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USDA HARVEST SHOW

Here's a wonderful opportunity for all you Victory Gardeners. You have labored hard since last spring over those gardens and now you're going to get some public recognition.

Women's groups will be a Harvest Show in the Patio on October 2 and 3, so round up your choice specimens of fresh vegetables and fruits, canned vegetables and fruits, and garden flowers. These five items form the divisions under which exhibits may be entered. There are a number of classes under each division; for example, beets, potatoes and tomatoes are classes under the division Fresh Vegetables. In most instances, three samples of the fresh produce make one exhibit and one glass jar of the canned food makes one exhibit.

One gardener may have only one exhibit in a class but may have as many exhibits in the divisions as he wishes. There are also collections of produce listed as classes in several of the divisions. For copies of the complete rules governing the exhibit see your contact officer.

Bring your exhibits to the Patio on October 2, between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. There will be someone there to receive them and to give you an entry blank. The show will be open to the public at 12:30 p.m., October 2, after judging has been completed. Results of the judging will be an award of \$5.00 in War Stamps to the sweepstakes winner in each division. All exhibits must be removed from the Patio by noon, October 4. For further information, call W. H. Youngman, Ext. 2480.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

The following meritorious promotion was approved this month: Paul M. Williams, Marketing Specialist (Chief, Processed Products and Standardization and Inspection Division), Office of Distribution, for his skillful and effective management enabling his Division to carry on a tremendous increase in work due to the emergencies of war.

FOR F. S. GALLON DONORS

Dr. K. P. Davis and I. H. Sims of the Forest Service have made up small 3 x 5 boxes for the desks of the eleven Forest Service members who have donated eight times to the Red Cross Blood Donor Service. The boxes, of black cherry, hold scratch paper ready for handy use and each is adorned with a blood donor's button and the gallon club red ribbon. Mr. Sims, who is Bureau Chairman of the Blood Donor Program, hopes he and Dr. Davis will have to make more of the boxes in the near future.



RECREATION INFORMATION

The bureau contact officers have just completed a five-hour course on community recreational facilities in Washington. This course will enable them to furnish you with specific information as to where to go for various recreational activities. The contact officers also have recreation directories and leaflets which you may review in their offices.

HELP ENLIST OUR HIGH-SCHOOL-AGE BOYS
AND GIRLS IN SCHOOL THIS FALL

THE BRIDGE CLUB

The Agriculture Bridge Club opened the fall season with a very successful evening at Mrs. Stephan's home, 1355 Euclid St., N. W., on September 13. Games are held at the same place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. You may join the club at any time. For complete information, call Mrs. Helen Cooper after 6:30 p.m. on Ta. 6287.

ICE SKATING

The Sunset Skating Club is open to new members for the coming season which starts October 29, 1944, and ends March 25, 1945. The membership fee covers the cost of twenty consecutive Sunday skating sessions from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Instructors will be available at each session. To join the club send a card to Miss Edyth Lepanen, Secretary, Sunset Skating Club, 930 - 16th St., N. W.

BASKETBALL

Basketball season is just around the corner. Girls, if you're interested in belonging to an Agri. team which will practice at one of the high schools, call Ext. 3165. Boys who are interested should call Dan Knode, Ext. 4601.

CHORAL GUILD

The Choral Guild announces that its meeting time has been changed from Friday to 5:45 Thurs. evening. They meet in the auditorium. Incidentally, they are looking for a tenor for the quartet.

SHALL WE DANCE?

Have you gotten a bit rusty when it comes to dancing? Do you know the new steps that are popular South of the Border as well as here? If your answers are "yes" and "no" respectively, how about coming out for this latest recreational feature.

A. R. A. is sponsoring Latin-American Dancing classes to begin on Oct. 9, and to take place on consecutive Mondays for six weeks. The time will be 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. and the place will be the Universalist National Memorial Church, 1810 - 16th St., N. W.

Registration will take place in room 201, Adm. Bldg., on Oct. 2, from 5:30 to 7:00. The class is open to both men and women. There will be a moderate charge for the classes. For further information, call Don Simpson, Ext. 2238

VOTING INFORMATION

If you want to know your home-state's requirements for absentee voting, see your contact officer who has this information for every state.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Two more weeks to prepare for Christmas overseas! Get a good, strong regulation-size box, put in a few luxury items and something to please a sweet tooth, get some heavy wrapping paper for the outside and tie securely with a stout string. Be sure to address correctly (both inside and out), please print, and put in the mail before October 15. Christmas in a fox-hole will be much brighter with a bit of the Christmas Spirit from home.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

It's time to get out your books and start back to school now that fall is here. The Graduate School has begun its fall session but you may register thru October 7. Your contact officer has in her office information on fields of study and catalogs of the educational institutions in Washington. For advice on an educational program, your contact officer will direct you to your bureau or Department educational counselor.

DUPLICATE WAR SAVINGS BONDS

If a bond has been lost, stolen or destroyed, the owner should request the appropriate form, on which to make application for a duplicate bond, by letter addressed to the Treasury Dept., Div. of Loans and Currency, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois. The letter should give the serial number and effective date of the bond, name and address of co-owner or beneficiary, and a statement of the circumstances under which the loss, theft or destruction of the bond occurred. Upon receipt of the application form, it should be completed and returned to the above address. For further information see the withholding agent in your fiscal office.

BUDGET YOUR EXPENDITURES

A copy of the "Minimum-Wage Budget for Women", which has been prepared in the Department, is in your contact officer's office for your convenience. This pamphlet should help you to budget your expenditures to the best advantage.

AGRICULTURE POST NO. 36, AMERICAN LEGION

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Oct. 10, in the ballroom of the American Legion Clubhouse, 2437 Fifteenth Street, N. W. at 8:30 p.m. This will be the most colorful meeting of the year as it will be devoted almost entirely to the installation of officers elected in September to serve until October, 1945. The District of Columbia Department Commander and his staff, assisted by the National Guard of Honor, will officiate.

The newly elected officers are: C. E. deVivo, P&O, Comdr.; F. B. Sullivan, CCC, 1st Vice-Comdr.; J. K. Bromell, OD, 2nd Vice-Comdr.; T. H. Tremearne, Ex-AIC, 3rd Vice-Comdr.; Mrs. G. S. Conway, CCC, Finance Officer; H. Kabat, B&F, Chaplain; L. H. Sample, OD, Historian; P. H. Colman, AAA, Sgt.-at-Arms. In addition, the Commander-elect has appointed R. B. Dozier, OD, Adjutant and C. P. Derbyberry, OD, Asst. Adjutant.

Refreshments will follow the installation ceremony and it is urged that as many members as possible attend with their families and guests.

The new administration will have a splendid start toward a good year as 185 members have already paid their 1945 dues and thus are eligible to participate in the prize drawing for one \$50 war bond, a Legion uniform, and seven \$25 war bonds. World War 2 members are well represented and more will be cordially welcomed.

TRANSPORTATION

Want Rides

Margaret Snodgrass, 8th & Longfellow Sts., N. W., Ext. 3543
 Eleanor Awlandson, 7330 Piney Branch Rd., Takoma Park, Md., Ext. 3263
 Julia McCann, Rt. #1, Alexandria, Va., Ext. 4932
 Mrs. Roy, 4305 Pershing Drive, Arlington, Va., Ext. 2106
 Mrs. Nisewander, 727 N. Danville St., Arlington, Va., Ext. 5441
 Miss Hastings, 1302 Monroe Ave., N. W., Ext. 2433
 Mrs. Stringfellow, btw. 13th & 14th at Euclid St., N. W., Ext. 5947 (eve. only)

HOSTESS COURSE

Girls, Friendship House at 619 - D St., S. E., is going to give a Hostess Course beginning Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. There will be seven lectures on consecutive Monday evenings. Upon completion of the course, each girl will receive an O. C. D. Hostess card which in accordance with the new O. C. D. regulations, will be honored only by the agency giving the training.

Call Friendship House, Li. 6202, before Oct. 16, to make reservations.

AT CONSTITUTION HALL

Season tickets, as well as single performance tickets, are now available at Cappel's Concert Bureau, 1300 G St., N. W., for seven concerts at Constitution Hall. The first concert, featuring Alec Tompleton, pianist, will take place on Oct. 25 at 8:30 p.m. For complete schedule see bulletin boards.