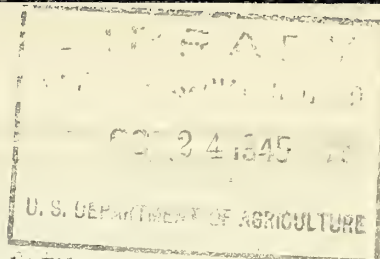


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SEE WHAT WE MEAN!

Tell me, are you pining for a fur coat or a sleek convertible? The secret is to invest in some good solid war bonds. Clutch your money firmly in your fist, rush in to see your bond key man, and that very day he will bring you a war bond. If you tuck said bonds away behind Aunt Agatha's picture or in a good smelly cigar box and keep them till they're due, you'll be very rich--and can loll in luxury, take that cruise to the South Seas or whatever you've been waiting for.

But we're being selfish to think of that angle. Still we've got the patriotic background of buying bonds memorized. We don't often forget that our husbands, brothers, and rugged buddies are all away on business trips with the Army and Navy. That they're shackled up on the coast of France and flying high over Japan. When we turn in the pennies we slave for and get bonds it's just one little gesture toward bringing them back where we want them. It's worth it, isn't it, just to dance once more with a certain GI Joe, play a game of tennis with another, or just hear them laughing around the house?

Have you got the word? It all stacks up to our buying more and more bonds during this Fifth War Loan Drive.

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USDA MOONLIGHT CRUISE, MONDAY, JULY 24  
S. S. POTOMAC CHARTERED FOR EXCURSION  
WELFARE ASSOCIATION TO SPONSOR  
GALA AFFAIR

Monday, July 24, the USDA Moonlight Cruise will top the social calendar for members of the Department of Agriculture. The Welfare Association has chartered the S. S. Potomac for the exclusive pleasure of USDA employees and their friends. Tickets should be purchased in advance from your Bureau Contact Officer.

Dance music by a popular orchestra will be furnished for couples who are not too busy gazing into the Potomac or locking at the moon. There will be music on the top deck also for couples recovering from the city heat, for the non-dancers in the crowd, and for the parties of USDA girls that are planning to go along without their husbands or sweethearts. Below decks, popcorn, candy, and thirst-quenchers will be on sale.

The cruise is being sponsored by the Welfare Association of the Department and the Agriculture Players are expected to provide a show for us all.

This excursion has been planned to give employees of the Department an opportunity to enjoy themselves. Tickets are on sale now for 60¢ (51¢ plus tax, 9¢). The boat sails--rain or shine--from the dock at 7th and Maine Avenue at 8:30 p. m. Relax with your

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## RUN-OFF ELECTION

The election held on June 2, 1944, to elect the employee member of the USDA Board of Review on Efficiency Ratings was indecisive. No one candidate received the one-third of the total votes cast required for election.

Votes were cast as follows: Mr. Cleary, 578; Miss Webb, 434; Mr. Smart, 416; Mr. Killen, 252; Mr. Sims, 242; Mr. Bateman, 229; and Mr. Wissinger, 157. Since no one was elected on the first balloting, a run-off election must be held. This will take place on Friday, June 23, 1944. Candidates in this election will be Mr. Cleary, Miss Webb, and Mr. Smart, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the original election. Polling places will be located in the same place and will be open at the same times as for the June 2 balloting.

## STARLIGHT CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

The fourth season of Starlight Chamber Music Concerts in Meridian Hill Park, 16th and W Sts., N. W., begins June 21 through August 9. The program for Saturday, June 24, and Sunday, June 25, at 8:30 p. m. will be the "Marriage of Figaro," presented in English and in modern dress by the 9 o'clock Opera Company. Tickets are available at Cappel's Concert Bureau, 1300 G St., N. W., Re. 3503.

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## RETIREMENT

Mrs. Elna Wharton plans to retire June 30, 1944. She was first appointed to the Department in the States Relations Service in June, 1921. She was detailed to Press Service (later named Office of Information) which her husband, George Wharton, founded, and later transferred there. Since that time she has been writing press releases and radio scripts on all kinds of homemaking subjects.

Before coming to the Department, Mrs. Wharton was in charge of the cooking and household departments of "McCall's" and the "Delineator." She ran a series of thrift articles in them during the last war and these were later issued by Agriculture in cooperation with the Treasury as Thrift Leaflets. Mrs. Wharton has also done some pioneer liason work between the Department and the women's magazines.

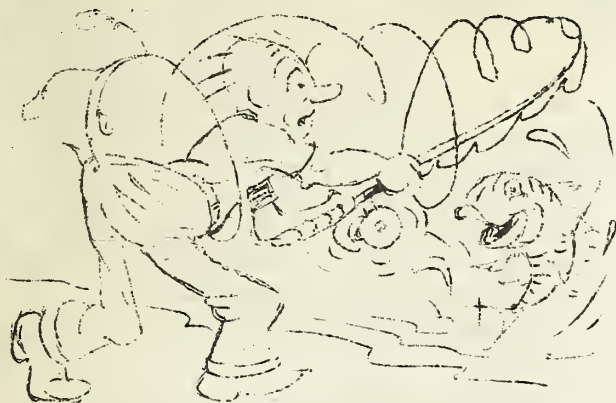
After June 30, Mrs. Wharton is planning to spend as much time as Vermont weather will permit at her cottage on Lake Champlain.

## WHAT A RECORD!!!

On June 12, the official opening of the War Bond Drive, AAA's went over the top with a 123% participation. Some agency, AAA's!

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Wrote a sailor on the sea  
To a girl in BAE  
He said, "Honey, lend us your money  
and you'll soon have a date with me."



### A NEW ANGLE

The National Capital Casting Club has arranged for evening casting at the western end of the Lincoln Memorial Reflection Pool on Tuesday and Friday evenings from six o'clock until dark for the balance of this season. It is quite probable that sessions will also be held on Sunday mornings.

At these sessions the conventional 30 inch tournament targets are distributed on the water at various distances from 40 to 80 feet, thus permitting practice under tournament conditions. As membership increases, informal competition will be held at these practice sessions.

The National Capital Casting Club has been in existence for some time. Many active members of this Club have competed in national tournaments and some of these members are usually present at the casting sessions to give instructions to novices. The annual membership fee of the club is very low.

If there are any fishermen in the Department of Agriculture who

wish to improve their form in either fly or bait casting they are welcome to attend these sessions. It is hoped that a tournament will be held in August with out-of-town enthusiasts in attendance from nearby cities on the Atlantic seaboard.

This casting program is sponsored by the District of Columbia Department of Recreation and they have been mainly instrumental in assisting the Club to obtain permission to cast at the Lincoln Memorial Reflection Pool. If the activities of the Club are greatly enlarged, it is hoped that a standard tournament casting pool will be planned for the future on some convenient body of water within the District.

It is less than a ten minute walk from the Agriculture buildings to the western end of the Pool. Busses from the Pool to 17th & K Sts., N. W., leave every twelve minutes during the evening and also on Sunday. These busses are marked R4.

Further information can be obtained from R. C. Parsons, Secretary of the National Capital Casting Club, Room 2707 South Agriculture Building, Ext. 4640.

### AGRICULTURE GIRLS BOWLING TEAM

In the Interdepartmental Girls Bowling League, Agriculture Team is tops with a total of twelve games won out of fifteen played, and a total pinfall of 6872.

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## U.S.D.A. CHESS CLUB

The first meeting of the U.S.D.A. Chess Club, organized under the Athletic and Recreation Association, was held in Room 124 E, Admin. Bldg., at 5:30 p. m., Friday, June 9. Twenty persons attended. Meetings will be held weekly at the same time and place. Some of those present indicated that they had some experience in playing chess, while to others the game is new.

Mr. H. H. Holland, Solicitor's Office, spoke briefly of his trip to Walter Reed Hospital when he delivered, for the U.S.D.A. Post No. 36, American Legion, a number of chess magazines and books which the Post had received in its current drive for funds to furnish chess equipment to American boys who are prisoners of war detained by Germany. Mr. Holland proposed to instruct a number of players in the rudiments of chess, so that the group under the auspices of Agriculture, could visit Walter Reed one or two evenings a month, at the invitation of the American Red Cross, to teach the patients and play with those who already know something of the game.

A vote of those present indicated a 100% favorable reaction to the proposal, and justified the formation of the club in order to carry out the contemplated program, thereby contributing to the overall war effort. We owe it to these boys to do all in our power to assist them in getting some pleasure out of life, and making them forget themselves for the time being.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to join in this undertaking and to those who merely wish to play the game with fellow employees to come to the next meetings of the U.S.D.A. Chess Club. Whether you have played or whether you haven't, telephone us your name, Ext. 3775, and if you forget about it until the last minute, come anyway--

Room 124 E, Administration Bldg.

## VACATION RESORTS

The White House has approved two-week vacations for Federal employees, but Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Director of O.D.T., has stated that, "The public must plan to cut travel after the invasion starts for the transportation system must be free to respond to any demands that the occasion may make upon it. Any unessential traveler who gets caught in the invasion traffic will have only himself to blame if he is indefinitely stranded."

With this in mind, the War Information Center has prepared a leaflet on summer vacation spots not more than 200 miles from Washington. Each of the bureau contact officers has a leaflet, which you may review in her office.

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friends aboard the Potomac and enjoy an evening away from the Washington heat. But, be sure to get your tickets in the advance sale.

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