which will make the event typically an "Agriculture" program will be added by the ushers, Maryland 4-H Club

Members.

This program is being held to honor all native-born employees who within the past twelve months have attained full citizenship in the United States through coming of age and all foreign-born employees who within the same period have been granted citizenship through naturalization and to pay tribute to the millions of American men and women who have made this possible. Special invitations to this program have been sent to all Washington and Beltsville employees who fall within this category. Only three employees in this area, Arthur Zaglits, OFAR, Francis J. Weiss and E. Peter Winter, both of BAE, have become naturalized citizens during the last year. Approximately 200, however, have become of age. Admittance to the program will be by invitation only. Invitations are being distributed through the Personnel Office of each Bureau. There will be a few extra invitations but they will be extremely limited in number owing to the seating capacity of the Auditorium. However, in order that as many employees as possible may have an opportunity to hear the program, arrangements have been made to have it broadcast over Radio Station WINX. Watch your daily paper for the exact time of the broadcast.

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**"WAR COMES TO AMERICA"**

On May 21, 22 and 23 the film "War Comes to America" will be shown in the South Bldg. Auditorium. This is an official war Department, film giving an historical background of the world events which led to Pearl Harbor. The Dept. has been very fortunate in securing the film for a 3-day period. All employees will have an opportunity to see this film. You will be assigned a time at which to attend and given a corresponding ticket.

**FARM WORKERS NEEDED**

There is an extreme need for volunteer farm workers this summer. We all know that, but are we going to do something about it? Just suppose everyone, or even "half of everyone", in the Dept. pitched in and helped on a farm during part of his leisure time. You can imagine what good results there would be.

Mr. Sherman, in charge of the Farm Labor program in D.C. will be glad to enroll you as a helper this summer. Call him on Di. 7000, ext. 377 and offer your services. He needs both men and women.

Girls, Camp Milbur, is just the spot for a summer vacation. It combines farm work with healthful life in the open air. There are water sports (boating and swimming), and other types of sports, all under supervision of a recreation director. The camp is on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. For fuller information attend the program in the Auditorium at 4:45 on Monday, May 28, 1945.

**BLOOD DONORS!**

We all know that whole blood and plasma are vital to the boys in the service, that a great deal of it is needed and more and more will be needed as more of our boys go into the terrible battles of the Pacific. You remember the large number of casualties on Iwo Jima. How many of those wounded boys are living now because you gave your blood.

The Red Cross reports that Agriculture has fallen down since V-E Day. Several times we have failed to have the minimum number of donors necessary for the Red Cross to send their bus for them. Will you give blood for our boys and put Agriculture back in the running as a patriotic organization, eager to do all it can to win the war and bring more boys back home. Call your keyman or Miss McFadden, ext. 3281, now, and keep the appointment you make.

We are proud to announce that on March 20, 1945, Charles Hufnagle of BDI became a member of the exclusive TWO GALLON CLUB. On that date, he donated his 16th pint of blood to the Red Cross.

**STAGE DOOR CANTEN**

The Food Bar at the Stage Door Canteen in the Belasco Theatre, Penn. Ave. and Madison Pl., needs volunteers to prepare and serve food to military personnel from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays and Sundays. If you can spare a few hours for this volunteer service please call Mrs. Sibert, Ex. 1519 and tell her you're available.

## EFFICIENCY RATINGS! ELECTION

June 12 has been tentatively chosen as the date on which the employee election will be held for selecting an employee member on the Department Board of Review on Efficiency Ratings. This means that it's time to begin thinking of candidates to nominate for the election. Candidates must be nominated by petition, and each petition must be signed by at least 50 employees. Watch for further instructions about the time, the purpose and the method of conducting the election, and resolve now that you'll remember to vote on election day.

## AN ADDED SERVICE

For your convenience arrangements have been made to have the overseas edition of the Evening Star available on Wednesdays at two points in the Department, the Information Desk at the entrance to the Administration Bldg. and the Graduate School - room 1031 S. This edition is intended exclusively for military personnel overseas. If you are going to want a copy of the paper please give your contact officer your name so we'll know how many copies to order. A supply will be available Wed., May 23, at the above mentioned points.

## DANCE CONCERTS

D.C. Recreation has announced a Dance Concert to be presented in the Roosevelt Auditorium, 13th and Allison Sts., N.W., May 18 at 8:30. All seats reserved. Tickets on sale at the Fairway, 1328 G St., N.W.

## ROOSEVELT EXHIBIT

From May 4 to September 1, 1945, materials relating to Franklin D. Roosevelt and international cooperation for war and peace will be exhibited at the National Archives Exhibition Hall, Constitution Ave., between 7th and 9th Sts. The exhibit will be open from 8:45 to 5:15 on weekdays and 1:30 to 5 on Sundays.

Among the many historical items on view are the original Yalta agreements, signed by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin; the guest book of the Casablanca conference; the Normandy invasion agreement reached at Taheran; reading copy of the President's report to Congress on the Crimean Conference; and the Roosevelt family Bible. Jewelled daggers, gold globes of the world and other gifts to the President from such rulers as the Sultan of Morocco, Emperor Haile Selassie and King Ibn Saud will also be on display.

This is an exhibit many of you will want to be sure to see.

## Y.W.C.A. TALKS

The Y.W.C.A. is giving a series of programs for young business girls between 18 and 30 on adjustment of personal problems. On May 22, at 7:30, Lt. Orra Phelps (M.C.) USNP will speak on "Understanding Ourselves Physically". On May 29 at 7:30, Rev. Geo. W. Burroughs will speak on "Understanding How to Build Now for Lasting Happiness". Both meetings are on the fourth floor of the Y.W., 17th and K, N.W.

"I An An American Day" was first observed in 1940 when Congress passed a resolution asking the President to set aside the third Sunday in May of each year as a day for the special recognition of those who have been naturalized or have attained their majority during the preceding year. Our late President, Franklin Roosevelt, proclaimed May 20 of this year "I An An American Day" and asked that all Federal, State, and local officials, and patriotic, civic, and educational organizations hold exercises, on or about that date, designed to impress upon our citizens both native-born and naturalized, the privileges of their new status in our democracy and their responsibilities for building this Nation's security and advancing its welfare. It is especially fitting and significant that the Department is having an official observance of the Day for the first time this year when being an American citizen means so much to all of us.

MOONLITE CRUISES

The Friendly Club is having a moonlite cruise on May 24 at 8:30 p.m. There will be a \$50 War Bond "gang-plank" prize. Tickets at 90¢ may be purchased from Bob Meehan, room 144 W, ext. 3535.

Agriculture Post of the American Legion is sponsoring a cruise on May 29. Mrs. Williams at the Information Desk in the Patio has tickets for 90¢. For names of other persons having tickets see bulletin boards.

WANT RIDES

- Miss Roxby, 313 N. Columbus St., Alex., Va., ext. 5583
- Miss Milstein, 1347 Underwood St., N.W., ext. 6025
- Miss Rhodes, 3617 Patterson St., N.W., ext. 6204
- Mrs. Brown, 1621 King St., Alex. Va., ext. 3648
- Mrs. Kaplan, Wisconsin Ave. and Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Md., ext. 6380
- Miss Otten, Route 1, Vienna, Va., ext. 3101
- Miss Clark, 1345 Oak St., N.W., ext. 6071
- Miss Fish, 1717 20th St., N.W., ext. 4781

WANT RIDERS

- Miss Perry, Auburn Gardens, East Glebe Road, Alex., Va., ext. 3391
- Mr. Pryor, 106 Marshall St., Falls Church, Va., ext. 4308

WANTS ROTATERS OR RIDERS

- Mr. Aiton, University Lane and Colesville Road, Ext. 5853

STATE SOCIETIES

California - May 18, 8:30 to 11:30 - Fiesta Frolic at the Mayflower.

Tennessee - May 19, 8:45 - Dance at the Shoreham.

Iowa - May 19, 9 to 12 - Dance at the Shoreham.

Nebraska and Illinois - May 25, 8:30 to 11:50 - Moonlite Cruise

Minnesota and North Dakota - June 1, Dance at the Wardman Park - Call Mr. MacMillan, ext. 2029 for tickets.