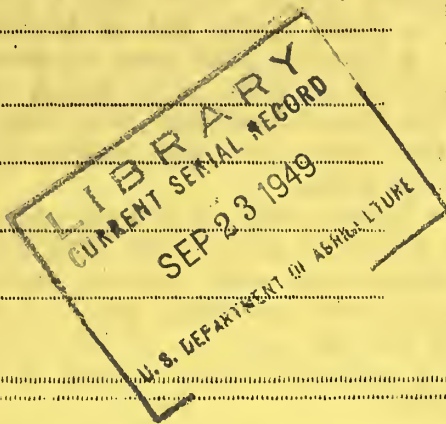


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# EMPLOYEES NEWS BULLETIN

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WELFARE ASSOCIATION

### FIVE CENT COFFEE

The price of coffee which last February was increased from 5 to 6 cents in order to bring the price in line with the cost of ingredients and to help meet the rising cost of labor has been reduced by the Cafeteria Committee to 5 cents again by popular demand. Labor costs remain the same, of course, but the wholesale price of coffee, perversely enough, advanced 2 cents a pound right after the Committee reduced the price per cup.

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### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NEWS-

Approximately 300 music lovers in the Agriculture Department responded to an interest-finding survey about the USDA Symphony Orchestra.

A great number of these said that they not only would support the Orchestra by joining a Symphony Association for the purpose but would also help in securing new members for such a group.

A meeting held on Sept 8 of these supporters and music fans chose the name "AGRICULTURE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION" for the new organization.

Since the fall concert will be given near the end of October a membership drive is essential NOW.

A luncheon meeting of the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE has been called for Wednesday, September 14 in Room 6970.

Individual membership in the AGRICULTURE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSN for the coming season which will include at least 3 concerts has been set at the nominal price of \$1.

In addition to being assured of seats at the concerts the card will entitle its holder to attend the Friday evening rehearsals which are very interesting.

The Jefferson auditorium seats less than 600. Send in your name now to the Employee Activities Office, Room 1073-S, and become a Charter Member of the AGRICULTURE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION and be assured of a seat at the coming concerts.

BE PROUD of YOUR orchestra.

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**WANT ADS ACCEPTED-** Classified advertising can be placed now for the first issue of the Employees' Newspaper to be out soon. Submit ads in writing to the Employee Activities Office, Room 1073-S.

### AERA COUNCIL APPROVES NEWSPAPER TEST RUN

A movement to establish a newspaper of, by and for Agriculture employees which was proposed by Carl Bark of FCA at the July meeting of the AERA Council is about to be realized.

The September meeting of the Council authorized the Newspaper Committee to spend up to \$200 in getting out a trial issue.

The possibility of publishing a 4-page tabloid size paper with photographs, want ads; sections devoted to sports, employee activities; a woman's page; feature stories, bowling league news; letters to the editor; news stories; cartoons, a swap column, editorials; even poetry (perhaps); all this and more will be the fare offered by the newspaper.

It is expected that the trial issue will be distributed in the cafeterias, snack bars and other points throughout the Department easily reached by everyone.

An employee newspaper offers an excellent avenue for all of us to get our ideas across.

At a newspaper Committee meeting on September 12 it was decided to accept Ike Arneson's suggestion that the new paper's name should be "THE AERA REPORTER" with the sub-head: "Of, By and For Agriculture Department Employees"; at least for the trial issue.

The possibility of a contest to choose a permanent name for the paper was also discussed.

The following officers to get out the trial issue were chosen:

Editor-in-Chief: T. Swann Harding; Advertising Mgr: Ed Seidel; News Editor: Ike Arneson; Circulation Mgr: George Hanna; Feature Stories: Hilja Ketola; Art Editor: Lance Hooks.

It was agreed that the Employee Activities Office would serve temporarily as the Editorial Offices for the new paper with Charles H. Cunningham and staff acting in an Ex Officio capacity on planning and production problems.

### NOTE TO ALL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Please appoint a reporter at once to get your news in the first issue which goes to press about October 1st.

The paper will be sold in the cafeterias and snack bars for 1¢ - honor system.



ACT NOW AND WIN A PRIZE---

TALENTED EMPLOYEES will have a chance to strut their stuff and win prizes at the Home Builders Exposition to be held nightly from Oct. 8 through 16.

Home talent acts of various kinds are to be presented each night at the show by the employees from various government agencies.

There is room for a total of 36 acts in the series of evening performances and at least 3 acts on the show have been reserved for Agriculture employee groups and individuals.

Prizes for everyone who participates will be given regardless of whether or not they place first. More than \$1000 has been set aside for prizes.

Plans for the performances to be televised are in the works.

Duets, trios, quartets, dance teams, comedy teams, magicians or what have you will be used.

Everyone who wishes to register themselves or their act for the Agriculture Section of the Exposition's variety shows can do so at the Employee Activities Office, Room 1073-S.

Please send in your name, office and home telephone, together with a description of your act. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, September 20.

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Everyone interested in supporting or participating in little theater drama activities in any capacity is invited to a Fall Organization Meeting of

The  
AGRICULTURE PLAYERS  
invites you to  
its  
FALL ORGANIZATION MEETING  
in  
JEFFERSON AUDITORIUM  
Tues-Sept.20- 6 PM

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THE AGRICULTURE CHORISTERS met Sept. 7 and made tentative plans for the coming season. Under the direction of Richard Dirksen, Associate Organist and Choirmaster at the Washington Cathedral, the Choristers expect to give at least three concerts by next spring. Rehearsal night is now WEDNESDAYS at 6 PM in the JEFFERSON AUDITORIUM.

If you sing or know someone who does please call Alice B. Campbell x4278 for details and come to the next rehearsal. New Officers are: Marguerite Boultinghouse, Pres.; Robert Powers, Vice President; William Mitchell, Treas; and Frances Morriss, Secretary.

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RIDING CLUB memberships are being accepted with fees set at \$2 a year. Weekend riding begins Sept. 24. If you are interested call Prexy Jack Anderson x5676.

ORCHIDS to FCA Club's new editor Catherine Hardy and its Art Editor Harry Shenker whose cover cartoons are chuckle packed.

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JOIN THE A.E.R.A.

USDA WOMAN'S CLUB--

Plans for the first meeting of a Department-wide WOMAN'S CLUB are going forward. It is hoped that a meeting can be held by the end of September.

A WOMAN'S CLUB open to wives of employees as well as to women employees of the Department has long been needed in the opinion of the backers of this new project.

"After all", a recent visitor to the EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES OFFICE commented, "a Department with as many employees as Agriculture has would make a good sized city and who ever heard of a city without a WOMAN'S CLUB-- dozens of them in fact?"

What would a WOMAN'S CLUB do? Here are some of the things our fair visitor listed;

- 1) organize children's activities in the auditorium such as good movies, a children's orchestra and concerts by the Department's Symphony Orchestra featuring music written especially for children;
- 2) plays with children as actors and audience as well as plays with adult actors in plays appealing to children
- 3) a flower show and a fair in one of the courts
- 4) sponsor and support employee activities such as the Symphony Orchestra Agriculture Choristers, Agriculture Players; the Employee Newspaper.
- 5) it could mean the difference between success and failure of a boat-ride or any other activity
- 6) encourage good fellowship
- 7) information about the Department and its great role would be extended among its members and their knowledge and satisfaction increased thereby.

We thought we'd just take the opportunity afforded by this bulletin to pass the idea along to you.

If you are interested in the idea as a woman employee; or if your wife is interested; drop us a card in care of the EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES OFFICE, Room 1073-S.

We hope to begin by having monthly meetings on an informal basis. The first meeting will probably be held in the auditorium at 12 o'clock some day soon with a music selection and an outstanding woman speaker and end with a luncheon in the Cafeteria. WRITE NOW

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MODERN HOMEMAKING, a new course offered by the Graduate School will answer some of the questions raised by employed women (and husbands and fathers) who work at "keeping house". Modern Homemaking teaches the applications of research to many phases of the problem.

Specialists from USDA and elsewhere will give practical information on such topics as budgets; menu planning; buying a house, etc.

Miss Sadye Adelson, Technical Assistant to the Chief, HNHE, heads this.

Graduate School registration begins Sept. 10. Classes begin Week of Sept. 19.

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OFAR's Employees Club held the first of a projected series of monthly luncheons on August 29 with Mr. Stanley Andrews, OFAR's Director, as guest speaker. An outstanding speaker in the field of foreign agriculture is scheduled for each luncheon meeting. Mr. J. Forrest Crawford Agriculture Attache to Iraq, will discuss modern agriculture and irrigation prospects in that country at the forthcoming luncheon.

Besides ministering to good fellowship OFAR's Employees Club is affording its members a unique opportunity to come to grips with the singular problems with which OFAR deals.

This plan has much to commend it.

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#### CLIPPINGS

From THE PERSONNEL LOG:

"Barney Draheim has been under the flood-lights this past week being filmed by "March of Time" on his many civic and educational activities in Arlington County. This "March of Time" film will be released to some 7,000 theatres in the U.S. to an anticipated audience of over 85 million people. Release date will be latter part of Sept."

Ed. Note: Also you may have noticed that Barney has been elected a member of the Arlington County School Board.

From REA'S SPAN:

"Administrator WICKARD'S PISCATORIAL PROWESS PRAISED BY PRESS

A column by George Nixon in the Aug. 23d issue of a Washington newspaper tells of a recent fishing trip indulged in by Administrator Wickard, George VLK, and the columnist. According to the story, Mr. Wickard stated that it was lunch-time just as the party encountered a "fantastic convention of bluefish." As he prepared to eat his sandwich, the Skipper of the boat, one Capt. Irish, ordered him to "get back there with that rod and keep fishing. You can eat on the way home".

The columnist neglected to state what happened next; an authoritative source, however, states that Mr. Wickard brought home a big batch of bluefish.

And one sandwich."

From USDA:

"CAN WE LIVE TOGETHER?"

On June 23 Charles T. Estes, special assistant to the Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, gave a very interesting and informative talk before the USDA Training Council. It was entitled: "Can We Learn to Live Together" It might have been titled: "How To Get Along With Your Fellow Workers." It is good tonic both for supervisors and those supervised. If you want copies we have some; write the Editor of USDA or phone Miss Arden, Ext. 4649, and ask for "Can We Learn to Live Together?"

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The USDA Editor offers copies of "The King's English", by a former employee of the Department to anyone interested. Write the Editor of USDA, or phone Miss Arden, Ext. 4649. It is recommended to those who want to write better letters and be a better "boss".

Al Cohen x3054, Penn&Alabama Av SE  
Mabel Paulsen x5159, S.Cap&Elmira St SE  
A.L. Sykes x4342, 3722 2d St SE  
Marion Diener x4180, Conn-Wis nr DC line  
Marie Gentry x4113, 700 20th St S, Arl.Va.  
Mrs. Gilbert x4687, Hamilton & Ga Av NW  
Peggy Schroyer x3871, 5711 Chillum Hts, Md  
Mr. Miller x2905, Jefferson Vlg, Falls Ch  
Janet Stanton x3230, 4604 29th St, Mt Rainer  
Mildred Baxley x4059, 1864 Wyoming Av NW  
Alene Hodson x2013, 2322 19th St NW  
Olive Mills x5183, Gl.Rd & N.Wash. Blvd.  
Ann Pumphrey x5601, Kings Hwy&Farmgtn Dr  
Carmen Patterson x6165, Queens Manor Apts  
Robt Reiersen x3821, nr Bolling Field  
Francis Page x3351, 12th&Alabama Av SE  
Dan Schlesinger x2571, Greenway Apts  
Else Richardson x3538, Galveston Rd, SS, Md  
Beatrice MacArthur x2297, 2900 Conn Av NW  
ROTATOR WANTED

James Mixon x4355, Wheaton, Md.  
H. E. Marshall x3748 nr Riggs Manor

RIDERS WANTED

Leonard Kimmel, MI9814 fr Balto & return  
will pick up at homes

RIDERS OR ROTATORS WANTED

L.J. Ducoff x3271, Dale Dr & Bonifant St  
Silver Spring Md.

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#### BOWLING NEWS

The Office of Personnel Employees' Recreation Assn recently purchased shirts for the members of its bowling team in the Agriculture Inter-Bureau League. Unless other teams follow suit, they will be the best-dressed on the floor and OPERA's executive officers are hoping that the esprit de corps resulting will make them one of the League's best teams.

The Mens' Inter-Bureau Bowling League starts Thursday, Sept 15 at 7 pm playing at the Chevy Chase Alleys. They report that 2 teams of 5 men each are needed. If you want to join a fine league call C.V. Trawbridge x5221.

FARM and FARMERETTES League will start Sept 20 with 12 teams at the Lucky Strike Alleys. Ralph Pickett, Pres.

AGRICULTURE INTERBUREAU League will start Sept 20 with 12 teams at the YMCA Alleys. Richard Lawall is President.

BUDGET AND FINANCE League started Sept 9 with 7 teams in the King Pin alleys James N. Kline is Manager.

OFAR's League needs subs. Starts Sept 16 in the YMCA's alleys. Benj. J. Birdsall is President. Six teams.

S&HR League will begin Sept 22 with 8 teams at the YMCA. Kyle Randall is Pres

FM&C League with 4 teams begins Sept 22 at Arlington Farms. CW Crickman, Pres.

REA League with 24 teams starts Sept 16 at Arlington Farms. Mrs. Alta Hamlin is Chairman and Mr. Todryk is Manager.

FS League with 10 teams begins Sept 13 at the Lucky Strike alleys. Cliff Raw is Sec'y-Treas.

SCS League with 10 teams (4 from OFAR) started Sept 7 at Penn Recr. Col. H. Duchaine is Pres. Joe DeCenzo is Secy.

TRIPLE A League with 14 teams began Sept 7 at Lucky Strike. H. Ketola is Secy.

Information on SOL and ARC Leagues lacking at press time.



The new series of Recreation classes starts in October. You'll never grow old as long as you have new hobbies to challenge your interest. Look at this schedule below and you may see how you can be richer in knowledge, skills and interest by a small investment of your spare time. Registration must be paid in advance at the Employee Activities Office, Room 1073-S, x6229 and x5611.

Activity	Class begins	Cost	Meeting Place	Instructor
Social Dance Foxtrot & Waltz Tango & Rumba-Begin Tango, Samba, Rumba-Adv Waltz & Foxtrot-Adv	Monday Oct 3	\$5 for 8 lessons	Jefferson Aud.	Toni DeFelice
	6:00 PM	do	do	do
	7:00 PM	do	do	do
	8:00 PM	do	do	do
	9:00 PM	do	do	do
Weaving Classes	Monday Oct 3  6:30 PM	\$10 for 8 lessons (2hr sessions) Class limited to 8 persons	Room 1073-S	Mrs. Helen Wood
Liquid Plastics "Liquid Plex" class	2ce a Week Beg. 1st Wk in October	\$10 for 8 lessons (2hr sessions) Kit for \$5.50	To be arranged	R. L. Garcia
Contract Bridge	Tuesdays 6:30 PM Beg. Oct 18	\$6 for 10 lessons (2hr sessions)	4th Wing Cafeteria	Chas. A. Lyons
Drapery, Lamp Shade and Slip Cover construction	8 PM Wed- nesdays Beg. Oct 5th	\$10 for 7 lessons (2hr sessions) \$1 lab fee	Jefferson aud.	Otto Tingen
Square Dance and Folk Dance Class	Tuesdays 8 PM Beg Oct 4	\$2 for 4 lessons (2 hr sessions)	Jefferson aud	Herschel Hadley

#### CAFETERIA GETS BIG HAND-

Geraldine G. Fenn, Ass't State Club Leader of Montana's Agriculture and Home Economics Extension Service, writes to our Cafeteria Manager as follows:

Dear Mr. Lommasson:

During the past year I spent nine months in Washington studying in the Department of Agriculture and at The George Washington University. Under this arrangement I had many of my meals in the Department of Agriculture Cafeteria, as did two of my fellow students. All three of us felt that the cafeterias in the Department of Agriculture were doing an excellent job of serving huge numbers of people with food which was tasty, in season, and inexpensive.

In my work it is necessary for me to eat out a great deal and I get very tired of the usual run of food which is served in public eating places. However, I can truthfully say that I did not ever tire of the food served in your cafeterias during the entire year. We thought it was tastily prepared, very attractive, and that there was considerable variety.

One morning I happened to get in the wrong elevator and suddenly found myself in the middle of the kitchen. The lady in charge was very pleasant and invited me to inspect the kitchen. This was a very enjoyable experience and I learned a great deal. I vowed at that time that I

would write you upon my return and let you know how we felt about your food services.

It is easy to complain but one does not always take the time to express appreciation for a job well done. We felt you people were doing a good job and so I wanted to be sure to tell you so. Signed: Geraldine G. Fenn, Assistant and State Club Leader.

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GOLF LOVERS will note that a three day Annual Medal Play Tournament of the Federal Golf Association is now in progress (Sept 12,13,14) at the Argyle Country Club.

Darryl Johnson reports that several Agriculture employees placed their entries in the contest before the Sept. 1 deadline.

40 prizes are available to winners, both individuals and teams in Classes A, B and C.

The 15 low gross players will be eligible to play an additional 18 holes on September 16 to determine the winner of the J. Edgar Hoover Trophy emblematic of the Individual Championship of the Federal Golf Association.

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Mr. Cooper, head of the Cafeteria's maintenance department is complimented by the EMPLOYEES NEWS BULLETIN for a renovation job on venetian blinds that saved \$1200 for the Cafeteria over the \$1500 bid of a downtown company.

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