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# THE FAS LETTER

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Dear Friends:

I think we have all observed that the challenges that accompany change have a way of bringing out our best efforts --and I predict that this will be our unanimous response in the new year that lies ahead.

I want to thank each of you for your excellent work in the year that is now closing. The farmers of the United States are capably represented overseas. I am proud of your many contributions.

To all of you in the Attache offices around the world and to your families, we in FAS send you greetings and best wishes.



Ray Ioanes

# Miss Agriculture

Our own Miss FAS, lovely Ingrid Lewis, was crowned MISS AGRICULTURE - 1969 at the annual USDA Harvest Ball, November 2. Ingrid, chosen from 21 Ag beauties, is in the Operations Analysis Div., FAS.

Befitting the work of her Agency, Ingrid has somewhat of an international background. Born in Salzburg, Austria, she has lived in Naples, Italy, Alaska, plus several States. Her father is Command Sgt. Major Russell W. Lewis, which explains partly her wide travels.

Second runner-up in the contest was a former Miss FAS (1967), Millie Otwell, OIG queen in the contest, (probably better remembered as Millie Quirante when she was with FAS).



## HUME WELCOMES ROYAL VISITOR

Dave Hume, agricultural attache in London, is presented to the Queen Mother during her tour of London's Smithfield Market in the celebration with an exhibit to promote American variety meats in the British market. In the center is R. T. Foulds, The Stockbreeders Co. Ltd., one of the tenants in the market who made space available at his stand for the FAS exhibit.



Bud Phillipsen, attaché in the Caribbean, welcomes Arkansas poultry princess (Suzy Gerety), and Arkansas cooking queen (Mrs. Barbara Haynes), to the series of USDA sponsored fairs held in three Caribbean Islands -- Barbados, Curacao, and Trinidad.

Attache Gordon Loveless, a guest of honor at an agricultural show in Gisborne, New Zealand, holds trophy he presented to F. E. Humphreys, owner of the grand champion Hereford bull -- a descendant of stock imported from U.S. in 1937.



Ambassador Dwight J. Porter holds a popcorn product marketed in a space age-design container, promoted at the recent U.S. Exhibit in Beirut. Shown (L-R) are Tony Swartz, GMA rep. at the fair; Dan Sheppard; then Beirut attaché (now back in FAS/W); a tradesman; Ambassador Porter; and Jules Renaud, FAS fair manager.



Taking an orange juice break at a recent dinner meeting in Brussels hosted by the Florida Citrus Commission are, left to right, Anthony M. MacKrill, marketing director, West European area, Coca-Cola Export Corp.; Harold L. Koeller, agricultural attaché, Brussels; Walter Loesch, foreign marketing manager, Florida Citrus; E. Van Steeden, Benelux regional manager, Coca-Cola; and Ken Krogh, asst. administrator, Export Programs, FAS.



## FASTER PASSPORTS IN USDA

FAS now has two appointed agents in the Foreign Travel Section to assist and accept applications for passports from USDA travelers.

One of the new agents, Vera Higuera appears pleased with her new duty as she accepts a passport application from Ted J. Davis, assistant secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Consumer Services and takes his oath.



Attache Tom Street and wife Judy pause a moment during the U. S. Exhibit at the recent SIAL Fair, held in Paris, Oct. 17-Nov. 4.



## WED ABOARD SHIP

Mary Jane Resendes, secretary in Rio, was married October 2 to Karol R. Stewart of Sacramento, Calif. The wedding took place aboard the SS Brazil with Attache Jack McDonald giving the bride away and also serving as best man. After visits to Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru, the couple arrived in Washington October 26. Shown with the newly-weds are Jack and wife Inez.





### JOINT PROMOTIONAL EFFORT FOR U.S. WHEAT EXPORTS IN EL SALVADOR

Great Plains Wheat, FAS, and local flour millers have signed an agreement, aimed at increasing flour consumption in El Salvador and larger U.S. wheat sales to the country. Seated at table, signing agreement, are (L-R) W. Euchner, gen. mgr., FAMOSSA Mill; C. W. Pence, vice pres., GPW; T. Leonhardy, U.S. Embassy; Attache Dick Welton; Alfonso Alvarez, pres., MOLSA Mill; and, A. Abrajano, regional mgr., Great Plains Wheat.

Italia Sampietro, in the Attache's office, Rome, receives her 20-year service certificate and pin from Ambassador Ackley at an Embassy ceremony.



### MRS. COST REDUCTION -- USDA

A simple and inexpensive way to free sticky locks, especially combination bar locks, earned Alice Anderson, Management Services Div., an award and title "Mrs. Cost Reduction-USDA" for November... also, a commendation from Secretary Freeman.

Alice's trick: using aerosol dust remover to spray the dial and shackle holes of locks, dust and dirt "floats" away and locks work like new -- saving cost for replacing locks as in the past.

### ROAMING AROUND

Mildred Watts is studying French in preparation for her next assignment as secretary in Brussels. Mildred returned to FAS/W after a tour as secretary to the attache in Ankara.

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Mr. and Mrs. Val Hougen embarked on a round-the-world trip following Val's tour as attache to Tel Aviv. They will visit Washington in January, after which Val will begin his retirement.

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Jean Keeler has succeeded Alice Clark as secretary in the Office of the Attache, Lagos. Jean worked in both the Personnel and Information Divisions, FAS/W, before her assignment in Nigeria. Alice is back for home leave and reassignment.

# ROAMING AROUND

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Linguistic congratulations are in order for the 4 members of the Agricultural Attache Service in Brazil. A language proficiency of S-3, R-3 or better in Portuguese has been achieved by Attache Jack McDonald and Assistants Harold Rabinowitz and Bob Johnson (Rio de Janeiro) and Ag Officer Shackford Pitcher (Sao Paulo).

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Dick Welton, who served the past two years as attache in San Salvador, is now assigned to the International Trade Fair Division, FAS/W. Dick is spending the Christmas Holidays with his family in Chevy Chase, Md.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edd Lemons will spend Christmas with their daughter in Houston. After the Holidays the Lemons will go to Stillwater, Okla., where they will make their retirement home. Edd had been in Tokyo since May 1967 to work with Attache Elmer Hallowell on the Harumi trade fair.

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Paul and Mary Minneman visited the Holy Land before returning to the U.S. following completion of Paul's assignment as attache to Bonn.

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Nancy Fellows has arrived in Djakarta to serve as secretary for Jack Anderson, who recently reopened the attache post.

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Attache Harry Bryan will spend the Christmas Holidays with his parents in El Paso, Texas, following which he will return to his post in Guatemala City.

Sargent Shriver, U.S. Ambassador to France, presented a Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Margaret M. Rigaud, local employee in the Paris attache office, for outstanding performance of her duties as Economic Assistant.

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Hildur Johnson will arrive in Brussels in early January to serve as a secretary in the office of the U.S. Mission to the European Communities. She succeeds Margaret Enzler who returned to FAS/W this month.

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Attache Harold Koeller and wife Sandra arrived in the States for home leave just before the beginning of the Holiday Season. They will return to their post in Brussels in mid-February.

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Henry Buckhardt has been reassigned to FAS/W after his tour as attache to Montevideo. Buck and his family returned to the States via the high seas.

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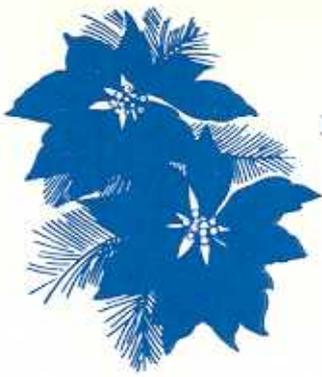
Kathy O'Neill has resigned as secretary in the Manila attache office and accepted a position with another Government agency in Seattle, where she had been working when she joined FAS. Mrs. Nadia S. Caldwell, wife of an Embassy officer, is working in Fred Traeger's office until Vi Sullivan arrives in Feb.

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The Rowans (Wally, Mildred and son David) will spend a few days in Washington next month after a Georgia vacation. They will then return to Santiago.

RING THE BELLS --

FOR THE NEWCOMERS AT OUR POSTS



Ring out, wild bells, while we narrate  
Just who's been new in '68--  
By which we mean, who's gone to stay  
Wherever there's an attache;  
For every post, all year, who's been  
A new arrival, settling in?  
Ring out, wild bells, while we remember  
From January through December.

In Buenos Aires they've enjoyed  
The company of Gordon Lloyd.  
In Brussels, '68 was bringer  
Of Harold Koeller, Herman Binger.  
Ottawa likes--and vicey versy--  
The personable Alfred Persi,  
And Taipei gave its first hurrah  
To welcome Norman Pettipaw.

To Bogota in cheerful mood  
Garth Thorburn took his handsome brood.  
Kinshasa found it good to hear  
The cordial voice of Verle Lanier.  
Santo Domingo's benison'll  
Rest on the head of Bob McConnell,  
And Paris all went out to meet  
The planes of Benson and of Street.

The town of Bonn is having larks  
With John DeCourcy and George Parks;  
And London has no cause to worry,  
Since they've got Hume and White and Murray.  
Jack Anderson was tapped to cart a  
Household off to far Djakarta,  
While all were happy to receive  
The Wenmohs tribe in Tel Aviv.

Rome has responded to Bill Dobbins  
With cheerful smiles, not sighs and sobbin's.  
Tokyo never could feel porely,  
Blessed by the pep of Nicks and Gourley;  
And with Bill Davis, never woe-be-  
Gone are the faces in Nairobi.  
A bright Malaysian moon is shining  
In Kuala Lumpur to greet Dale Vining.

Mexico City's people hail  
O'Connell (Tom) and Douglas (Dale).  
Larry Davidoff thrives amid  
The friendliness of fair Madrid.  
Turkey, no longer Europe's sick man,  
Opened Ankara's doors to Hickman.  
To Moscow it's a long, cold trek,  
But warmly they saluted Svec.

Caracas loves that Irish mob.  
The family of FitzSimmonds (Bob).  
So now, from Argentina on  
Through Venezuela we have gone.  
We also beam a Christmas smile  
Toward those who've been around awhile--  
Toward all the near or far-off places  
And all the new or well-known faces.

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