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NATIONAL SYMPHONY SUSTAINING DRIVE

The National Symphony Orchestra Association of Washington, D. C. is conducting its annual sustaining fund campaign during the month of February. In recognition of the Symphony's value to Federal employees, all government agencies, including Agriculture, have pledged their support to aid the association in its annual drive for funds.

Many of you are familiar with the splendid musical opportunities the orchestra offers to the people of Washington. Specifically, for Federal employees, the National Symphony Orchestra will be conducting

the annual series of concerts at popular prices; to expand the Symphony Forum, a course in musical appreciation which is available free of charge to Federal Employees. The summer "Sunset Symphonies", at the Watergate, will be presented to be enjoyed by many thousands of Federal employees at nominal prices.

It is hoped that the coming Symphony season of 1946-47 will see greater musical opportunities than ever before offered to the people of Washington.

Secretary Anderson endorsed the project in his memorandum to Heads of Administrations, Bureaus, and Offices dated February 12, 1946.

A keyman has been designated to handle the drive in your agency and is most anxious to accept your contribution.

The association's goal in this drive is "a contribution from everyone". It may be a donation of a dime or a pledge for \$1.00 and up. Your contribution signifies your interest and backing in the continued success of one of the country's great musical organizations--one which we feel should be the best.

We're looking forward to completing the drive this month in the

ATTENTION BATHTUB SINGERS!

Most people like to sing, so why not bring your voice to the Department Choral Guild instead of keeping it for the bathtub or for the occasions when you automatically sing "Sweet Adeline." The Choral Guild is contemplating a radio program for the latter part of March and would like those interested in singing with the group to come this Friday to the Department Auditorium (the Guild rehearses every Friday at 5:45 p.m.). You don't have to have a trained voice, but naturally it is necessary that you be able to carry a tune. We want to build our group up to the pre-war size of 65 and it takes cooperation to make this possible. All those with trained voices please don't wait to be asked individually. It is impossible for us to know all of you who have had special training, BUT we will be more than delighted to have you in our group. As a large group we can plan many interesting programs for the future. We'll be looking for you.

VETERANS INVITED

World War I and II veterans are cordially invited to join Agriculture Post #36, of the American Legion.

Their next post meeting will be on Friday, March 8th at the American Legion Club House, 2437--15th St., NW

Mr. Frank Aohan, membership officer, Ext. 6071, will be glad to furnish additional information regarding the Post's activities.

A REMINDER FOR THE GIRLS

During the war many girls in the Department registered with the Women's Battalion #1 to attend dances for selective service men at various camps in and around Washington. Although many organizations set up during war time for the purpose of entertaining service personnel have disbanded, the activities of the Women's Battalion have actually increased.

Regular dances are held at Andrews Field, Fort Meade, and Fort Belvoir. In town, dances are held on Thursday evenings at the Epiphany Auditorium, 1317 G Street, N.W. from 8 to 11 p.m. and on Fridays at Thomson's Center, 12th and L Street, N. W. from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Application for membership in the Battalion may be made in person at its headquarters, Epiphany Auditorium, 1317 G Street, N. W. Girls should come with identification and be prepared to give their supervisor's name and address.

FOLK DANCES AND SQUARES

The second series of folk and square dancing began February 13th at 8:30 p.m. and will be held every other Wednesday for four sessions at the West Potomac Park Recreation Building. Series tickets are \$2.50; single admission tickets are 50¢. Tickets are available at the door. For further information, call Exec.--6565 - 8.

YOUR WELFARE ASSOCIATION

On January 29, the Welfare Association issued a memorandum explaining that recent negotiations with its unionized employees and the War Labor Board have resulted in wage increases which will increase operating costs by over \$20,000 a year. At the same time, a loss of income has resulted from the five-day work week plan.

The memorandum goes on to say that this combination of circumstances would ordinarily be sufficient grounds to request OPA to authorize an increase in prices and this may be necessary. However, the Association doesn't wish to do this unless it's absolutely necessary and it plans to continue the present price schedules for a sufficient period of time to determine the extent of the loss and whether or not the loss can be sustained without impairing the financial position or reserves of the Association.

If an increase in prices should be inevitable, employees will be told in advance of the plans. However, the Association hopes this will not be necessary.

NAVY BAND CONCERTS

Are you familiar with the very enjoyable concerts given each Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Departmental Auditorium by the U. S. Navy Band? They are free and are one of Washington's most popular musical programs.

NURSING CLASSES OPEN

Arrangements have been made to resume the Home Nursing Instruction classes for interested Agriculture employees in the Department's Emergency Room, 1038 So. Bldg. These classes are conducted by the American Red Cross, Agriculture Unit with Miss Ethel McKenzie, R.N. as the instructress. These courses have been condensed to six, two-hour classes. These twelve-hour courses began February 11th. Two additional courses have been organized. Subsequent classes will continue as interest is shown. Employees who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity are urged to call Mrs. Hovey on Ext. 6229 to enroll.

CHEST XRAY

Do you know you can get a free chest Xray at the U. S. Public Health Dispensary? Everyone should avail himself of this service--particularly since this has been such a trying winter on those of us who are susceptible to colds. See Miss McFadden in the Emergency Room. She will make the necessary arrangements for you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENTERTAIN IN CAMPS AND HOSPITALS?

If you sing, dance or play an instrument, Volunteer Camp Shows urge you to attend their auditions for talent which will be held March 13 and April 10 at Thomson Center, 12th & "L" Streets, N. W. For further information, call Ad-2250.

LITTLE THEATRE GOERS

The 18th annual one act play tournament sponsored by the D. C. Recreation Department has been scheduled. The preliminaries will take place March 12th and 14th; the finals will be held March 16th. These plays will be given at Roosevelt High School, 13th and Allison Sts., N. W., curtain at 8:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door (30¢ for preliminaries and 60¢ for the finals).

We're listing the following schedule for your information:

March 12

<u>Given By</u>	<u>Play</u>
Masquers of Roosevelt	"Waiter"
Falls Church Community Theatre	"Our Little Theatre"
FBI Dramatic Group	"The Glamour Girl"

March 14

St. Paul's Players	"A Minuet"
Pentagon Players	"The 12 Pound Look"
Speech & Drama Club	"Joint Owners in Spain"

March 16 - FinalsYOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

If anyone can accommodate a disabled veteran of the Department who lives at 1801 Calvert Street, N. W., with a ride to and from work, please call Extension 3105.

AGAIN WE ASK-If you have a room, apt. or house to rent, please call Ext. 3105.

WANT RIDES

Mr. Gehr, 904 Davis Ave., Takoma Park, Md., Ext. 4808
 Miss Mildred Snider, 13th & Peabody Streets, N. W., Ext. 4639
 Miss Jean Vlahos, 1200 Taylor Street, N. W., Ext. 5614
 Mrs. Catherine Gonzalez, 1437 Spring Road, N. W., Ext. 5618
 Miss Juanita Midd, 1322 Fairmont St., N. W., Ext. 5613
 Miss Margaret Marshall, 3665--38th St., N. W., Ext. 2731
 Miss June Shambaugh, cor. Farragut & New Hamp. Ave., N. W., Ext. 5251
 Mr. Harold F. Breimeyer, 906 North Wayne St., Arlington, Va., Ext. 3407
 Miss Gillespie, 919 N. Randolph St., Arlington, Ext. 5313
 Miss Anne Gregonis, 4845 North 9th., Arlington, Ext. 4761
 Mrs. Winston, Kaywood Gardens, Ext. 3363
 Miss Pauline Harlan, between 14th & 16th on Girard, N. W., Ext. 4252
 Mr. Nordwall, Ray Road, & New Hamp. Ave., N. W., Ext. 4077
 Miss Strauss, 4613 Sergeant Rd., NE, Ext. 2731
 Mrs. Mary Knowles, 2945 Neward St., N. W., Ext. 2593
 Mrs. Williams, 1415 Girard St., N. W. Ext. 4303
 Miss Nora L. Woodward, 128 "O" St., N. E., Ext. 4433
 Miss Pearl Armack, 126 "U" St., N. E. Ext. 2250