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## FOG FIGHTERS GRADUATE

It was all 'riting -- no reading, 'rithmetic, or hickory stick -- for 14 FASers who graduated in mid-December from a Good Writing Course designed especially to meet FAS needs.

The 5-week course, first of its specialized

type, was spurred by Administrator Ray Ioanes in response to Secretary Freeman's drive for better writing in the Department. Further courses are planned.



PICTURED ON GRADUATION from FAS Good Writing Course are (standing, l. to r.) Jim Hartman, Live-stock & Meat director; "Russ" Strobel, Dairy & Poultry director; Phil Shapiro, assistant to the Administrator; Hartman Stuedl, Fiscal Branch chief; Bill Stewart, Fruit & Vegetable director; and Nicholas Thuroczy, Trade Policy director. Seated: Bill Starkey, Grain & Feed commodity analysis chief; Don Rubel, Commodity Programs assistant admin-

istrator; John Dean, deputy General Sales Manager; Instructor Lyman J. Noordoff, of Federal Extension Service; and Henry Fayans, Barter & Stockpiling contract negotiator. Other graduates not in photo were Ralph Spencer, General Sales Manager staff assistant; Carl Winberg (Attaches); Dan Tierney, Program Operations director; and Robert Rudy, Barter & Stockpiling contract negotiator.

## NEW YEAR BRINGS STAFF SHIFTS

John C. (Jack) McDonald, ass't attache in Ottawa and longtime acting attache there before arrival of Dick Roberts, is slated to come into Washington in mid-February for an assignment in the Office of the Secretary.

Ray Vickery is now director of the Office of Reports and Statistics, officially established

January 3. Formerly director of Grain & Feeds, Ray will be responsible for "overall staff leadership and coordination of statistical and reporting activities of the Foreign Agricultural Service."

Phil Eckert, attache in Bonn from '55-'60 -- who recently rejoined FAS after a period in private industry -- has been designated to act as director of Grain & Feed Division.

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Quentin Bates is succeeding retiree Bob Gastineau as director of the Operations and Analysis Division, Int'l Trade. He'll start work on his new job after consultations and home leave that started January 6 after two tours of duty in Buenos Aires.

Meanwhile, veteran Joe Dodson (ex-Tokyo) is scheduled to arrive in Argentina in early February to succeed Quentin as attache.

#### TIHEASALO - PARKER

The marriage of John Parker, assistant agricultural attache in Cairo, and Seija Tiheasalo took place November 6 in St. Andrews United Church of Cairo. Among wedding guests were the U. S. and Finnish Ambassadors.

The couple honeymooned in Finland -- native country of the bride, who is on the Finnish Embassy staff in Egypt.



JOHN PARKER  
AND BRIDE  
SEIJA TIHEASALO  
IN CAIRO

#### HOLM - TEGELER

Henrietta Holm and Robert G. Tegeler were married in Washington, D. C. on December 21.

Henrietta has for many years been an agricultural economist and analyst of Africa and Middle East affairs -- first with FAS and now with ERS. Her husband is with Page Communications Engineers.

The couple's address is 1112 "M" Street N.W. Washington, D.C.

#### MIGUEL JARDIM

Friends in the United States and abroad will be saddened to learn that Miguel Nuno Ferreira Jardim, 54, agricultural specialist in the Lisbon agricultural attache office, died early Christmas morning after a heart attack.

"Mike" was in the U.S. for 5 weeks with a Portuguese wheat team in July 1963 and was known personally by many in our FAS family who had an opportunity to appreciate his loyalty, efficiency, and his ability to meet easily with people at all levels and to gain their confidence. He had been with FAS since 1961.

Our sincere sympathy to all the members of his family.

#### JOHN C. MARQUIS

John Clyde Marquis, 84, long a leader in American agricultural affairs, died in Washington on December 4.

During his career, Mr. Marquis served as permanent U.S. delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome (precursor of FAO), and subsequently as director of information and statistics for USDA's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

CONGRATULATIONS are exchanged between Dorothy H. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs (right), and Alice Fray Nelson, chief of our FAS publications branch and editor of Foreign Agriculture magazine. Both of them appear in Who's Who of American and Canadian Women, 1965.



## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY THAT WAS

About 500 FAS and IADS members and their families -- and foreign guests from 10 countries -- attended the Christmas Party, Dec. 15, under chairmanship of onetime attache Lloyd Williams (Trade Projects).

The refreshment committee, headed by Rose Holman and Kay Ockershausen, reports that the record crowd consumed 1,300 homemade cookies and 70 quarts of punch.

Other committee chief were Helen Ryan O'Brien, party decorations; Radboud Beukenkamp, entertainment; Margaret Enzler, gifts; Harwood McCoy, door decorations; Roberta

Clark, hospitality; Wally Dudney, publicity and photos; and Jim Martin, Santa Claus.

Entertainment highlights included greetings by Assistant Secretary for Int'l Affairs Dorothy Jacobson, FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes, and IADS Deputy Administrator Gerald Tichenor; a "live" marionette skit produced by "Brick" Rehling (ex-Belgrade); and two-piano duets by Beukenkamp and Francis Harrell.

Surplus gifts for children were given to the Salvation Army, Childrens' Hospital, and the Christ Child Institute for Children.



SANTA CLAUS (A. James Martin, of Trade Fairs) proves most popular FASer of '65. The little sailor on his lap is his own son; at far right, standing, is Mariann Castagna, recent addition to attache area staff.



STARS of FAS Follies (below, l. to r.) are Norman Paulhus, Armin Rehling, and "Berk" Beukenkamp. Lloyd Williams is MCing in foreground.

HUDDLING (lower right) at party are George Parks, deputy ass't for commodity programs, and Attache Henry Baer, in dapper checked coat, on home leave from Vienna.



# ROAMING AROUND

The 5,000 doors of the South Bldg. have finally all been denuded of their holiday decorations. Snow tire business is picking up. A few FAS sons and daughters managed to get through their first college semester. And now Valentine's Day is close at hand. Also ...



Jim Boulware spent Christmas and the New Year in FAS/Wash -- after a 25-hour "rush" solo trip from New Delhi to take part in consultations about the Indian food situation.

Jerry Kuhl, on home leave from Rio, took time out from vacation hours to participate in a Great Plains Wheat Conference at Kansas City in December.

Lee Paramore, on his way back to Manila after home leave, also conferred with Great Plains people; then made a stop in Portland, Ore., for mid-December talks with Western Wheat Associates and northwest grain trade exporters.

"Future of Agricultural Exports" was subject of Dave Hume's recent talk to the South Texas Regional Export Expansion Council's conference, also attended by Fred Lege as a panel member.

Oldrich Fejfar is back in the States for an FAS/Wash assignment after two tours of duty as assistant attache in Ankara and a June-December '65 stretch in Tehran prior to the arrival there of Attache "Steve" Stephanides.

RESTING AMONG RUINS of St. John's Basilica near ancient Ephesus, now Selçuk, are (l. to r.) Bill Davis, ass't agricultural attache in Ankara; Vernon Harness, ag economist in FAS Cotton Division; and Charles Lewis, ARS. The trio were on a field trip sizing up competition from cotton grown in Turkey -- now a major mid-East cotton producer.



Vi Sullivan (ex-Brussels) just returned to Washington after enjoyable home leave in Milwaukee. She's now embarked on language training preparatory to a new overseas post.



OLDRICH FEJFAR (standing, left), acting attache in Tehran the past 6 months, witnesses signing of a 100,000-ton P. L. 480 wheat agreement with Iran. Other standee is Edward F. Tennant, deputy director of US/AID; and signees are U.S. Ambassador Armin H. Meyer (left) and Iranian Minister of Finance Jamshid Amouzegar.

Mabel M. Jones, longtime member of Budget & Finance, retired December 29 after more than 20 years of service.

Donna Lee Hersey, ass't attache in The Hague, was subject of an interview and photo by the Rotterdam newspaper Algemeen Dagblad.

Print Hudson, after his appendectomy and a subsequent bout with spondylolisthesis, is again back in action at Bern. Upcoming on his agenda are exchange visits of Swiss-U.S. wheat teams this spring; and American meat exhibit and demonstration also this spring; and U.S. participation in the OLMA Fair, Oct.'66.

## IN AND OUT OF WARSAW

Our new attache to Poland -- Harold C. Champeau -- arrived in Warsaw December 12. He succeeds Roger Euler, now on home leave before taking a home base assignment.

Champeau joined FAS last spring (see FAS Letter, May 1965, for his photo and bio sketch). Since then he's added Polish to the lengthy list of languages in which he's fluent.

SOMETHING GALLIC is apparently tickling Harold Koeller, assistant agricultural attache in Paris (left), and Paul Quintus, attache.



## LIFE IN LIBERIA

All's well in Monrovia -- at least with the attache staff.

Attache Dudley Williams has a new secretary: Doris Prosser, who's succeeded resignee Carol Bell. Doris's husband, Bob, is Embassy general services officer.

Dudley himself has been gradually inching around some of the 11 countries he covers. Below is evidence of a stop in Timbuktu. Temperature was an estimated 106° to 110° in the shade; but shady spots are hard to find.



Attache Dudley Williams at "gateway" to Timbuktu.

## ELECTION RETURNS!

When it comes to vote-getting, it's hard to beat out ex-attaches, who have won 5 out of 8 FAS Club offices.

Newly elected officers for 1966 are Alvin E. Gilbert, president (Sugar & Tropical Products); Duane W. Clark, vice-president (Program Development); Lynda West, secretary (Budget & Finance); Emily E. Stieff, treasurer (Program Operations); and an executive committee composed of Eugene Ransom and Marshal D. Fox (both of IADS) and Lloyd Williams and Edwin Bauer (both of Trade Projects).

## APOLOGIA

In listing the names of FAS alumna of the FSI course for Wives' Orientation, the name of Mae Evans (wife of Bombay agricultural officer, Bob) was regrettably omitted. She was the very first graduate, in early '63.

## SAMSON AND MONTGOMERY STRENGTHEN ATTACHE TEAM

Glenn R. Samson, a veteran "junior pro" who's been assistant to the director of ERS's Foreign Regional Analysis Division in recent months, is our new assistant agricultural attache in Brussels, on Clayton Whipple's staff. He succeeds Dick Bell, now attache in Dublin.



GLENN SAMSON  
... to Brussels

Glenn joined FAS in 1960 after 2 years with AMS. His experience has been "across the board": livestock and meat products; grain and feeds; and regional analysis work in both the Western Hemisphere and West European areas.

A Nebraska native (Bancroft), Glenn has an MA in agricultural economics from the University of Nebraska. He also has to his credit about 7 years as a farmer and 2 years of Army service.

Mrs. Samson is the former Joanne Haser, of Sioux City, Ia. Children are Carol, 12, Bob, 7, and Barbara, 10. The family's arrival date in Brussels: about January 15.

Byron K. Montgomery, 28-year-old agricultural economist with Fats & Oils Division the past two years, arrived in Caracas, Venezuela, January 5. He will be assistant attache there, giving Jim Gehr an assist.



BYRON  
MONTGOMERY  
... to Caracas

A Utah farm product, Byron has both BS and MS degrees in ag economics from Utah State University (Logan).

He started his FAS career as a summer trainee-- 1956, 1959, and 1961 -- in fats and oils commodity analysis, and then entered the marketing branch full time in 1963.

His extra-agricultural interests cover a wide range. In addition to 2 years' service as a Mormon Church missionary, Byron has been a dance band trumpet player since the age of 15, golfs, skis (on snow), swims, and has quarter horses.

There's a Mrs. Montgomery -- nee Catherine Brown, of Phoenix, Arizona -- and children are Gordon, 2, and Melissa, 3 months.

IN SANTIAGO, at seed presentation ceremonies, participants are (l. to r.) Hugo Trivelli, Minister of Agriculture; Waldo S. Rowan, Agricultural Attache; Ricardo Isla, Director of Agriculture and Fishery; and U.S. Ambassador Ralph A. Dungan.



### RARE U.S. PINE SEEDS: GIFT TO CHILE

A quarter of a pound of American-developed hybrid pine seeds -- so rare that only 2 pounds exist in the world -- were recently given in Santiago to the Chilean Government at ceremonies in which Attache Waldo Rowan took part.

The seeds are similar to a type of Monterey pine that grows in Chile, and were offered to Chilean President Frei by President Johnson as a gesture of U.S. support to Chile's forestry program and new National Forest Service.



HERE'S Muriel Salvisberg,  
Bern secretary, and  
HERE'S her prize-winning  
costume.

## AL NEGAS RETIRES

Al Nagas, who in his 15 years as chief of FAS's procurement and management branch, supervised the shipping of many attaches' cars, household goods, cats and dogs, and what-have-you, retired in December.

Al had a total of 37 years USDA service. Since 1962 he has been with ASCS.

Future plans include a trip to Germany this spring to visit one of his two married sons. The Nagas' permanent retirement address, however, is 4412 Underwood St., Hyattsville, Md.



## AUTHORS' CORNER

The Wine-Butler, a British trade journal, carried in its October issue an article on "Mosel Land and Its 1964's," by Bill Doering, ass't to the ass't administrator for Int'l Trade. The article surveys the famous vineyards and appraises the quality of premium growths of the '64 vintage, based on Bill's samplings taken during a vacation there.

The Journal of Farm Economics (Nov. '65) featured an article by Carl Wehrwein on "The Government Grain Programs of Canada, Australia, Japan, and the United Kingdom" -- two of the major exporters and two major importers. Formerly with FAS's Grain & Feed Division, Carl retired in 1963.

## SLICK CHICK

It wasn't a far cry from her work to her play when Mrs. Muriel Salvisberg, secretary on the Bern attache staff, went to a masquerade party dressed as a chicken.

Her costume, entitled "U.S. Subsidized Chicken," won first prize for originality.

It so happens that Switzerland is one of two countries to which U.S. poultry is being shipped under the relatively recent export subsidy program.



BOB ANDERSON GOT A PONY for Christmas when he was 6 years old, and has been riding ever since -- whenever his attache workload permits. Here, while on home leave near Provo, Utah, he's ready for a canter on the internationally famous Arabian stallion, "Lufar" -- one of a stable owned by his brother-in-law. Mt. Timpanogos, of the Wasatch Range, is in the background. (Bob is now back at his London post.)

## CHANNEL CHATTER

While on home leave, John Wenmohs made a radio tape "Our Man From Hong Kong," for coast-to-coast distribution on AGRICULTURE USA, used by 220 stations.

Layne Beaty, chief of USDA's radio and TV service, was the interviewer; and at least one report has already been received, from a listener in Schenectady, N.Y., that the talk went over big.



### FORMER ATTACHE HEADS NEW PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

Sherwood Berg, onetime attache and more recently Dean of University of Minnesota's School of Agriculture, has been appointed by President Johnson as head of a new National Advisory Commission on Food and Fiber.

The commission is to make a sweeping, long-range survey of U.S. farm policies and their effect on consumers, farmers, producers, and foreign trade. Its 30 members have been drawn from industry, agriculture, education, and labor.

Appointment of the commission was the President's first act under the new farm bill he signed at LBJ ranch November 3.

YOUNG AUDIENCE OF MOROCCANS enjoys concert in Rabat by songstress Lois Gore (inset), FAS's first American Negro secretary to serve overseas.



DURING VISIT TO CAIRO of a Farmers' and World Affairs Exchange group, Attache Jim Hutchins (left) and UAR Minister of Agriculture, Dr. El-Kishen Shafic (center) chat with Richard Harrington, FWA representative in the Near East, India, and Pakistan, and Mrs. Edward Kuhn (back to camera), wife of a prominent Indiana farmer and state agricultural official. The exchange group represented Indiana, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania. It is the third of its type to visit the UAR.

### NAIROBI NEWS

Attache Howard Akers and family have "settled in" down Kenya way, and have already experienced the thrill of being chased by an ostrich while touring the game park.

Howard has only one complaint. His predecessor, Bill Hatch, failed to brief him about the leopard that lolls in the yard.

### WELCOME ABOARD!

FAS commodity divisions have been amplified by the addition of ag economist John A. Williams to Dairy & Poultry, and marketing specialist trainee Susan E. Gordon to Livestock & Meat Products.



### SINGING FAS SECRETARY MAKES HIT IN NORTH AFRICA

Lois Gore, secretary in Rabat since last August, appears to be stealing the show from her boss, Attache Paul Ferree, who writes:

"Lois has been getting a lot of attention here not only because of her pleasing personality but also her talent as a singer -- especially of Negro spirituals."

Her first singing appearance in Rabat, early last fall, received rave reviews in "Espana," a widely circulated Spanish-language newspaper published in Gibraltar. Since then she's been to Tangier and to Kenitra for performances.

All her concerts are, of course, non-profit affairs -- sponsored by the U.S. Information Service.