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Anniversaries are for reminiscing. And so, in this 35th year of the Foreign Agricultural Service, we salute the pioneers who turned out for one of FAS's first annual picnics. The year is 1934. The site is the spacious grounds of the Archie Edwards home, Minnesota Avenue, S.E.

The Good Old Days



FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Rose Hyde, Mrs. Leslie A. Wheeler, Mrs. Paul Nyhus, Elsie Knolls, Louise Fillius, Geniana Edwards, Ruth Donovan, Mary O' Donnell, Mrs. Henry J. Wadley.
CENTER ROW: Caroline Gries, Marian Pasbach, Mrs. C. C. Taylor, May Coult, Mrs. Lazar Volin, Hallie Conrad, Mrs. Leo Schaben.

BACK ROW: FAS Director Leslie A. Wheeler, Myer Lynsky, C. C. Taylor, Gordon Boals, Leo Schaben, Paul Nyhus, Lazar Volin, Archie Edwards (holding Taylor's son), Bill Rohrman, Henry J. Wadley.

(Only two of the group--Ruth Donovan and Louise Fillius--are still on the job with FAS. Lazar Volin and Geniana Edwards are now with ERS.)

GASTINEAU SAYS GOODBYE

International trade expert Bob Gastineau (Robert L.) retired August 28 after 30 years of USDA service, many of them with FAS.

In the span of his career, Bob did just about everything from crop reporting in Colorado to representing the U.S. at conference tables in

Geneva.

As longtime director of FAS's Trade Policy Division, he was especially active in following the formative stages and development of the European Common Market, beginning in 1957, and in reporting thereon to American agricultural interests.

He also was a frequent delegate to International Wheat Conferences and to Geneva sessions of GATT members (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). The past two years, as director of Operations Analysis Division, he continued GATT work and also helped guide agricultural export and import control programs.

Bob started work with the Crop Reporting Service in Colorado back in '35. He next became secretary of the Crop Reporting Board in Washington, followed by a Navy hitch, then on to the Grain & Feed Division of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations before entering FAS's trade policy area in '57. Between times (1954-56) he did a stint as ass't agricultural attache in London.

The Gastineaus have a brand new home -- 8314 Botsford Court, Springfield, Va., 22150. After they return from their annual fall trip to see their respective mothers in Colorado and Wyoming, and their grandchildren in Nebraska, they look forward to having friends drop by to say "hello".

LENEITA RETIRES

Leneita Llewellyn bid her many FAS friends adieu on August 13 when she retired after 22 years of USDA service, the last 15 years as secretary to Don Rubel.

During her career she worked in Commodity

UP THE LADDER

Congratulations to "Colonel" Gene Olson, a June graduate after a year as USDA representative in the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) -- the U.S. government's highest national resource strategy school for civilian and military personnel.



GENE OLSON

Previously FAS's specialist in Sino-Soviet affairs, Gene will be using his ICAF background on his new job in international aid and trade affairs as Special Assistant to the Secretary.

Active in the Army Reserve, Gene is also chief of commerce and industry in the 352d National Civil Affairs Headquarters, Georgetown University.



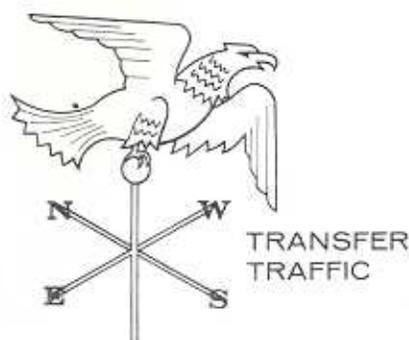
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Credit Corporation, Procurement & Price Supports, AMS and FAS Fruits & Vegetables, and most recently in Commodity Programs, of which Rubel is assistant administrator.

Leneita's retirement plans are "fluid". But for the time being she will be relaxing at home: Apt. A., 111 East Glebe Rd., Alexandria, Va. 22305.



Shifts "up-front" and in the field are numerous. In most cases they involve FAS veterans who are so well known they need no introduction.

TO THE FIELD ... Dick Schwartz (Richard A.O.), who's been on detail with the Inspector General in recent months, is now slated to take over the Leopoldville attache post this fall.

Meanwhile Hilton Bateman (Program Operations) has been keeping shop in the Congo since June.

"Scotty" Kevorkian (A.G.), longtime Latin American and tropical products specialist, is scheduled to head for the field as attache to Costa Rica in early October.

SECRETARIAL SHIFTS

Lois Gore (ex-IADS) is the newest addition to FAS's attache secretarial staff. She arrived in Rabat the end of August to handle Attache Paul Ferree's paper work.



LOIS GORE

In a triangular move: Patty Shannon is transferring direct from Belgrade to Bonn; Anne Webb will go from Hong Kong to Belgrade; and Elizabeth Sparks is shifting from Leopoldville to Hong Kong.

Stuart Lerner, a junior pro with Trade Policy, transferred on August 23 to the Office of Economic Opportunity, headed by Sargent Shriver.

GUIDES for a group of German journalists touring U.S. farming areas were Dieter Ramm (center with camera), agricultural specialist on Bonn attache staff, and "Berk" Beukenkamp (far right), FAS ass't to ass't administrator for export programs. Here the group inspects hybrid vegetables at Beltsville.



UP FRONT ... George Parks, a recent graduate of the Senior Foreign Service Seminar, is now deputy ass't administrator for commodity programs.

Tom Street is new deputy ass't administrator for sales programs operations, Export Programs (Dick Roberts' former desk).

John Cross became director of Sugar and Tropical Products Division shortly after his return from Geneva in late July.

Bill Doering is wearing two hats: He was recently appointed ass't to the ass't administrator for international trade (Dick DeFelice), and he is also acting director of Operations Analysis Division, formerly headed by newly retired Bob Gastineau.



BEFORE LEAVING TOKYO, Joe Dodson accepts a certificate of appreciation for his assistance to the poultry industry. L. to r.: Katsi Toyada, Japan representative of Institute of American Poultry Industries; H. M. Williams, president, IAPI; Attache Dodson; Assistant Attache Jim Frink.

ROAMING AROUND

Things are about normal for this time of year. Football has taken over the TV screen. "Back-to-school" clothes seem to cost more than they did last year. The annual petition to install a mailbox in the So. Bldg. has again been refused. First ads for Christmas cards have hit the press. And ...

A big contingent of attaches chose August to begin their Stateside summer vacations.

Among them are Bob Anderson (who'll be returning to London), Joe Dodson, Gordon Loveless (New Zealand appointee), "Steve" Stephanides (who'll be going to Tehran), Karl Shoemaker (London ass't attache), Bill Hatch, Ed Quinones, and John Kross. The last three are taking FAS/Wash desks.

Ernest Koenig is due back at his Brussels assistant attache post in mid-September after a happy home leave.

Iris Nichols says she is enjoying her FAS/Wash tour of duty as secretary in the attache area after overseas service in Bangkok, Bonn, Djakarta, and Rabat.

Mrs. D. L. MacDonald (Jimmy) is the newly elected president of the American Women's Club in Beirut; she was v.p. of the group last year, and earlier in her career was treasurer of the American Women's Club in Karachi.

Alfred L. Edwards, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation, represented Secretary Freeman at opening of the seed show and seminar at the U.S. Trade Center in Tokyo (Aug. 16-27).

Beatrice Hornbeck (Cotton Div.) is back home after 5 weeks of travel through Germany, Italy, and the Low Countries to study the impact that blending of manmade fibers with cotton, or with each other, has on cotton consumption. Long-range purpose of the survey is to see how the cause of cotton can best be advanced.

Ken McDaniel, deputy ass't adm., Mgt., represented FAS at the annual meeting of the American Farm Economics Association in Stillwater, Okla., Aug. 22-26.

STEAK DINNER IN MOROCCO

Moroccan farmers on the executive board of the country-wide Federation of Chambers of Agriculture recently had the opportunity to sample American beefsteak when they were entertained at a dinner given for them by the AID mission in Rabat.

Attache Gordon Loveless says that about 20 members of the semi-official Moroccan organization are expected to make a U.S. tour later this year to study our farming methods.



GUESTS AT AID-sponsored dinner in Rabat for Moroccan farm leaders included (l. to r.) Ahmed Akoudad, Chamber of Agriculture's president, Nador Province; Abdelaaziz Cherkaoui, vice-president of Federation of Agricultural Chambers for Morocco; departing Attache Gordon Loveless; Abdeslam Benmoussa, administrator of FAC for Morocco; Houcaine Sghir, Chamber president, Ksar-es-Souk Province; and Valier E. Morin, US/AID agricultural credit and cooperative advisor.



BEFORE DEPARTURE from his Kenya post, Attache Bill Hatch (left) was on hand at Kilindini Harbor to watch unloading of 13,355 tons of U.S. corn shipped under a P. L. 480 agreement. Within 24 hours, corn was on its way up-country to supplement Kenya's food supplies. Standing next to Bill are Ambassador William Attwood and Ronald Ngala, chairman of the Kenya Maize Marketing Board.

ON TV IN TRINIDAD

An unusual opportunity for a departing attache to say "goodbye" and a newly arrived attache to say "hello" was afforded Bill Callan and his successor Frank Ehman at Port-of-Spain.

They appeared together on Trinidad's national TV network as guests of Phil Vieira, agricultural editor of the Trinidad Publishing Co.

IFYE ALUMNI REUNION

Print Hudson (Bern) has been busy in recent weeks helping stage the 1st World IFYE Alumni Conference, successfully held at Munsingen, Switzerland, August 21-29.

About 300 former participants in the International Farm Youth Exchange program came from 31 countries to attend the meeting.

The IFYE program, begun in 1948, encourages better understanding among rural youth of the world, and the improvement of agricultural production and family living standards.

Grant A. Shrum, director of the National 4-H Club Foundation, one of the IFYE program sponsors, says:

"Much of the success of the program is due to the cooperation of the Foreign Agricultural

CATTLEMEN MEET IN VENEZUELA

Attache Jim Gehr recently attended the 1st Inter-American Assembly of Livestock Association representatives held in Valencia, Venezuela.

Delegates included cattlemen from Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, and the U.S.



JIM GEHR (center) poses with Oscar de Guruceaga, president of Venezuela's National Cattle Federation (left) and Juan M. Jimenez, president of Carabobo Cattlemen's Association, when the latter group entertained livestock conferees at a dinner.

Service and many of its fine and capable agricultural attaches. We are especially grateful to such men as Eric Englund and D.L. McDonald for their pioneering efforts for IFYE."



Anniversary

P. K. Norris, dean of retirees and raconteurs, is just as young in spirit as he was when he joined USDA about 45 years ago.

There's been a slight change in his appearance in the past 3 decades, but most of his friends don't even notice it. Do you?



In 1930: Ready to embark for Anglo-Egyptian Sudan on a cotton study.



In 1962: Ready to retire, after longtime service as director of Sugar & Tropical Products Division.

The George Days, after a leisurely trip across the continent, are now settled in the great Northwest. They'll be glad to hear from old friends. Address is: International Development Service, Asofin Star Route, Clarkston, Washington, 99403.

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Dewey Termohlen is so busy with civic affairs and keeping his acre-and-a-half of Tennessee grass mowed, that he hasn't had time to get a fish-hook in the water.



TERMOHLEN TODAY

in the American Legion.

Home is "high on a hill" near Hickory Lake, "Blue Grass Drive," Hendersonville, Tennessee, 37075.

As a student of Communism the past 40 years, he gives many lectures on what it is and how it takes over; and he's also president of the county chapter of National Retired Civil Service Employees Association, and active

"Doc" Motz (Fred A.) retired in '58 to catch up with his fishing and gardening, but he says the combination is catching up with him instead -- so he goes to bed more tired than retired. However, friends who visit the Motz showplace, "Snow Hill," Box 475, in Mathews, Va. 23109, report no slowdown.

A 1940 SHOT of Doc Motz surveying fruit industry in Llay Llay Valley, Chile.



"No need to keep the complaint window open on my account," writes Henry Clay Lint (another Doc) from his headquarters at 342 No. Old Manor Road, Wichita, Kansas. Lint is wheeling and dealing in real estate, and is also v.p. of a family corporation that built the first shopping center in Wichita.

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After a month's stay in Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Purves will be heading for California in October to spend the winter with their daughter and grandchildren.

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Weber H. Peterson, FASer who retired last January, is now making use of his PhD as a teaching member of the Economics Department, Villanova University, Villanova, Pa. 19085.

COMING UP

Retiree news and photos will be featured again in the next issue of the FAS Letter.

From the suburbs of metropolitan Santa Cruz, Graham Quate sends 35th anniversary greetings to FAS.

Always a photographer of note, Graham is kept busy giving illustrated travelogues on Central America, Thailand, and his more recent habitats. Moreover, he's president of the 700-member Senior Citizens Opportunities, Inc., and of the County's Retired Professional and Business Men's Club. Mrs. Quate has just finished a term as president of the Santa Cruz Women's Club.

The Quate's home is 2700 Capitola Ave., Soquel, Calif. 95073.

At end of World War II, when there was concern about supplies of teakwood and other tropical timbers used in ship-building, Graham Quate checked on the situation in the timbered area of northern Thailand. (Note the tiny, but strong, Mongolian ponies.)



sports & wildlife

FAS HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

About 60 golfers, spouses, and guests turned out August 6 at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, Va. for FAS's 1st Annual Golf Outing.

With a sizzling gross 76, E. D. Bell, ass't general sales manager, took top money (3 golf balls).

Bunched behind him were Don Rubel (84), Ray Ioanes (86), Art Mead (87), and Bill Bowser (88).

Low net winner was "Jeb" Stewart, Budget & Finance, with a 70. The Calloway handicapping system effectively reduced his 141 card! Runners-up were "Esky" Eskildsen, Ioanes, and Mean, all with 73's; and Jack Thomason had a 74.

Bell's 325-yard drive was the longest of the day, but tee shots of Jim Hartman and Dick Bevis weren't far behind.

In the ladies' flight, "lefty" Polly Bell (E.D.'s wife) led the small field with a gross 89, followed by Maxine Philippi (Attaches) with a 92, and Audrey Cook (Inf.), at 98.

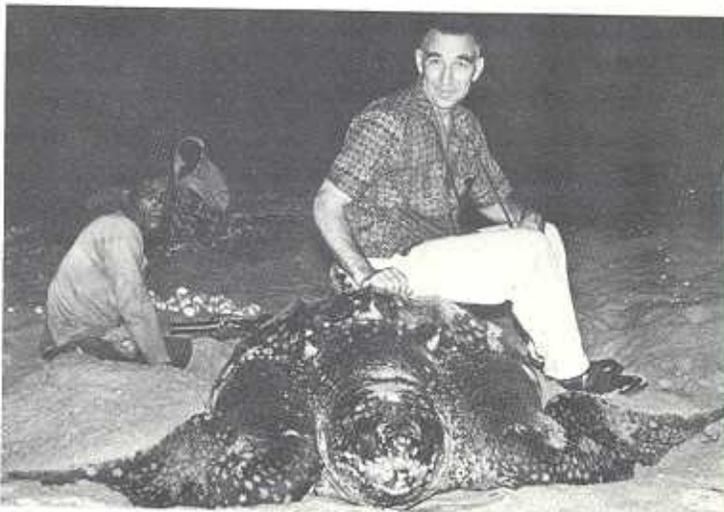
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EGG-HUNTING IN MALAYSIA

While on a field trip to eastern Malaysia, Attache Larry Diehl had the rare opportunity of watching a 1,000-lb. turtle lay its eggs on the world-famous turtle grounds at Trengganu beach.

(From mid-July to mid-August, turtles come from all over the world to lay their eggs on this 34-mile stretch of sand between Kuala Dungun and Kulal Marang.)

Eye witness to the 3 a.m. event was Cho Kim Hock, senior agricultural assistant in Kuala Lumpur, who writes:



ATTACHE LARRY DIEHL AND FRIEND

(Golf)

Other golfing participants were Ken McDaniel, Ray Shegogue, Pat Murphy, Paul Taggart, Harald Larsen, Hugh Kiger, Tilly Bailey, LeRoy Hodges, Al Gilbert, George Parks, Bob Ingram, George Wanamaker, Bill Dobbins, Guy Haviland, Joe Creekmore, Bob Mannion, Francis Jack, Joe Stevenson, Ed Gorman, Bud Anderson, John Cook, Betty Haviland, and Shirley Shirk.

E. D. Bell, Maxine Philippi, and Paul Aсталos arranged the outing. "Sweetie" Bailey (Tilly's wife) was a hostess at the swimming pool. Horace Davis arrived in time to help the heat-stricken golfers off the 18th green.

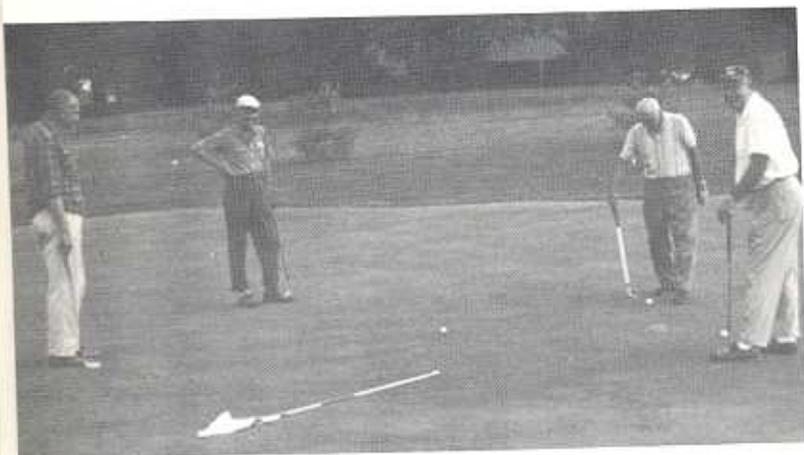
Trophies were presented at a post-tournament beef and lobster dinner.

(Turtle)

"The giant turtle took about half an hour to prepare its 'nest' -- made on a 20' x 20' area. It used its hind flippers to dig the nest, about 3' deep, and to cover it over after it had laid 56 normal sized eggs (not quite as big as a tennis ball) and many smaller ones. The whole show took about 3 hours -- and a hard day's night it was, too!"

Turtle eggs are a costly delicacy in Malaysia. Entrepreneurs have paid as much as \$5,400 per season for the concession of collecting eggs on a 3-mile beach stretch where turtle traffic is heavy.

To prevent extinction of the turtles, the Fisheries Dep't buys 10,000 turtle eggs a year to hatch at a fisheries center, but the hatchability of clutches averages only 49 percent.



"YOU THINK I CAN'T SINK THIS?" asks Administrator Ray Ioanes (right) on 16th green of Westwood Golf Course. Other members of his foursome, playing the FAS Open are (l. to r.) Harald Larsen, George Parks, and Paul Taggart.



READY TO WARM UP on putting green are champion Polly Bell (wife of E. D.) and Maxine Philippi.

AN ACE

Maxine Philippi scored a hole-in-one last month on the 175-yd. second hole of the Reston, Va. golf course. She used a 4-iron, but modestly says that the tee wasn't really more than 150 yards from the green.



WHEN IN ROME ...

FAS's traveling gourmets visiting Rome can now benefit from a restaurant guide prepared, after much research, by Attache Bob Tetro's staff.

Restaurants are classified by location and price, with comments on cooking, beverages, and general decor. The list is free, but recipients will be invited to contribute additions and revisions for future editions.

Editor is Mollie Iler; and a major contributor is Bill Doering, FAS/Wash, who has spent considerable time in Rome attending FAO meets.

Appropriately, the guide to Rome's gastronomic delights is entitled "Guida Tetro-zinni".