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IT'S ABOUT TIME



PROTECTING OUR FOOD, the 1966 Yearbook of Agriculture, is eagerly awaited in Denmark, where it will be added to this Copenhagen International High School's collection of Yearbooks and other USDA publications being viewed by Godfrey Sullivan (right), principal, and Attache Art Rollefson, who presented the collection to the school a few weeks ago. "Pat" O'Brien, FAS Information Service branch chief, and "Ed" Cornick, her right-hand assistant, did the scrounging that made the gift possible. (For more about the school, see story at right.)

That time of year is rolling around again. The 1966 Yearbook of Agriculture is due off the press any day.

PROTECTING OUR FOOD is its title. The subject is of special interest to present and potential overseas customers for U.S. foods. So, in addition to usual supplies of the book, attache posts will be getting extra copies to use in connection with market development activities.

The Yearbook is the 67th to be issued since USDA began the series in 1894. It is the first Yearbook to cover "in depth" the measures taken --from farm to table, and warehouse to wharf-- to assure consumers that they will have a safe and plentiful food supply.

The Yearbook's 400 pages and more than 100 photos will cover subjects ranging from livestock protection on the range, to food safeguards in home and hotel, to chemicals research in the laboratory.

Editor Jack Hayes says it's a book for everyone--eater, buyer, or seller--who has an interest and a stake in the oft complicated processes involved in safeguarding America's food supplies, present and future.

"COPENHAGEN HIGH" STARTS 2ND YEAR

Young Americans living in Denmark now have a chance to get their secondary education at Copenhagen International High School, established just a year ago.

Formerly, they had to turn to correspondence courses, or travel to another country.

Danish authorities have cooperated in the
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faculty-classroom operation by providing quarters in a modern Danish school building.

Principal Godfrey D. Sullivan hopes that the school eventually will be accredited both as an international school and by the Danish school system. The latter would then assist with financing. Meanwhile, support comes from \$700-per-year tuition and donations by local and foreign business firms, private individuals, and government agencies.

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FAS OVERSEAS IMAGE TO BE ENHANCED

The beautification trend is on the upswing even in FAS.

Evidence is found in the two most recent additions to our overseas secretarial staff:

MARGARET ENZLER arrived in Brussels on Sept. 5 to give USEC Attache John Montel and Ass't Attaches Ernest Koenig and Al Persi a hand.

A Washington-area native (Bethesda, Md.), "Marge" has a BA from Clarke College, Dubuque, Ia., with a major in history and minor in French. Her arrival at the Belgian post (her first) was exactly a year from the day she joined FAS, on the staff of reports officer, the late Harald Larsen.

KATHLEEN O'NEILL is slated to leave in a few weeks for Nairobi, where she'll be secretary to Howard Akers and his staff.

"Kathy" is a Westerner (Seattle), who came East after 4 years in the Pacific Coast field with SRS. She's been with FAS since the spring of 1964 as an attache area secretary, mostly for Paul Taggart. In Kenya, she plans to sharpen her photographic skills and five upskiing for awhile.



AFRICAN MASK and Belgian lace are pieces for conversation between newly appointed overseas secretaries Kathy O'Neill (left), destined for Nairobi, and Marge Enzler, off to Brussels. Mask by courtesy of Tim Engebretson, European area officer, who picked it up in Southern Rhodesia when he was agricultural officer there 10 years ago.

NO WIND THAT BLEW DISMAYED FAS/IADS CREW

The "SS Diplomat" proved to be a capital ship for a river trip by about 300 members and families of FAS and IADS whose annual get-together took the form of a fun-for-all, last-of-July Potomac cruise.

Champion Watermelon-Eater of the evening was Dave Hume, who out ate his competitors "Esky" Eskildsen, Joe Phillips, and Gene Ransom.

Ray Ioanes was on hand to crown Millie Quirantes (Gen. Sales Mgr.) as Miss FAS/IADS. Mary Baird (Personnel) and Jane Wright (Fruits & Vegetables) were runners-up.

Beauty contest judges were FAS Administrator Ioanes; IADS Administrator Matthew Drosdoff; Walter McCann, assistant to Congressman John Brademas (Ind.) and Mrs. Jan Bennett, adm. ass't of the Interworld Trade Corporation.

Cruise "director" was Ed Bauer (Trade Proj.); He was capably aided by his division cohorts Jack Williams, program, and Francis Harrell, music; Al Holz, transport, and Wanda Kollmorgen, publicity (both of Fats & Oils); Al Gilbert, "emcee," (Sugar & Tropical Prod.); Gordon Nicks, tickets (Cotton) retiring Miss FAS/IADS Marty Payne, beauty contest (GSM); Robert Haresnape (Operations Analysis); and Frank Padovano (Fruits & Veg.).

OUR BEAUTY QUEEN. Here's Millie Quirante, 17 -- new Miss FAS/IADS -- crowned July 27, just a month after she joined FAS as a secretary on General Sales Manager's staff. A native of Friendly, Md., Millie graduated from Surrattsville High School, where she was a softball and basketball star. She hopes someday to do some traveling -- perhaps to the Philippines, birth-place of her father.



HERE'S ED BAUER,
Cruise Director,
on deck.



AT RAILSIDE, "Pat" Kukoy (Personnel) sports the WAVE uniform she's entitled to wear as a U.S. Navy reserve with 4 years' service. At center back, Adm. Ray Ioanes contentedly munches his apple. Nearby, with knees flexed, Francis Harrell peers beyond the gray horizon.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Robert M. Feist joined the FAS/Inf staff on August 18.

Bob has an MA from University of Missouri and long experience in newspaper and private-industry public relations work.

A BELLE FOR CAROL

Carol Bell--former FAS overseas secretary in Monrovia, where her husband, Lieut. Cmdr. B.J. Bell, is on the defense attache staff--is the mother of a little girl Cynthia Vilette. ("Cindy" is now 4 months old.)

ROAMING AROUND

Once again, autumn is being heralded by nodding heads of goldenrod ... bold sumacs ... orangy pumpkins ... squeaking school shoes ... revved-up collegiate cars ... footballs.



Administrator Ray Ioanes made a quick trip to Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, to talk about "cooperative Progress in Exports" at the summer session of the American Institute of Cooperation, in early August.

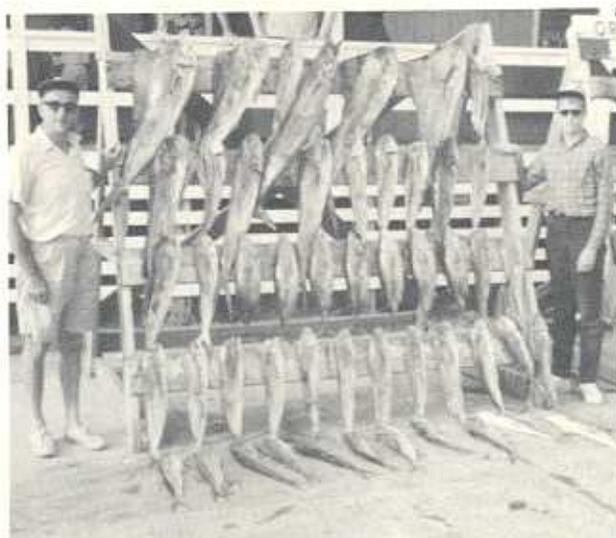
Meanwhile, Associate Administrator "Esky" Eskildsen trekked to Jekyll Island, Ga., to tell Georgia Plant Food Educational Society conferees about "World Food Problems Ahead."

Jim Frink is back at his ass't attache desk in Tokyo after home leave that took him to homecomings in No. Carolina, beaches in So. Carolina, and to his farm at New Baltimore -- a crossroads village near Warrenton, Va.

PROUD GODPARENTS, Dudley and Nina Williams, are pictured here at Cynthia Bell's christening in Liberia, where Dudley is agricultural attache.



KROSSES COP FISHING HONORS AGAIN



John Kross, director of Sugar & Tropical Products, and his son Randy, 16, pose modestly with their latest big catch -- during a lazy weekend at Nags Head, No. Carolina.

The fish include a 45-lb. wahoo, dolphins up to 35 lbs., and some 15-lb. bonito.

Stan Phillips, ex New Delhi, is now on the Program Development Division staff.

Garth Thorburn, due in from Sao Paulo in early September, will be in Sugar & Tropical Products when he winds up home-leave vacation.

D.L. (Mac) MacDonald heads Stateside on September 15, a week after newly appointed attache Dan Sheppard arrives in Beirut. Mac will take an FAS/W assignment.

Walter Stern is slated for mid-September arrival in the U.S. and a home-base assignment. He's been lending a helping hand in Tokyo since mid-July, when Frank Waddle succeeded him as ass't attache in Manila.

Loyd Adcock (Ankara) and Elmer Winner (London) both start home leave this month. Next post for Elmer will be Karachi, and Loyd will be taking an FAS/Wash assignment.

BACK TO THE FIELD

Hilton Bateman is one of those retirees who keeps on working.

As a consultant for program operations division, Export Programs, he's been in Djakarta since the first week of August in connection with P.L. 480 programs. Scheduled return is "sometime in October."

Hilton said before departure that he hoped to add another hat to his unusual collection. Last addition was a hat of banana leaves presented to him by his Congolese friends while he was on duty in Leopoldville in 1965. See photo inset.



SPEAKING OF DRAUGHT HORSES

The Netherlands' Great National Draught-horse Show will be held at s'-Hertogenbosch on Sept. 16-17. Koy Neeley, ass't attache in The Hague, will be FAS guest of the Board of the Royal Society "Het Nederlandsche Trekpaard," sponsors of the show.

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POULTRY PARLEY

U.S. alternate delegate at the 13th World's Poultry Congress in Kiev, USSR, Aug. 15-21, was "Russ" Strobel, director of Dairy & Poultry Division.

Attache Brice Meeker (Moscow) was an advisor. And "Cliff" Warren, D & P's competition branch chief, was manager of the U.S. exhibit staged for 2 weeks following the congress.

ATTACHE DICK ROBERTS, Ottawa (right), gets a fill-in from Lee Nevraumont -- top salesman of British Columbia Tree Fruits, Ltd., Kelowna, in the Okanagan Valley -- about marketing and shipping services used by growers and packers of large irrigated crops of deciduous fruits.

Angela Mittiga, ex Ankara, is enjoying home leave in N.Y. State's "north country." She's due at her new secretarial desk in Manila in early October.

Myrle Chace retired on August 26 after 25 years of government service. The last 11 were in FAS Grain & Feed Division.

Ford Milam, ex attache now Chief of Party for agriculture with US/AID in Brazil, says he'll be in Washington about mid-September for consultations and chats with old FAS friends.

Audrey Cook, editor of the FAS Letter for most of the past 6 years, puts this issue to press saying "au revoir" to all contributors and readers. She hopes to keep in touch with them even tho' she has transferred to ERS.

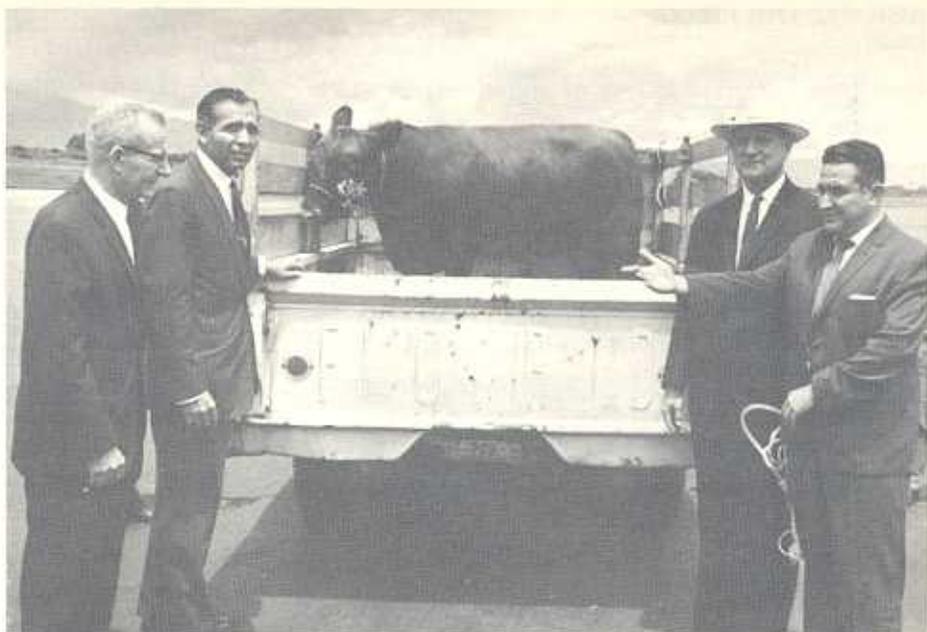
SCRATCHED

A victim of the prolonged U.S. airline strike was Ass't Adm. Horace Davis, who got scratched a half-hour before his scheduled plane departure for Bozeman, Mont., to be guest speaker at the annual Great Plains Ag'l Council meeting.

Foresighted Horace, however, had earlier mailed a copy of his speech -- so his words of wisdom could be seen if not heard.



RED ANGUS from U. S. is welcomed to Costa Rica by (l. to r.) Attache A. G. (Scotty) Kevorkian; U. S. Ambassador Raymond Telles; Joseph P. Givhan, president of Southeastern Red Angus Association; and Alvaro Munoz, animal husbandry department of Ministry of Agriculture.



GOOD NEIGHBOR GIFT: A RED ANGUS BULL

Costa Rica has become the happy owner of a 1,000-pound U.S. Red Angus bull.

The gift bull was presented to Guillermo Yglesias Pacheco, Costa Rican Minister of Agriculture, by Joseph P. Givhan, president of the Southeastern Red Angus Association, in a ceremony at El Coco Airport, San Jose.

Presentation arrangements were made by Attache "Scotty" Kevorkian. And Claude Dobbins, FAS livestock marketing specialist and onetime ass't attache, selected the animal during a market-promotion speaking tour that took him to the Givhan's cattle farm at Mobile, Alabama.

The bull was flown to Costa Rica after traveling from Mobile to Miami by trailer. By now he's at a Costa Rican Ministry of Agriculture breeding station to take part in an artificial insemination program.

He is the 8th bull donated to a Latin American country under a program sponsored by the Red Angus Association of America, with USDA cooperating in the international goodwill gesture.

Some FASers may recall that the "good neighbor policy" of giving bulls to South America for livestock industry improvement began in 1962.

Colombia was the first recipient. Presentation ceremonies at that time were in this country, on the Capitol lawn, with Secretary Freeman participating.

TOGETHERNESS

Former attaches Norman Pettipaw (last at Djakarta) and Quentin Bates (ex Buenos Aires) have not only become homeowners, but are also neighbors in the greater Washington area.

Norman, now special ass't to the General Sales Mgr., has moved into 8012 Fenway Road, Bethesda, Md. 20034. Quentin, director of Operations Analysis Div., is only a few doors away at 8215 Lilly Stone Drive.

PAKISTANI FARMERS, now on U. S. trip sponsored by the Farmers & World Affairs Program, are bid farewell in Karachi by Attache Harry Varney (left), shaking hands with the group's leader, Abdul Sattar Mahmand -- head of the Mahmand tribe concentrated north of Peshawar in West Pakistan. In background (l. to r.) are team members Mohammad Ali, Pakistan Minister of Agriculture official, and Syed Mohiuddin Ahmed, of East Pakistan.



FIELD TRIP SIDELIGHT

Attache Brice Meeker has just disappeared through the door on right, front, of this 13th century Russian church north of Moscow to observe a wheat field on the other side.



CLUB FRANCAIS

USDA's French Club will have its first fall luncheon meeting Sept. 23. Overseas personnel who might be in town are welcome, and everyone is invited to become a member.

The FAS-organized club now has members representing 19 agencies of USDA and other government departments.

FORE!

Bing Crosby isn't the only golfer whose name labels a tournament.

The "Dick Smith Tournament" was officially launched as an annual event this summer by members of the Club Salvadoreno who wanted to fittingly honor a loyal member and proficient golfer -- Attache Smith, leaving their midst for his new post, Colombia. Dick, of course, won a trophy.



COMIN' THRU THE RYE in Poland are Warsaw Attache Harold Champeau and TDY Assistant Attache Paul Danyluk (ERS). This crop inspection visit took place in mid-June, before the torrential rains that hurt grain crops in parts of Poland.

ON THE SCREEN

"Dialogue" -- a live 1-hour panel program on TV station KPLC (Lake Charles, La.) -- recently featured rice marketing specialist Bob Bieber.

He was in the southern city as a U.S. advisor at the FAO meeting of the Int'l Rice Committee working party. It was the first time in FAO history that this annual meeting has been held outside the Far East.

Another panelist on the serendipitous TV program was the U.S. delegate, Ralph Phillips (Int'l Organizations), who helped Bob answer the rapid fire of questions the public telephoned into the station during the program.

Back in D.C., the "Down to Earth" TV program beamed every a.m. over Channel 4 enlisted the professional talent of Clancy Jean (Grain Div.) and "Russ" Strobel (Dairy & Poultry) to give rural audiences the lowdown on grain export prospects and Japan as a poultry market.

Maxine Philippi (Attaches) shot an 85 the other day on her home golf course, Westwood, at Vienna, Va.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Sally Edgar, 21, this month celebrates her 1st anniversary with FAS -- as a secretary on the agricultural attache staff in The Hague.

Sally is a British citizen who has lived most of her life in Holland, where her father is a research coordinator for Royal Dutch Shell.

Shortly before joining FAS on her first job, Sally won the silver medal of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, London. She won it in typewriting -- ranking 4th among over 7,000 who took the 2-1/2 hour test.

Typing isn't Sally's only asset. She also has early-a.m. cheerfulness, a bouncy manner and that slight British ac-

cent so prized by Americans. She speaks and reads Dutch, too, and can do French/English translations.

When Sally first came to Holland she attended the Montessori School in The Hague, and there learned Dutch. After that, she studied at the English School in The Hague, the Rosebery County Grammar School in Epsom, Surrey, England, and the London College of Secretaries.

AT RECEPTION IN STOCKHOLM, honor guest (left) is Henry J. Andreas, president of the California Raisin Advisory Board. Others (l. to r.) are Ambassador J. Graham Parsons, Attache and Mrs. James F. Lankford, and Mrs. Parsons.



IN ATHENS. Costas M. Athanassiadis (rt.) senior agricultural specialist on the attache staff in Greece, is congratulated by Ambassador Phillips Talbot on receiving an FAS Certificate of Merit, as well as a 10-year Length-of-Service certificate and emblem.



GOOD NEWS!

Paul Quintus returned to his Paris attache desk August 16 after an enforced vacation due to "ticker trouble."

He says that the many good wishes received from his friends around the FAS circuit helped speed his recovery; and that Harold Koeller and "Gerry" Shelden, ass't attaches, kept the office shipshape during his absence.



IN MEXICO CITY, Ambassador Fulton Freeman (right) and Attache John Scholl (left) pose with 1966 FAS award-winners Mary R. (April) Arkus -- attache secretary honored both for Outstanding Performance and for 20 Years of Service -- and Robert Solis, senior economic assistant recognized for 30 Years of Service.