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FAS PICNICS ALONG POTOMAC

About 350 FASers enjoyed a chicken dinner picnic June 25 at the Carderock Recreation Area on the Potomac River near Cabin John, Maryland.

The annual picnic featured plenty of food, fun, and games for all ages. The adult picnickers participated in games of bingo, soft ball, horse shoes or just walked in the woods along the Potomac. Children were free to roam the grassy park or ride the ponies.

The climax of the picnic came after dinner with the selection of Miss FAS. Ingrid Lewis, a secretary in the Operations Analysis Division, was chosen Miss FAS from the nine contestants. The three Runner Ups in order of their selection were Sherlene Bowie, clerk-typist in the Trade Projects Division, Judy Bacon, secretary in the Foreign Training Division, and Kathy Moore, clerk-typist in the Fruit and Vegetable Division. Miss FAS was crowned by Administrator Ray Ioanes and presented a bouquet of roses. Pat Simmons, First Runner Up to Miss FAS for last year, emceed the contest.

Children and adults both danced to the music of rock 'n rollers "The Spiked Souls" after the picnic and the contest.



Ingrid Lewis, Miss FAS

The picnic committee headed by Jim Starkey consisted of Bill Crimmins, Herb Ford (President of the FAS Club), Herb Kalish, Darlene Smith (Miss FAS for 1967), Don Nelson, John Goggin, Kathy Simmons, Rex Dull, and Gordon Patty. Wally Dudney was in charge of photography for Miss FAS Contestants.



Dave Hume (left), attache in London, samples American waffles at the G. Costa stand at the Ideal Home Exhibition in London. The G. Costa Firm imports 17 different American food lines and sets up a booth each year at London's month-long Ideal Home Exhibition. It has become a tradition to invite the American Agricultural attache to visit the stand. Also pictured are Bill Scholz, assistant attache, John C. George, Sales Promotion Manager for G. Costa Company; and Mrs. D. Moore, Home Service Advisor for the company.

Peruvian Wheat Team Tours United States

A four-member Peruvian wheat team toured the United States in late May and early June for a three-week study of the American wheat industry.

The trade mission, sponsored jointly by Great Plains Wheat, Inc., and the Foreign Agricultural Service, visited terminal elevators, grain exchanges, mills, bakeries, laboratories, and transportation and shipping facilities. Team members also met with officials of the American grain trade and American wheat producers to discuss mutual problems.

Wheat is the most important agricultural product imported by Peru. In calendar year, 1967, Peru imported 500,000 metric tons of wheat valued in American currency at \$37 million. About half of this amount was imported from the United States. Members of the team which visited the States represented firms which purchase about 60 percent of Peru's total wheat imports.

In the picture at right, team members are receiving their international tickets for the trip. Pictured are Julio A. Castilla, agricultural economist with attache staff in Lima; and team members Enrique Pigati, chief engineer, Technical Division, Nicolini Hnos. S.A., flour mill; Daniel Luna Bayona, technical director, Molino Excelsior S.A., flour mill; and Riccardo Ezechleli, general manager, Molitalia S.A., flour mill; and Carlos Guilf Suarez, general manager, Molinera Iquitos Guiulfo S.A., flour mill. Dalton Wilson, (right) attache in Lima, hands out tickets.



Wilbur H. Youngman, retired FAS seed marketing specialist well known by many attaches, presents a copy of his new garden book to Mrs. Lyndon Johnson.



FAS TALKS BALPA

Almost everyone around FAS/W is talking BALPA these days. At the beginning of the BALPA exercise FAS had 289 filled positions overseas. This included 128 American positions and 161 local positions. During Phase I review, FAS lost 21 filled positions which included 9 Americans and 12 local slots.

Phase II of BALPA (which calls for a further reduction in overseas personnel at selected posts) is now underway. We will not know the outcome of this part of the exercise until sometime in August.

Mrs. David Hume, wife of the attache to London, served with R. V. Hewett (left) and M. Duke as a judge of the Smethursts' Olympics a la Carte Competition in the recent Hotelympia catering show. Hotelympia, Western Europe's largest catering show, draws 100,000 people in the food business each January to see exhibits operated by leading European food firms. Smethursts, one of the large distributors of frozen foods in England, sponsored the competition at Hotelympia which offered as first prize a trip for two to the Olympic Games in Mexico City. Winner of the competition was Lily Walker, Supervising Manageress of a large catering firm in Manchester. In picture above Mrs. Hume and fellow judges read booklet describing Mexico trip. (Mr. Hewett is Public Relations Officer for the British Travel Association and Mr. Duke is editor of Hotel and Restaurant Management magazine.)



Attache Elmer Hallowell (second from right) poses with officials shortly after Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson presented Length of Service Certificates at a recent merit award ceremony in Tokyo. Standing with the attache are (left to right) Herman H. Barger, Minister-Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs; Kinya Hatsuta and Kunio Uyeno, both of the Tokyo Trade Center; and Minister David L. Osborn, Deputy Chief of Mission. Length of Service Certificates were awarded to Uyeno-san, Hatsuta-san, and to the attache.





Rosemary Bland, new secretary to the attache in Moscow, pledges her loyalty to the United States when applying for a passport before her departure to Moscow. The Travel Section of the Communications and Travel Branch of FAS was recently designated as an agent of the Department of State to receive passport applications and to administer oaths to FAS persons going abroad. Up until recently, those traveling for FAS had to submit passport applications and to receive the oath at the Department of State. Dorothy Pollet administers the oath.

The President of Portugal, Admiral Americo Gomez, (in uniform) makes an official visit to the 1968 U.S. Pavilion at the 5th National Agricultural Fair at Santarem, Portugal. Greeting the President for the U.S. are (left) Harvey R. Wellman, deputy chief of Mission, representing the Ambassador; Dr. Ford Milam, attache; James Hartman, director of Livestock and Meat Products Division of FAS; and Galen Yates, manager of the pavilion for FAS.





The Santiago attache staff poses in Ambassador Edward Korry's office for the FAS Award Ceremony. Pictured (left to right) are Rolando Guzman, agricultural advisor; Jean Macjarlane, administrative assistant; Ambassador Korry; Eliana de Dominguez, agricultural assistant; and Waldo Rowan, agricultural attache. The Ambassador presented FAS unit award certificates to the local staff and quality step increase to Rolando and Wally.

Attache Fred Traeger and Cattlemen's Federation Secretary Maurice Nubla inspect beef cattle imported into the Philippines from the United States. Seventy-five purebred Brahman of the type pictured were recently imported by the South Davso Development Company. More Philippine ranchers are expected to import U.S. cattle to improve and expand the Philippine beef herd, according to the attache. A Philippine Livestock Mission representing the government and private sector of the livestock industry visited the U.S. in June on a tour of the U.S. beef industry, arranged by Traeger and Nubla, to consider the possibility of importing additional U.S. cattle.



ROAMING AROUND

Steve Stephanides returned to Iran at the end of July after home leave on the West Coast.

Bill Davis and his family arrived in Nairobi on June 16 to replace Howard Akers who will return to Washington in early July for consultation, a short home leave, and reassignment in Washington.

Dan Sheppard and his family will return to Washington from Beirut for home leave and reassignment. Daughter Deborah is scheduled to return to the States in late June with Mrs. Sheppard and the other children following in early July. Dan will return later in the Summer after a replacement is sent to Beirut.

Mrs. Richard Schwartz recently visited Washington while in the States to attend the graduation of her son. She also visited her daughter in Rome before returning to Congo. The Schwartz family will return in the fall for a Washington assignment.

Bill Schaal, assistant attache in Tokyo and manager of the Trade Center there, returned to Washington in early July for reassignment in the Trade Fairs Division of FAS.

Frank Waddle returned to the Philippines July 1 after home leave in Alabama and a vacation to the West Coast.

Tom Street reported for duty in Paris on June 21.

Attache Henry Buckhardt presents a trophy of a Jersey cow to Sr. Nestor Esclavo y Srs., winner of last year's International Livestock Exhibition in the Prado. The trophy was awarded to the owner of the Grand Champion Jersey by the American Jersey Cattle Club in the interest of promoting the Jersey breed in Uruguay. Pictured are (left to right) Sr. J. A. Garrido Bruno, secretary of the Uruguayan Jersey Society, Sr. Nestor Esclavo, and Dr. Buckhardt.

Harold Koeller left Paris July 14 to become agricultural attache in Brussels.

Glenn Samson, acting attache in Brussels since the death of Clayton Whipple, will return to Washington August 1 for an assignment with the Economic Research Service.

Viola Sullivan left Moscow June 15 after Rosemary Bland arrived to replace her as secretary to the attache. Vi arrived in D.C. June 23 for home leave; she expects to receive another foreign assignment.

Jim Lankford, attache in Stockholm, went on home leave the end of June and will return for another tour in Stockholm later in the Summer.

Koy Neeley, assistant attache in The Hague, returned to post June 22 after home leave at his Texas ranch and consultation in Washington.

John DeCourcy left Hamburg June 22 to report to Bonn where he will be the assistant attache. John and his family will come to Washington for home leave shortly after reporting for duty in Bonn.



ROAMING AROUND (cont.)

Paul Quintus left Paris July 4 to return for a Washington assignment.

Harold Champeau left Warsaw on June 28 for home leave and consultation in Washington. He will return to Warsaw.

Al Trick arrived in D.C. July 1 from Bern for home leave and consultation before returning to post.

Glenn Tussey, assistant attache in Rome, has returned to Washington to start his new duties as Director of the Cotton Division after home leave. Shortly before he left Rome, Glenn attended meetings of the International Cotton Advisory Committee and the International Cotton Institute in Athens.

Dick DeFelice attended meetings in June on dairy and poultry in Geneva at the GATT Headquarters.

Gordon Lloyd took home leave in Nebraska in June.

Bill Rodman, attache in Mexico, suffered a mild heart attack in early June. Reports are that he is well on his way to recovery.

Bob FitzSimmonds left Mexico June 18 for home leave in the Washington and Richmond area. He will be assigned as attache to Caracas following home leave. Dale Douglas is replacing Bob in Mexico.

Byron Montgomery took home leave in Utah in June and reported back to his post in Costa Rica in mid-July.

Donna Lee Hersey Sandin, assistant attache in Caracas, will be leaving FAS August 6 to go with her husband, Bob, to his new post at the American Consulate in Salvador, Brazil. The Sandins will be sailing August 7 for the States where Bob will receive orientation training in preparation for his new position. Donna Lee is serving as acting attache in Caracas between the transfer of attache Carlos Ortega and the arrival of Bob FitzSimmonds August 1.

Dick Smith left Bogota July 14 to return to Washington for consultation and reassignment in Washington. Garth Thorburn arrived in Bogota July 16 to replace Dick.



Ambassador Marshall Green and C. R. Keaton, who has recently returned from TDY as acting agricultural attache at Djakarta, examine rice during a recent tour through the Central Agricultural Research Institute at Bogar. Purpose of the trip was to evaluate the rice research program. Pictured (left to right) are the Ambassador, the Attache, and Ir Sadikin, Director General for Agriculture in Indonesia.

Dalton Wilson left his post in Lima in mid-June for consultation in Washington and then home leave in Florida. He will return as attache to the post in August.

Shack Pitcher, agricultural officer in Sao Paulo, left post in mid-June for consultation in Washington and home leave in California. His wife, Birgitta, and children preceded him in leaving Brazil for a visit in Finland with Birgitta's parents. The family joined Shack for home leave. He reported to FAS/W July 8 for consultation. Shack will return to Sao Paulo for another tour.

The Bob Johnsons left Rio on June 20 for Iguazu Falls, Asuncion, and Buenos Aires. They will also visit relatives in Chile. After home leave in Tennessee, they will return to Rio on August 13.



The Bonn attache staff members pose in the Ambassador's Conference Room for the Embassy Award Ceremony. Pictured (left to right) are Alexander Bernitz, assistant attache; Ambassador George McGhee; Marlise Wilke, operations specialist; and Dr. Dieter Ramm, agricultural specialist. Marlise and Dieter both received Certificates of Merit for Sustained Above Average Performance.



Nine members of FAS were cited for special services beyond those demanded in their respective positions. Pictured are (left to right) Raymond Shegogue, Edwin Bauer, Agness Wood, Claude Dobbins, Anastasia Watkins, Robert Mannion, and Gilbert Sindelar. Jackson Cushing and Robert Francis were not present for the picture.

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