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1967 Superior Service Awards

USDA HONORS TWO FROM FAS

Attache Richard A. Smith, Bogota, and Miss Lois Gore, secretary at Rabat, were the two FAS employees who received USDA superior service awards Tuesday, May 16. They were among the 88 employees and four units from the Department who were honored at a ceremony in the Sylvan Theater, Washington Monument grounds.

Dick and Lois were at their respective attache posts and

MISS LOIS GORE, inset, is shown entertaining a Moroccan audience with popular Negro spirituals. USDA honored Lois for her part in improving the image of the United States through her volunteer performances.

could not attend the ceremony. Their fellow workers attended the event, heralded by sunny skies which replaced the clouds and rains from the day and night before. The Marine band played, and Monument flags fluttered in the wind as USDA personnel walked through damp grass to get to their chairs, carefully wiped dry for the 9 a.m. program.

Dick was cited for imagination, initiative, and unusual proficiency in achieving an outstanding record of performance as agricultural attache in El Salvador and Nicaragua. He was credited with contributing to increased agricultural commodity sales and to improved relations between the local officials and U.S. government and trade officials.

Lois was honored for her major contribution to enhancing the image of the United States among the Moroccan people through generous giving of time and singing talent at public performances. Lois has gained acclaim in major Moroccan cities where her non-profit concerts have been sponsored by the U.S. Information Service. Negro spirituals are her specialty. She has received rave reviews in "Espana", a widely circulated Spanish-language newspaper published in Gibraltar.

Dick previously received the FAS Certificate of Merit for Sustained Above-Average Performance. Lois received the FAS award for Special Act or Service.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman congratulated the recipients as he said.... "In saluting you, the chosen few of 1967, we also salute the so-called 'rank and file' of the USDA, among whom are thousands of dedicated, superior, and distinguished public servants. We in USDA have pride in each other. We have pride also in our programs."



ATTACHE DICK SMITH, Bogota, is shown talking to Colombia's acting minister of agriculture. Dick was honored by USDA for his outstanding work as attache.

FORMER USDA SECRETARY KILLED

FAS was saddened to learn of the death of former Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard. Mr. Wickard, 74, was killed in a traffic accident on April 29, only a few miles from his farm home near Camden, Indiana. A Purdue graduate, Mr. Wickard served as Secretary from 1940 to 1945.

Bill Horbaly, export program coordinator for the South Asia area, left FAS/W on May 12 for Moscow. Bill was in charge of the agricultural information office at the International Food Packaging Fair, held in Moscow May 16 to 29. Bill was agricultural attache in Moscow from 1959 to 1964.



EVERYONE WAS SMILING at the May 10 staff conference. Acting Administrator Don Rubel, right, presented a Certificate of Merit to Harry Bryan, center, for his work as assistant attache in Pakistan. Far East Area Office Paul Taggart congratulated Harry for his exceptionally high quality critical evaluation and accurate reporting, and for maintenance of excellent public relations.



IT WAS A UNIQUE OCCASION in the office of Agricultural Attache Clayton E. Whipple, Brussels, when each of his staff members received 10-year Length of Service Awards. The presentations were made by Ambassador Ridgway B. Knight. Pictured left to right, are: Glenn S. Samson, assistant agricultural attache; Ambassador Knight; Patty Shannon, secretary; Agricultural Attache Whipple; Jacqueline Beauvuin, research clerk; and Jacques Laruelle, agricultural assistant.

YOU NEED NOT expect snow if you attend Expo 67. Attache Dick Roberts, Ottawa, braved the snow, and a Taxi driver took this picture of Dick, the U.S. Pavilion...and the snow!! Temporary film loss delayed arrival of the picture. Dick received a Certificate of Merit for initiative, exemplary agricultural statesmanship, and an outstanding record of performance as agricultural attache in Canada.





THE QUITO STAFF and Area Officer Dale Farringer take time for a staff photo during Dale's recent tour of South American attache posts. The occasion was a happy one for Sue Gordon, left, who received a promotion, and Ximena Teran who received a meritorious service salary increase. Pictured are Sue, Dale, Ximena, Senior Agricultural Assistant Damian Miranda and Attache Bill Bowser.



ATTACHE PAUL MINNEMAN, center, was honored for his exceptional initiative, and statesmanship in directing a broad range of agricultural attache activities in Germany. Paul is shown at the recent American Processed Food Exhibit, Frankfurt, with Galen Yates, exhibit manager. The woman on their right is an exhibitor.



ATTACHE DALTON WILSON "pins" Senior Agricultural Specialist Oscar L. Bentzen, in recognition of Oscar's ten-year length of service award. Ambassador John Gordon Mein watches the ceremony. The Ambassador presented Dalton with a certificate of merit for exceptional initiative and outstanding performance in carrying out the duties of agricultural attache in Guatemala, Honduras and British Honduras.

John Hudson, Trade Policy Division, has been tapped for the assistant attache post at the USEC, Brussels.

Les Stephen, employed with the FAS Personnel Division for 10 years, resigned in May to join the staff of the Small Business Administration.

ATTACHE DICK WELTON, San Salvador, is congratulated by Ambassador Raul H. Castro as Dick receives his 10-year length of service award. Before his appointment to San Salvador last August, Dick had served as assistant attache in Buenos Aires, and agricultural economist, Livestock and Meat Products Division, FAS/W.





AMBASSADOR Fulton Freeman presents FAS's highest award to April Arkus, secretary to Attache John Scholl, Mexico City. The Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance Rating was given to April in the Ambassador's office. According to John, April has gone to Canada to "goof off" for a while.



European Officer Tim Engebretson has glowing reports of his recent area tour. Tim chose an ideal time for the trip. Spring was in bloom from Lisbon to The Hague. Between consultations, he managed to enjoy a bullfight in Spain, the London Philharmonic in Bern, the folk opera in Vienna, folk dancing in Spain and Portugal, and tulips in Holland. He enjoyed the hospitality of all attaches along the way.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. and Mrs. Damian Miranda of Quito announce the birth of a son, Vicente Esteban. Damian is senior agricultural assistant at Quito.

ALBERT EBERHARD, professional agriculturist on the staff of Attache Print Hudson, Bern, received an FAS Certificate of Merit. Albert was honored for his outstanding ability and effort in expanding the market for U.S. wheat and feed grains in Switzerland.



Near East and African Officer Afif Tannous says John and June Riesz and son, Mark, have arrived in Tehran. They are eagerly beginning a new assignment . . . Assistant Attache Gerry Shelden, Paris, came to FAS/W for consultations this month. After home leave, Gerry will be reassigned as attache to Monrovia. Attache Dudley Williams, Monrovia, will return for an FAS/W assignment. Milton Anderson is going through last phases of his orientation for the assistant attache position in Monrovia. He should arrive at his post by the end of June. Milton's wife will join him after their expected child is born in the States. . . Assistant Attache John Bogumill, Kinshasa, will return to FAS/W in early July for reassignment.



ATTACHE PAUL Quintus, Paris, leaves the "Boîte des 4 Saisons", a promotion center for canned foods. Paul compared the event to a "small scale" in-store promotion featuring U. S. canned food products. The 1967 Incentive Awards program honored Paul with a 30 year length of service award.

Far East and South Asia Area Officer Paul Taggart is pleased to report that Betsy Sully has recovered from recent surgery. She has reported for temporary duties with the Attache Service in FAS/W. Home leave and reassignment will come later.

Mrs. Fanchon Silberstein, U.S. resident, is serving as temporary secretary at Rawalpindi during Betsy's absence.

Mr. Kunio Uyeno, agricultural specialist at the Tokyo Trade Center, is accompanying a Japanese seed team on a market development tour in the States. Mr. Uyeno, interpreter for the group, will be in FAS/W from June 29 to July 6 for consultation and training.

Leon Mears, formerly with Dairy and Poultry, entered training with the Attache Service on May 29. He is expected to arrive in Tokyo as assistant attache in early August.

Western Hemisphere Area Officer Dale Farringer returned to his office just three weeks after surgery in a Virginia hospital. The doctor insists that Dale forget gardening for a while, but at FAS/W, he is back at work as usual.

Attache Frank Ehman, Port of Spain, will return to FAS/W next month for home leave and transfer to Belgrade. Bud Phillipsen, formerly with the Dairy and Poultry Division, will go to Trinidad as agricultural attache.

Mary Jane Resendes has arrived in Rio de Janeiro to begin her first overseas assignment as secretary to Attache Jerry Kuhl. Mary Jane was previously secretary to Far East and South Asia Officer Paul Taggart, FAS/W.

RAQUEL MARIA AMRAM WEDS

Mrs. Estrella Amram announced the marriage of her daughter, Raquel Maria, to Mr. Alberto E. Napoles on April 29 in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Raquel was the foreign national secretary in the office of the agricultural attache in Cuba. When the Embassy closed, Raquel worked with FAS/W as a secretary before going to the Pan American Union. She later worked in Puerto Rico.



MISS KATHLEEN TAYLOR, secretary to Attache Bill Hatch, Canberra, accepts her certificate of merit and 10-year length of service award from U.S. Ambassador Edward Clark. Miss Taylor was congratulated for her loyal cooperation and unusual skill in carrying out routine and technical activities in the Office of the Agricultural Attache in a highly creditable manner.



ATTACHE ARTHUR Rolleson, Denmark, was recognized with a Certificate of Merit for his significant contributions in maintaining and expanding markets for U.S. farm products in Denmark and Norway. Last year, Denmark imported U.S. oilseeds, oilseed meal, unmanufactured tobacco and feed grains.

ATTACHE FRANK EHMAN, left, is shown aboard the "State of Maine" in Bridgetown, Barbados, as he promotes food sales for the U.S. FAS honored Frank with a Certificate of Merit for his work in recognizing the potential and persevering in the promotion of U.S. agricultural commodity sales in the Caribbean area.



Kenneth Ogren, ERS, is scheduled for the agricultural attache post at the OECD, Paris. He will replace Attache Grover Chappell who is returning for a Washington assignment.

Ann Armentrout is enjoying home leave before reporting to her new assignment as secretary to Attache Sam Work in Thailand. While having consultation in FAS/W, she was able to visit with her sister, Mrs. Carolyn Jean, and family of McLean, Va. She later visited her brothers in Mouth of Seneca, West Virginia. Ann is transferring from Kinshasa where she was secretary to Attache Dick Schwartz.

Attache Brice Meeker and wife, Wilma, and daughters are due in the States this month. Joseph Legg, research soil scientist, ARS, went to Moscow to help Assistant Attache Dave Schoonover while the Meekers are in the U.S.

HUNTLEY AND BRINKLEY? Walter Cronkite (listening), Eric Sevareid (thinking profoundly)? Nope: It's Bill Doering, International Trade, and Quentin West, Economic Research Service, at the 41st session of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems in Rome. The FAO Committee passed judgment on FAO's agricultural commodity projections for 1975 and 1985 with their implications for trade and the world food supply outlook. Quentin and Bill had leading parts in the committee's decision to require revision and substantial improvements in the projections.



BABY SIMA MUSHTAQ seems completely oblivious to the camera as her proud parents, Ruth Ashton Mushtaq and Ahmed Mushtaq proudly introduce her to fellow FASers. Sima was born on April 8. Ahmed is the chauffeur on the staff of Agricultural Officer Robert Evans, Bombay.

Paul Ferree, attache at Rabat, arrived in FAS/W early this month for consultation. After home leave, Paul, Maria Helena, and their sons will return to Rabat.

Harry Bryan visited FAS/W before going to El Paso to see relatives. He hopes to get reacquainted with U.S. agriculture as he continues to California, Oregon and Washington. After leaving Rawalpindi, Harry visited Moscow, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Dublin, and London. After language training, he will report to Guatemala City for his new assignment as agricultural attache.

Attache Jim Boulware of New Delhi was on-the-run during his late April Washington consultations. After leaving FAS/W, Jim and Jo planned to visit their oldest daughter, Peggy, and family in Massachusetts; their son, Jim, a freshman at the University of Colorado, Boulder; Jim's mother and sister in Columbia, S.C.; Jo's father at Berkeley, Calif.; their son, David, and family in Seattle, Wash.; and their daughter, Susan, and family in Germany. The Boulwares plan to return to New Delhi about August 1.



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MRS. HENRIETTA TEGELER DIES

Mrs. Henrietta (Holm) Tegeler, an expert on Northern Africa and the Middle East, died May 22 of cancer at George Washington University Hospital. FAS expresses sympathy to her husband, Robert G. Tegeler, 1112 M Street, N.W.

Mrs. Tegeler began work in foreign agriculture in 1939 with the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, now FAS. From 1956 to 1961 Mrs. Tegeler did agricultural analysis work on Africa and the Middle East with FAS. In 1961 this activity became the Foreign Regional Analysis Division, ERS.

Assistant Attache Robert McConnell and family of Lima took a 12-day ocean cruise to the States. They say it is the ideal way for a family to travel. Jimmy and Kathy thought their first ship trip was great. After Robert finished his consultation in FAS/W, the family went to New York and the New England states to visit grandparents and other relatives and friends. They returned to Lima in mid-June.



MISS PAT RYAN, center, smiles happily after receiving her FAS Certificate of Merit from Ambassador John F. Henning, Wellington. Secretary to Attache Gordon Loveless, left, Pat was honored for her consistent tact, skill and courtesy in carrying out routine and highly technical activities in a highly creditable manner. Pat also received a 20-year length of service award.



FREDA WEIMER, secretary at New Delhi, was congratulated by Area Officer Paul Taggart after she accepted her Certificate of Merit from Acting Administrator Don Rubel. The presentation was made at a FAS/W staff conference. Assistant Attache Ross Packard, also a Certificate of Merit recipient, received his award at New Delhi.



BYRON MONTGOMERY
NAMED ATTACHE
TO COSTA RICA

Byron Montgomery has been named agricultural attache to Costa Rica and Panama. He succeeds Scotty Kevorkian who plans to retire the end of June.

Byron had consultations in FAS/W last month after working briefly with Scotty. Assistant attache at Caracas, Byron has previously worked with the Fats and Oils Division, FAS/W. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

He will be accompanied to San Jose by his wife, Catherine, their son, Gordon, and daughters, Melissa and Elizabeth.

Assistant Attache Bill Davis, his wife, Dorothy, and daughters, Marsha and Mary, came to the States in June. After consultation and home leave, they will return to Ankara.

MAY, JUNE, AND JULY
ARE RETIREMENT MONTHS

May, June, and July are retirement months for Jim Raeder, Ham Cook, Olav Anderson, and Ruth Oviatt, FAS, and Cannon Hearne, IADS.

After 25 years of Government Service, Jim Raeder retired on May 8. Assistant General Sales Manager, FAS, Jim joined the Department of Agriculture in 1945, working in inventory management, transportation, grain storage and program operations in PMA (a predecessor agency of ASCS). He had wide experience in the formulation and execution of export sales programs for dairy products, naval stores, tobacco, grain and other commodities. Jim and his wife reside at 7808 Old Chester Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

Ham Cook, report officer, World Food Program, Program Operations Division, retired on May 31. Ham joined the Program Operations Division in 1956, coming from the Grain and Feed Division. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Ham had been manager, Grain Department, Farmers Grain and Bean Association, Denver; manager, Grain Department, Pillsbury, Inc., Omaha; grain and flour mill business, Duluth, Minn. Ham lives at 2500 Que Street, N.W., Washington.

SPRINGTIME ON THE MALL is enjoyed by Ham Cook and Ruth Oviatt, FAS, and Cannon Hearne, IADS.



Olav Anderson--



Jim Raeder--

Olav F. Anderson, chief, Commodity Analysis Branch, Fats and Oils Division, retired May 16 on disability stemming from an automobile accident in March, 1966. Chief of the Commodity Analysis Branch since 1955, Olav worked closely with the agricultural attaches around the world. He represented FAS at several international conferences abroad. Olav joined the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations in 1949 as agricultural economist, Fats and Oils Division. He previously worked as an agricultural economist and as marketing research analyst, PMA, Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Olav and his wife live at 7202 Deborah Drive, Falls Church, Va.

Ruth Oviatt, an editor with Foreign Agriculture, Foreign Market Information Division, retired on June 19. Ruth joined the Foreign Agriculture staff in 1955. She has worked with innumerable FAS staffers on magazine articles. She has traveled widely as information officer at trade fairs. Ruth and her sister are planning a joint retirement--this means summers in Vermont. They will maintain a residence in Washington, but they plan more traveling, reading, gardening, and all of the things they have looked forward to doing.

Cannon Hearne, assistant to the administrator, IADS, will retire on July 18 after more than 45 years of Government service. Cannon joined OFAR in 1951 as director, Foreign Training Division. His Government career has included work as assistant county agent, county agent, county agent supervisor, university professor of Extension Education, and director of training, Federal Extension Service; director, Foreign Training Division, FAS; director, Foreign Training Division, IADS. Cannon plans to teach at Colorado State University this summer. After that, he and his wife, Emily, are keeping their plans open and flexible.